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**AUCTION SALE OF
GROCERY STOCK**

The stock of groceries and store fixtures
at 251 Waterloo St., cor. Waterloo and
Horton St., will be sold on Friday, Dec.
23, at 2:30 p.m. Come early. D. H.
Forster, Auctioneer. 24-u

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impose rates for the payment thereof,
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**WILL ENTERTAIN
SCHOOL CHILDREN**

There is much elation among London
South children upon the ap-
proach of the Christmas vacation.
For some time the process of "count-
ing the days" until school lets out,
has been popular, and now little
heads are figuring in hours instead
of days.

Children will be interested in school
until the last minute, however, for
there has been arranged, for each
school, an appropriate entertain-
ment.

In the various public schools in the
city today and tomorrow, kindergar-
ten classes, and the children in the
primary grades have arranged
Christmas tree celebrations, at which
the parents where possible, will at-
tend. It was announced this morn-
ing that 27 trees had been purchased
by the board of education and dis-
tributed to the various public schools
in the city.

It has been part of the teaching
of the children to make little paper
baskets and other novelties and these
will be distributed, with other gifts,
to the parents and teachers.

NATIVITY DRAMA HEARD BY LEAGUE

Norah Holland's Christmas
Play, "Bethlehem," Has
Enthusiastic Reception.

CURTAINS ARE DEDICATED

Rev. G. Quintin Warner Offi-
ciates at Interesting Drama
League Ceremony.

In awed silence, broken only by a
patter of applause as the heavy black
velvet curtains were slowly drawn at
the close of each scene, a deeply
moved audience in the Central Col-
legiate auditorium witnessed on
Wednesday evening, the second an-
nual presentation by the London
Drama League of "Bethlehem," the
Christmas nativity play by Norah M.
Holland (Mrs. Claxton). Almost a
sacrilege seemed the handclapping in
the presence of the very realistic
portrayal of the august majesty of
the frail babe in the Bethlehem
manger, and the high gods of Olym-
pus who abdicated for him their
sceptres and thrones.

Yet some expressed tribute seemed
necessary to convey all who made
the drama such a living thing, the
appreciation of those who saw,
listened and felt.

The parting of the curtains for the
first scene revealed a canopy and
side walls of black, while enshad-
ed throughout the atmosphere of mys-
tery.

The triumph of lighting achieve-
ment centred largely in the back-
ground which suggested far distances
in the opening scene, a glade in
Olympus, and the second, the hills
outside Bethlehem where the shep-
herds watched their sheep on the
clear, frosty, first Christmas eve.

A striking tableau, arranged with
fine regard for grouping, gripped at-
tention from the first moment of the
play. Amid the trees of the glade
stood in easy pose kingly Apollo with
his lyre, and, seated beside him, the
beauty Diana, white-robed with a
golden bow. Across the stage was
the serene and queenly Athena and,
just beyond, the spontaneous, lovable
Pan, "least of all the gods." About
them assembled the nymphs and
dryads, singing and dancing.

The part of Mary was admirably
portrayed by Miss Edith Vann, who
watched with brooding love her babe
while sensing his great destiny, her
voice and personality ideally fitting
into the part.

Miss Hilda Hooke gave to the role
of Diana a superb scorn of attitude,
facial expression, gesture and voice,
royally capitulating at the last. The
serene dignity of Pallas was capably
managed by Miss Kathleen Heard.
An exceptionally clever bit of in-
terpretation was that of Mr. John
McCallum as Pan, the eager, the lov-
able among the gods.

Mr. W. B. Pope was most happily
cast for the role of Apollo, wearing
it with kingly dignity, his speaking
voice baritone, and clear and beau-
tifully modulated, his enunciation a
delight. A fine bit of artistry was
Mr. Archie McCallum's portrayal of
the angel. Nicest judgment of drama-
tic values was revealed by W. C.
Holt as "Joseph." Of the shepherds,
the mastery of pose and gesture of
Rev. G. Quintin Warner particularly
impressed.

Mr. J. S. Holland as "Hob," who
made the ball for the infant Christ,
is endowed with a voice of depth,
richness and rarely appealing quality.
He played his part with naturalness
and assured simplicity.

Bert Perry as Old Shepherd
The role of the old shepherd was
capably managed by Bert Perry.
Misses Nettie Jones, Ruth Tanner, C.
Fletcher and L. Clement took the part
of dryads and Ivy Downham, Eleanor
Green and Shirley Fraser were the
graceful dancers, trained by Miss
Mary Manley. Miss Lillian Rogers,
St. Thomas, giving a clever solo
dance.

Many complimentary things were
over more said of the ideal musical
setting composed by F. Linforth
Willgoose, who personally conducted,
himself playing first violin in the or-
chestra. Other members of the
orchestra were: Miss Edith Davis
and Sidney Kingsmill, violinists; Les-
lie Lucas, Viola, Dorothy Davis at
the piano, and the chorists, Miss
Gertrude Clement, Mrs. E. Jenkins,
Mrs. Fenton, Miss Nettie Jones, Miss
Dorinda Abbott, Miss Irene Brown
and Miss Barrows. Thanks for the
smooth running action of the play
was due to Miss Topley Thomas.

Costumes Brilliant.

The settings and costumes were
the brilliant achievement of Miss
Grace Blackburn, assisted by the
production committee of the Drama
League.

Col. F. B. Ware, president of the
Drama League, briefly reviewed the
history of nativity plays, expressing gratification
that the Drama League has in Norah
Holland's charming nativity play,
"Bethlehem," one of its very own
for annual presentation. Rev. G. Q.
Warner, in an appropriate address,
dwelt upon the relationship exist-
ing between church and stage, voice-
ing the view that few are the men
of artistic temperament who enter
the pulpit without first considering
the stage. Mr. Warner also made
dedication of the curtains. In har-
mony with the after-play was the
solo by Mrs. Lilia Laymon Durst,
"Night," and "Night," Vandewater,
Mrs. A. D. Jordan playing the accom-
paniment.

OFFICERS ON WATCH FOR CHRISTMAS TREE THEFTS

Police intend to keep a close watch
for Christmas tree thieves.

For several years, complaints of
destruction of hedges and shrubbery
have been reported by citizens, who
have been cultivating small cedar
and fir trees to beautify their prop-
erty, but have found their landscape
plans altered by the theft of some of
the trees.

"If persons can afford to decorate
a Christmas tree, surely they can
afford to buy one," Chief Robert Bir-
kenhead remarked last year when
brought two people to court for prop-
erty destroying property by cutting
down these shrubs, and we intend
this year to be very vigilant along this line.
It is an outrage to destroy a
man's property in this way."

STEAMER IS STRANDED. MEN GET OUT AND WALK

Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The lit-
tle steamer Tourist, which failed to
reach Put-In-Bay, 20 miles from here,
at midnight last night, was located
early today a mile off Put-In-Bay.
The passengers and crew totalling 16
were able to walk ashore over the ice.

Practical Gifts Is Slogan of City Christmas Shopper

Even Thrill-Loving Flapper Is Coming Down to Brass
Tacks—Stores Carrying Large Stocks of Expensive
Luxuries Feeling the Pinch.

Hard times and prosperity walk
arm in arm in the main shopping
districts. The ghost of poverty con-
sorts with the flower of prosperity.
The dividing line between penury and
opulence has never been quite so
pronounced as during this Christmas
shopping festival.

Persons who formerly purchased
medium grade articles are holding
in their purse-strings, while those
accustomed to luxuries are spending
more than ever. But the whole tenor
of the shopper's desire this season is
for practical things. Even the thrill-
loving flapper is coming down to
brass tacks. Vials of pungent per-
fume and pearl necklaces have been
placed on the taboo list. Practically
is the watchword.

Even so, there remain a few old-
fashioned souls who anxiously in-
quire for the latest styles in ear-
rings and lipsticks. But these are
in the minority. Perhaps it is the
hardship involved in mastering the
intricate art of making both ends
meet. Anyhow, dealers who special-
ize in life's necessities, such as cloth-
ing, potatoes and tooth brushes, re-
port big business, while small
luxuries such as manicuring sets and
gold toothpicks are being passed up.

"Toys and children's playthings are
not selling with the old vim of
past years," declared representatives
of a novelty store. "Horns, stock-
ings, fairy tales, jack-in-the-boxes,
are in decreased demand. The
more expensive gifts for boys and
girls, such as teddy-bears, ping-pong
volleyballs and small radio sets, are
going at a satisfactory rate. We were
disappointed with the showing made
by pogo-sticks. In Europe these de-
vices could not be manufactured fast
enough to meet the demand. But
London is no imitator of the old
country. Young people appear to
have contracted the saving habit as
much as their parents. Toy banks
and cash registers make strong ap-
peals."

Playing Cards in Demand.

Perhaps the most marked demand
is for playing cards. The prevalence
of the embryo bridge specialists is
said to be accountable for the particu-
larly brisk sale of these. Score pads,
pencils and bridge tables have be-
come essentials in thousands of
homes.

That women are more conscien-
tious in their choice of gifts for "men
folks" than the practical male is for
his "women folk" is shown by the
care and consideration with which
the former purchase articles for
"hubby," brother and dear old "dad."

The great proportion of men's fur-
nishings sales are made to women.
Nowadays the demand for men's
clothing is not so great as it was
formerly. The women demand for
clothing is still high. The more ex-
pensive kind of dressing gowns, over-
coats and scarves are selling well.
When a woman buys a present for a
man she usually insists on the very
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the former purchase articles for
"hubby," brother and dear old "dad."

There's been a decided change in
the woman's point of view these
late years," said one of the city's
best known haberdashers. "Heavy
socks are usurping the popularity of
the silk variety. Two years ago one
never heard a request for pyjamas.
Nowadays the women demand for
the score for their husbands, brothers
and even girl friends. The more ex-
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SAYS TIME NOT RIPE TO BUILD CITY HALL

Mayor Wilson Declares Money
Not Available to Carry
on Work.

It will be impossible to proceed in
1923 with the construction of new
city administration offices on the
federal square with such money as
is now available, reasons Mayor
Cameron Wilson.

While his worship deprecates any-
thing that will tend to halt further
any negotiations in this connection,
he fails to discern by what manner
of means the new council proposes
to proceed with the building, unless
further funds are forthcoming.

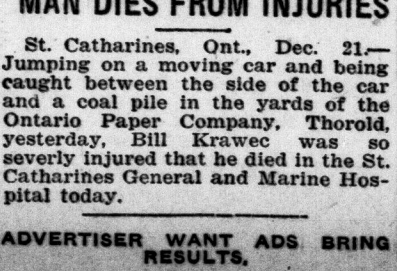
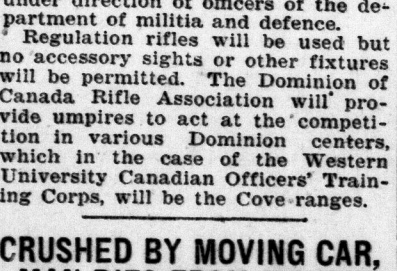
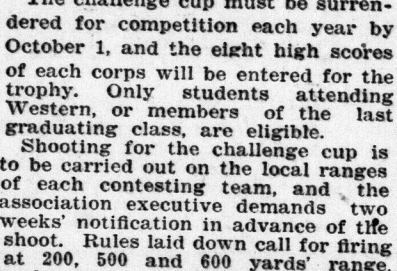
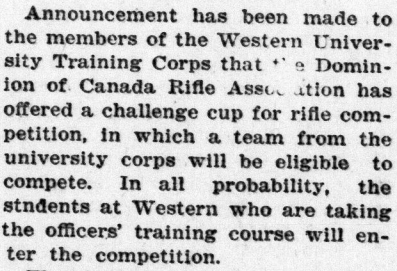
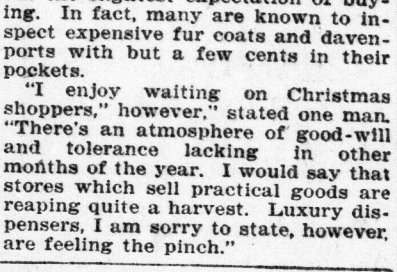
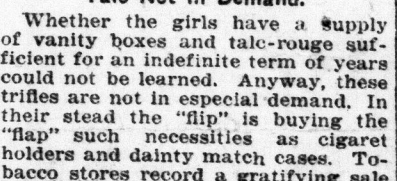
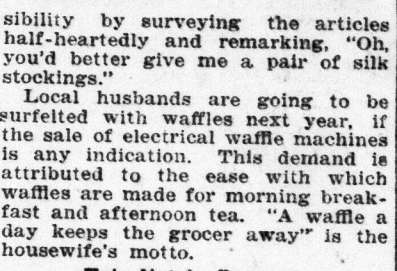
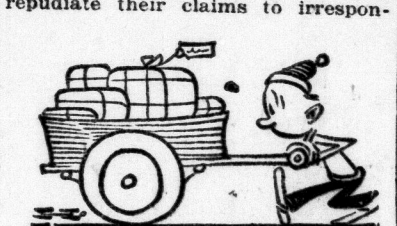
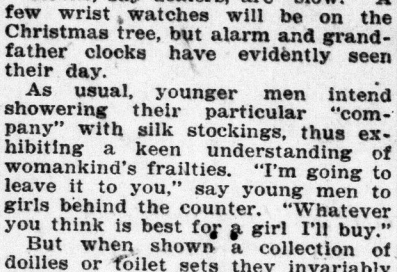
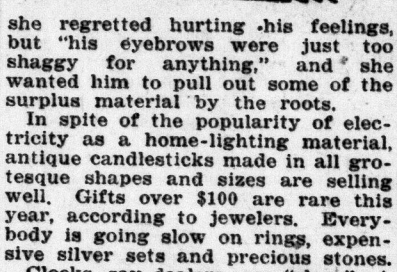
"As I view it, there will be only
\$240,000 at their disposal," he stated
today, "including the estimated \$100,-
000 to be derived from the sale of
the Spencer Block. We were figur-
ing on the sale of the federal square,
and that will now be impossible, as
the people have voted against it."

Mayor Wilson points out that it
seems to be a matter of opinion as
to what was actually the precise
attitude of the electors in this matter.
While they voted against the con-
struction of a hall on the present
site, did it necessarily follow that
they meant that they desired that
work should be commenced on the
federal square, regardless of cost,
which has never been clearly estab-
lished, he questions.

There are certain members of the
new council who have adopted the
belief that the people by their rejec-
tion of the city hall bylaw, stated
plainly that they did not want a
new hall anywhere at the present
time, being content with the present
hall until such time as the city's finan-
cial resources were in better shape.

Mayor Wilson holds that the new
councillors would have no power to
sell any portion of the federal square,
as has been suggested, without a
vote of the people. He contends that
their recent vote could be accepted
in that manner.

The City of London Bill will be
the only recourse, the mayor says,
pointing out that if any action is
taken it must be done early in the
year.



NEW POLICE FORMS INCONVENIENCE MEN

Change Will Necessitate Pur-
chase of New Equipment
in London Court.

To be accosted on the street by
two of London's plainclothesmen and
subjected to a searching investiga-
tion have been the experience of sev-
eral citizens during the past few
days. Aware of the fact that Chris-
tmas will soon be here, the vigilant
constables link the yuletide with
spirits, and the latter has been the
object of their search.

The majority of the suspected
parties submit to the investigation
in good spirit, confident that the
joke is on the police, because up to
date no brilliant results have been
reported by the searchers. Undaun-
ed, they have not relaxed their vigil-
ance, in the hope that ere Santa
Claus drops down London chimneys,
they will happen upon a quart of
\$200 fine whiskey nestling in the
pocket of some unsuspecting citizen.

THORNTON REPLIES TO MAYOR'S QUERY

Explains Statement Recently
Made Concerning Electrifi-
cation of C.N.R. Lines.

Canadian Press.

Mayor Maguire, in his telegram
yesterday, stated that Sir Henry
Thornton, president of the
Canadian National Railways, was re-
ceived by Mayor Maguire early this
morning in reply to a message the
mayor sent yesterday regarding Sir
Henry's remarks concerning the pos-
sible electrification of the national
railways between Toronto and Ni-
agara Falls. Sir Henry's telegram
follows:

"In answer to your telegram of this
date, a statement was requested from
me as to what the Canadian National
Railways proposed to do in the way
of furnishing adequate service for the
protection of its business, and the
announcement to which you refer re-
lates solely to that."

Mayor Maguire, in his telegram
yesterday, stated that Sir Henry's
statement regarding possible electrifi-
cation of the national railways be-
tween Toronto and Niagara Falls and
Toronto and Cobourg "is being used
by opponents of public ownership
to aid in defeat of vote on the pro-
posed Toronto-Niagara hydro radial
line, which will be a feeder of the
national railways."

COMPLETES INSPECTION.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Having com-
pleted an inspection trip of the Cana-
dian National lines, that extended
over 2,500 miles, Sir Henry W. Thor-
nton, new president of the system,
reached Montreal last night and left
at midnight for Ottawa. Sir Henry
expressed himself as being well satis-
fied with the results of the trip.

He stated that he had endeavored
to obtain a general outline of the
picture, details to be added later.
His object had been first to inspect
the physical condition of the rail-
way, then to meet the people of the
various communities served by the
lines and gain at first hand a state-
ment of their views and aspirations.
The trip had also given him an op-
portunity of meeting the various local
officers of the national lines, and of
confering with the chief officials of
the road who accompanied him.

FRONT RECEIPT TAX MAKES LABOR, IS OBJECTION

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customers would have to meet the
tax on deeds, mortgages, legacies, etc.
It is said, however, that this would
involve little or no hardship.

In connection with the provision
for a stamp tax on receipts received
for payment of municipal taxation,
civil officials averred that the city
would pay, but, of course, the ulti-
mate burden of the tax would fall on
the taxpayer himself in the regular
way.

Insurance companies are perhaps
more adversely affected than any
other element. Having made insur-
ance contracts, some of which cover
long term of years, they are legally
obligated to defray taxes on all pol-
icies including premiums.

Collect From Insured.

Arrangements will no doubt be put
in motion, however, whereby the in-
sured will hereafter be compelled to
pay the bill when he takes out new
policies and pays premiums on them.

"Having thousands of contracts
covering hundreds of years of insur-
ance, we must shoulder the burden
of the new tax regulations ourselves,"
stated one insurance agent "but from
now on we shall issue insurance with
the understanding that our customers
meet the extra levy."

Bankers are virtually immune from
the requirements of the regulations.
"I can see no way in which they will
be affected," stated Harold
Clark, manager of the Standard Bank.
"We give very few receipts."

Factories Escape.

Large manufacturing plants such
as Perrins and McClary will be un-
affected, according to officers of those
organizations.

It will be recalled that a deputa-
tion representing 5,000 local retail
and wholesale concerns filed a vigor-
ous protest against the receipt regu-
lations two months ago. Their
views, however, were received too
late for consideration of the finance
minister, the act having become law
before full consideration could be
given.

Many retailers believed that a more
effective measure could have been in-
stituted by a levy of a straight 5-cent
stamp on all receipts, that the con-
sideration of the receipt regu-
lation which the present
necessitates would to a large extent
be obviated.

Public Must Pay.

In spite of the assertions of local
retailers that the cost of the con-
sumer will not have to pay, it is ap-
parent that the whole cost of receipt
taxation inevitably be extracted
from his pocket.

In general the new regulations are
meeting with greater approval than
was anticipated. Although difficulties
will doubtless be experienced in in-
terpreting the full meaning of the
several clauses and much extra work
is necessarily involved, the expected
cloud of objection, has upon exam-
ination of the regulation, degenerated
to a mere wail.

Gordon Philip of the chamber of
commerce predicted that sales slips
would in future be purchased by re-
tailers with the 2-cent tax engraved
upon them. In this way much clerical
labor would be avoided.

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A few bottles in the ice box, ready to serve. Let the whole
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*Observation, Library, Sleeping Cars; Compartment Club and Drawing Room Standard Sleepers
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ner, Richmond and Dundas Streets, Phone 80, or Depot Ticket Agent, Phone 6250.