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TO RECRUIT FOR  
NAVAL RESERVE

Local Committees Will be Continued—News of the Soldiers at Home and Abroad

A meeting of the Naval Reserve Overseas Division Recruiting committee was held yesterday afternoon to discuss plans for the pushing of recruiting for the navy in this section. Colonel E. T. Sturges was in the chair. It was decided to continue the existence of the local committee for St. John as a part of the provincial committee which it is proposed to form.

One Recruit  
Frank Beech, of St. John was the only recruit secured in the city yesterday.

Word has been received of the death of Flight Lieutenant H. C. Barr of the Royal Flying Corps, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Barr of this city. Lieut. Barr went overseas with the 28th battalion but later became chauffeur of Lieut. Colonel Massie. About six months ago he qualified for a commission and entered the air service. His father, F. N. Barr, is a sergeant with the 104th battalion. Besides his parents one sister survives, Miss Jean, of New York.

Gets Commission  
Gunner Hud Taylor of St. John, son of James Taylor, inspecting engineer of the Valley Railway, has been granted a commission. He went overseas with the 28th Battalion and had been at the front several months when he was invalided to a hospital in England.

Bombing Instructor  
James Ryan, son of Patrick Ryan of this city, and a brother of William M. Ryan, has been made a bombing instructor to the Canadian forces at Shorncliffe. Mr. Ryan is a South African veteran and prior to enlistment in this present war was a member of the North-West Mounted Police.

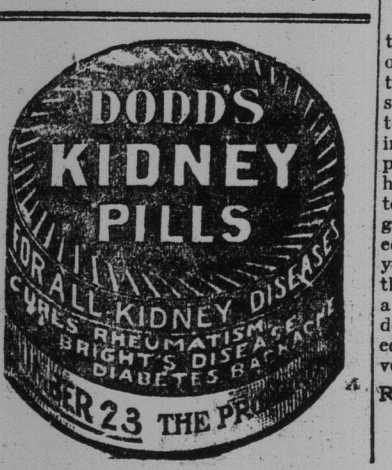
Changes in Staff  
Lieut. Colonel Thompson, who has been at Halifax for some time as assistant adjutant general for military district No. 6 has gone to England and there will be the chief staff officer to the overseas minister of militia. It is reported that this important position may be filled by Lieut. Colonel A. H. Powell of the N. B. command.

## FLOATING VAULTS DESIGNED FOR OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

As a means of preventing registered mail and valuable articles owned by passengers from being lost when a steamship founders, two Italian inventors of Chicago have developed a system of floating safes for installation in ocean liners. The equipment is described in the January Popular Mechanics Magazine. The arrangement consists in part of a large cylindrical steel casing placed vertically in the middle of a ship, the top flush with the upper deck and covered with a loose-fitting, easily lifted cap. In the lower part of the inner casing there is a hermetically sealed float. Arranged above this is a series of non-sinkable vaults.

Should a ship thus equipped sink, water would enter the vault and cause the floating vaults to shoot out of the tube and rise to the surface, according to the inventors. To demonstrate that the system would work if put to test, one of the builders recently allowed himself to be locked inside one of the floating safes. This was held in a double casing, of the kind just described, and dropped off a raft into Lake Michigan. Scrap iron and a large anchor were secured about the outer steel cylinder to cause it to sink to the bottom. In 80 seconds the safe reached the surface, shooting about five feet into the air. A moment later the man was liberated.

Germany's Lost Pacific Colonies  
Inquiries are being made in Canada as to whether Canadian firms are desirous of exporting goods direct to the Pacific Islands, which were formerly German colonies, but are now occupied by Australia. These Pacific Islands, which were taken from Germany in the first two months of the war by the Australians and Japanese, comprise groups of small islands formerly called Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, Bismarck Archipelago, and the Caroline, Pelow, Marianne and Marshall Islands. Some of them are likely to be known in future by other names. They promise quite a good market for some of Canada's products.



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SPORT NEWS OF THE  
DAY HOME AND  
ABROAD

## BOWLING.

Four for Beavers.

The Beavers won four points from the Amateurs in last night's City Bowling League match. Details of the game follow:

Amateurs	Total	Avg.
Lemon	85	78 106 269
Smith	100	97 78 265
Hugard	85	78 84 254
Akerley	64	79 84 227
Flowers	76	85 102 263
	410	404 1248

Beavers	Total	Avg.
Scott	77	96 99 272
Maxwell	111	84 88 286
Thurston	83	90 99 272
Beattie	88	79 84 254
Harrison	99	88 109 296
	484	438 1340

Tonight—Whips vs. Ramblers.

## SKATING.

Fast Skaters to Race

Some of the best of the eastern speed skaters have already started practicing for half-mile and one-mile handicaps races that will open the winter series at the St. Nicholas Ice Rink, New York, on Dec. 27, under the auspices of the Eastern Amateur Skating Association.

Among the most expert of the skaters now in training are Walter Kuhne, Donald Baker and Billy Taylor of the New York Athletic Club, and Richard Distler. Kuhne won the half-mile championship at Newburg last year, and also the one-mile championship at St. Nicholas Rink, winning a leg on the Cornelius Fellows one-mile championship cup. Baker is one of the speediest skaters in the eastern division, and Taylor and Distler have figured prominently in the game for years. Kuhne and Baker are particularly strong indoor skaters. The offer of Mr. Fellows to permit prospective contestants to practice after the afternoon and evening sessions at the St. Nicholas Rink has brought out some ambitious skaters who will take up training at once.

## BASEBALL.

Tinker Seeks Franchise

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Joseph B. Tinker, deposed manager of the Chicago National League Club, has opened negotiations for the purchase of the Columbus franchise in the American Association. Charles H. Wegman, president of the Chicago club, announced this on his return from New York today.

Wegman also said that Fred Mitchell, the new manager of the Chicago club, will come to Chicago to take charge of the team soon after Jan. 1. Three trades are pending.

Say Cobb Was Favored

New York, Dec. 19.—The National Commission recently fined numerous major league ball players for taking part in barnstorming trips. Some of them must pay \$100 each for violating the rules, while others must forfeit \$50.

Ty Cobb is in the \$50 class, yet the Georgia Peach has been one of the most flagrant offenders. Cobb has made it a practice to take part in semi-pro games on Sundays and off days throughout the regular playing season. Whenever the Detroiters have played in the east, Cobb has picked up soft money on the Sabbath in small towns. But nobody in Cobb's case has been heard. Some of the players who must pay \$100 each took part in only two or three games after the recent season ended. Then why shouldn't Cobb receive a similar penalty?

HOCKEY  
McGill Cancels Matches  
The management of the McGill hockey team have been asked to cancel their out-of-town matches for this season by the Athletic Association of the university. McGill had arranged two games to be played at Pittsburgh the first week in the New Year, while they were to play Harvard early in February. Word has been sent to these places that the team would be unable to fulfill their engagements. An objection was also raised against the playing of Sig Slater and young Magee on the McGill team in the City League. These boys are taking a partial course at McGill, and only students taking the full course are allowed to compete for positions on the university teams in sports.

RING

Jack (Twin) Sullivan in Draw  
At Altoona, Penn., Jack (Twin) Sullivan

Pittsburg, boxed six rounds before the aggressor all the way, but could not penetrate Sullivan's defense. Neither mugged up the other and both finished strong. Sullivan was pounds heavy.

Rivers Stops Casey  
Joe Rivers, of Gloucester, who boxed Roddie McDonald in Halifax, gained a victory over Bill Casey of South Boston in a semi-final at Boston on Friday night. Rivers stopped Casey in the eighth round, sending over a couple of rights on the jaw. This was their second meeting. The previous bout resulted in a draw.

TENER DOES NOT  
EXPECT TROUBLE

Predicts Amicable Adjustment • Minor League Objections—Important Meeting of National Commission

President John K. Tener of the National League announces that an all-important meeting of the National Commission to act on the suggestions recently made by the two major leagues would be held in Cincinnati on Jan. 8. It will be the most important conference since the body has ever held and its action will have a significant bearing on next year's baseball season. President Tener expects no trouble with the Class A leagues over their request for the removal of the draft.

He says that he believes that conditions in the minor leagues could be improved with the co-operation of the commission, but just what should be done is a question. President Tener said that in all twenty-two players were drafted last season from the three Class A leagues, eight of these players coming from the International League. He predicted that the objections of the minors could be amicably adjusted. He also stated that he looked for a great improvement in the standard of play in the National League next season.

An aftermath of the National League meeting came to light when it was learned that during the negotiations between President Wegman of Chicago and President Haughton of Boston, the Boston manager wanted \$50,000 for Manager George Stallings' release, along with a four year contract which called for \$18,000 a year. Haughton, it is understood, refused to back down from this price, while Wegman considered it too high in view of the big contract which the Chicago Club would have to assume.

The Yankees' management received glad tidings from Pitcher Sam Ross, who was farmed out to Richmond last season, that he was showing great form in the minors when he had to undergo an operation for appendicitis, which put him out of the game for the season. He informed the New York office that he had entirely recovered and had taken on fifteen pounds. Ross will report at Macon, Ga., ready for work on March 5.

MAJORS WILL REFUSE  
BARROW'S DEMANDS

Little Likelihood That Request for Draft Removal Will be Granted

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Demands made upon the National and American Leagues by the Class A leagues, comprising the International League, the American Association, and the Pacific Coast League, asking for the elimination of the draft rule, will be turned down.

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by the major leagues. This is made on excellent authority and in view of the fact that a baseball war is threatened by the minors if their requests are refused. The American League is in sympathy with the National in regard to its action in this matter, and neither major league fears any action from the Class A circuits leading up to any break with organized baseball.

The elimination of the draft rule is an international league measure, and, despite the fact that the request was presented by a committee representing the three Class A organizations, it is learned that the International stands only as both major leagues naturally opposed to eliminating the draft, but the three leagues which made the request are divided upon the advisability of such action, so that in case of the International attempting to force the measure the American Association and Pacific Coast League.

J. Cal. Ewing, president of the Oakland club, and Allen T. Baum, president of the Pacific Coast League, are opposed to the request, and Thomas J. Hickey, newly-elected president of the American Association, is not sure that it will benefit the minors. It practically means that the International will have to carry on the fight alone, but there is no intention of breaking with the majors.

## AN OVERWHELMING VERDICT.

(From the Regina Leader.)  
Saskatchewan rose in its might yesterday and entirely flung off the shackles of King Alcohol, which Hon. Walter Scott first loosened in his famous speech at Oxbow in March, 1915. By that declaration, quickly followed by legislative action, the provincial government

was entertaining the assembled company with an account of the way she and her husband had memorialized their first quarrel. When they made it up the husband had planted a tree in memory of it.

"If we had only done that," whistled another woman to her husband, "we might have had a whole avenue."

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## GEM THEATRE - WATERLOO STREET

swept every bar in Saskatchewan out of existence and thereby minimized the drink traffic to a marked degree. Yesterday the men and women of the Granary Province by an overwhelming vote showed their disapproval of any connection whatever with liquor, and the dispensaries were wiped out of existence.

Following the verdict of the people comes immediately announcement by the attorney-general, Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, that the liquor shops will be closed with this year; therefore on December 30—the last day of the year, falling on Sunday—the sale of liquor in Saskatchewan becomes contrary to law. While full figures are unavailable for this morning's issue of the Leader, sufficient returns have been received to indicate that the majority rolled up for prohibition is beyond the expectations of the most optimistic. Roughly speaking, the proportion is about ten to one for the abolishing of the stores. Now the eyes of all temperance workers are turned toward Ottawa. Without a Dominion law total prohibition is impossible. Surely the party occupying the seat of power at Ottawa can read the handwriting on the wall.

At a party one evening a married lady was entertaining the assembled company with an account of the way she and her husband had memorialized their first quarrel. When they made it up the husband had planted a tree in memory of it.

"If we had only done that," whistled another woman to her husband, "we might have had a whole avenue."

Miss Elizabeth Quinn, weighing only ninety pounds, and Jep Townsend, six feet tall and weighing more than 200 pounds, both of Sturgis, Ky., were married in Evansville, Ind., by Herman Todd, justice of the peace. "I have plenty of protection now," said the little Kentucky girl after the ceremony.

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