SOLDIERS' COMFORT FUND NOW BEING COLLECTED

[Special to The Advertiser.]

AILSA CRAIG, Dec. 22. — A fund, called the soldiers' comfort fund, has been started in the southeastern section of McGillivray Township, and a canvass is being made among the farmers for donations in cash or clothing. When it is completed the money will be spent in goods for the comfort of the soldiers, which will be forwarded to headquarters.

Mr. Hugh McDonald, who sustained severe injuries while playing hockey recently, is improving.

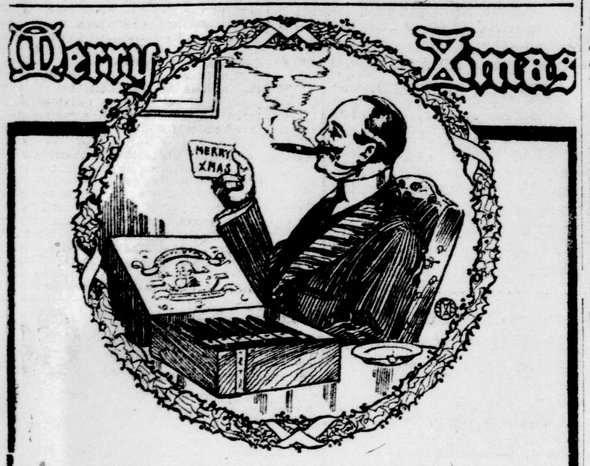
Arthur Clatworthy, son of M. F. Clatworthy, is dangerously ill at his home here.

Rev. T. E. Meldrum, who for four years was pastor of the Ailsa Craig and Denfield Baptist Churches, has accepted a call to the Palmerston Church and will take up his duties the first Sunday of the new year.

Anniversary services were conducted in the Baptist Church on Sunday by Professor J. F. Gilmore, D. D., of Toronto.

Mill Lillie Keown was married recently to John Love, of Greenway. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keown, con. 8, McGillivray. Rev. A. H Brown officiated.

FRY'S COCOA



A SOLILOQUY

(NOT HAMLET'S)

I actually dreaded Christmas, and the inevitable box of Cigars that made me ill when I essayed to smoke them. But these are

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FARMER BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED

Body Found In New York State, But No Clue To Slayer.

[Canadian Press.]

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Charles Secord, a retired farmer, 55 years old, was found dead from a bullet wound in the heart beside Mill road, between Tuckahoe and New Rochelle, last night. The authorities believe he was murdered, but although they scoured adjoining woods with the aid of dogs, the only clue they found was a golf cap lying near the body. Secord's team of horses, which he was driving home, were found a half-mile further down the road.

Secord, who is reputed to have been well-to-do, and whose home adjoined the Wykagyl Club, on the outskirts of New Rochelle, had gone to Tuckahoe to collect bills, and was returning when he met his death. The attention of the crew of a passing street car was attracted by the fact that a team of horses on the track ahead did not turn out of the path of the car. The crew investigated, and found Secord's body, with whip in hand, beside the road. Secord's pockets were not rifled.

MASTER OF KINLOSS KILLED IN BATTLE

Suggestion Made To Flood the Baseball Fearful Struggle.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 23.—A London cable to the Herald says: "Baroness Kinloss has received information that her eldest son, Captain the Hon. Richard Morgan-Grenville, master of Kinloss, aged 27, was killed in action on Sunday. Lieut. the Hon. Vere Boscawen, aged 24, of the Coldstream Guards, third son of Viscount Falmouth, also is reported killed.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY FARES. SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE, LONDON TO WINGHAM, DEC. 24.

In connection with Christmas holiday travel, the Grand Trunk Railway will operate a special train, leaving London 4:15 p.m., December 24, for Ilderton, Exeter, Hensall, Clinton, Blyth, Wingham and intermediate stations.

REDUCED FARES.

Return tickets will be issued between all stations in Canada east of Port Arthur and to Detroit and Port Huron, (Mich.), Buffalo, Black Rock, Niagara Falls and Suspension Bridge, N. Y.

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Good going December 22 to December 25, 1914, inclusive, valid for return until December 28, also going December 30, 1914, to January 1, 1915, inclusive, valid for return until January 4, 1915.

Tickets now on sale at G. T. R. ticket offices. London city office, corner Richmond and Dundas streets. Phone 80. 20k

BOTH SIDES CLAIM TO FEEL SATISFIED

Prohibitionists and Opponents Find Cause For Rejoicing In Vote Result.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Dec. 23.—Opponents of prohibition in Congress were confidently predicting today that the defeat by the House of the Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the State Legislatures meant that the issue was dead, so far as action at this session is concerned.

On the other hand, prohibition leaders were triumphantly pointing to their majority of eight votes for the resolution, and although it failed to receive the two-thirds vote necessary to adoption, asserted their expectations had been fulfilled. They declared that despite their temporary defeat, they would continue the fight.

Both Satisfied.

Both sides appeared to be well satisfied with the result. Anti-prohibitionists deemed it a distinct victory, while the supporters of prohibition asserted that they were exceedingly gratified over the outcome of their first contest on the floor of Congress.

Although a resolution similar to the Hobson resolution is pending in the Senate, introduced by Senator Sheppard, of Texas, Administration leaders of Congress expressed the belief today that it would not reach a vote as a result of the action of the House.

Different Opinions.

Representative Henry, of Texas, chairman of the House rules committee, who vigorously opposed the Hobson resolution, predicts that, as a result of the vote in the House, the question of prohibition would not again be brought up on the floor of Congress as a national issue for twenty years. Prohibition leaders, however, including Representative Hobson, predict that prohibition will be made a national issue in the 1916 campaign.

The final vote came shortly before midnight last night at the close of many hours of remarkable debate, in which the question of states rights figured prominently, and after several amendments had been voted upon.

Party Lines Shattered.

Not for some time had such a spirited struggle been witnessed in Congress. Party lines were shattered. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann, who led the anti-prohibition forces, were seen fighting shoulder to shoulder in opposition to the resolution. The galleries had been crowded throughout the long contest with spectators, whose frequent applause of the speakers made it difficult for Speaker Clark to maintain order.

When the final vote was recorded, it showed that 386 members had voted—197 for and 189 against the resolution. The resolution failed of adoption by 61 votes, an affirmative vote of 258 being necessary.

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AUSTRIA TRIES TO CONCEAL DISASTER

Immediate Result of Defeat Is Loss of Benefits of American Loan.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 23.—A cable to the Tribune from Petrograd says: "The Austrian press is using every device to conceal from the public the knowledge of the disaster to the armies that invaded Servia.

One of the immediate results of the defeat is to rob Austria-Hungary of all the benefits of her loan of $25,000,000, contracted with the United States two years ago. The Austrian Government still has on its hands $12,500,000 of this paper, which she has never been able to place. The other half of the total loan which was realized at that time is also now waste paper, owing to the absence of buyers.

RUSSIA REJOICES.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 23.—The Morning Post's correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs: "There is great rejoicing in Russia over the Servian rout of the Austrian armies, which is more complete than was supposed. According to figures received here from perfectly trustworthy sources, the Servians took 280 officers and more than 42,000 men as prisoners. They captured three standards, 226 guns, 29 limbers, 362 ammunition carts, 70 maxims, about 2,000 carts of a supply train, 2,000 horses, 32 field kitchens, 34 field bakeries, 3 military bands, enormous numbers of rifles, quantities of military stores, and every species of war materials."

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UNITY OF FRANCE

disease is only prevalent in times of peace."

Text of Declaration.

The full text of the declaration of the Government, as read in Parliament by Premier Viviani, is as follows:

"Gentlemen: There is at this time but one single policy; a combat without mercy until such time as we accomplish the definite liberation of Europe, won by a victory insuring peace. This is the cry which was wrung from all lips when, during the session of the chamber of deputies of August 4, there became evident as has been so well described by the president of the Republic, that sacred unity which in the pages of future history will be the honor of France.

"This is the cry that is being repeated by all Frenchmen, but only after they have put an end to the discords which too often take possession of our minds and which a blind enemy mistook for differences that could not be composed. It is the cry that is being heard from the glorious trenches where France has thrown all her youth and all her virility. In front of this rousing evidence, unexpected by Germany, of national sentiment Germany was troubled in the intoxication of her dream of victory.

"On the first day of the conflict Germany denied the right; she had recourse to force; she disdained history, and to violate the neutrality of Belgium and invade France she invoked the remarkable law of self-interest.

Cannot Smother Truth.

"Since this time the German Government has realized that it was necessary for it to consider the opinion of the world, and it recently attempted a rehabilitation of its attitude by endeavoring to throw back on the Allies the responsibility for the war. But in spite of this the truth has appeared. It has shown itself rising above the falsehoods that amiable credulity no longer accepts.

"All the documents published by the nations interested, and even yesterday at Rome the sensational speech of one of the most illustrious representatives of noble Italy, are evidence of the determination on the part of our enemies, but frustrated for a long time, to endeavor to bring about an unexpected act of agression.

Onus on Germany.

"If circumstances required it, a single one of these documents would sufice to enlighten the world on this subject. When, at the suggestion of the British Government, all the nations concerned were requested to suspend their military preparations and take part in a series of negotiations with London, on July 31, 1914, France and Russia adhered to this proposal. Peace could have been maintained even at this very critical hour if Germany had been willing to accept his idea. But Germany disrupted the situation. On the 1st of August she declared war on Russia, and made recourse to arms unavoidable. And if it is a fact that Germany diplomatically crushed this possibility of peace in its inception the reason is that for more than forty years she has been indefatigably pursuing her object, which has been the crushing of France in order to effect the enslavement of the world.

"All these revelations are made before the court of history, where there is no place for corruption, and insomuch as France and her allies, in spite of their love of peace, have been constrained to submit to war, they will make war to the end.

France Determined.

"Faithful to the signature that she attached to the treaty of September 4, 1914, and to which she pledged her honor, that is to say her life, France, acting in accord with her allies, will not sheath her sword until after taking vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored heroic Belgium to the fulness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed, to the end that it be possible to reconstruct, on a basis of justice, a Europe, finally regenerated.

"This plan of war and this plan of peace do not come to us, gentlemen, inspired by any presumptuous hope. The certainty of success is ours. We owe this certainty to our entire army: to our navy which, acting jointly with the British navy, has procured for us the mastery of the seas; and to the troops who in Morocco successfully repulsed aggressive action. We owe it also to the soldiers who are defending our distant flag in those French colonies which, from the very first day turned toward France as a daughter would turn to a mother in distress. We owe this conviction to our army whose heroism was guided by incomparable leaders to the victory of the Marne and to the victory in Flanders, and we owe it to the nation which knew how to meet this heroism with union, with silence, and with serenity in the hours of crisis.

Brings Out Virtues of Race.

"Thus there have been brought out by this impious war all the virtues of our race. We have shown initiative, spirit, bravery and temerity, and we have been enduring patient and stoical.

"Gentlemen, let us salute these heroes. Glory to those who have fallen on the threshhold of victory and also to those who by the same victory tomorrow will avenge the fallen. A nation that incites such enthusiasm can never perish.

"By the organ of the ministry of finance, which has conveyed to you a masterful explanation of the financial situation there has been revealed to you the resources which have accrued from the emission of the treasury bonds and the advances made by the Bank of France. These have made it possible for us to meet the expenses brought about by the war, and we have not found it necessary to have recourse to a loan.

Nation Has Resources.

"The Bank of France is in condition, thanks to its excellent standing, to furnish the treasury with resources and to aid in the re-establishment of the economic life of the country. All this is evidence of the vitality of France, of the surety of her credit, and of the confidence which she inspires everywhere. In spite of a war which is shaking and impoverishing the world, the French Bank note is accepted at a premium; the discounting of commercial paper grows daily, and the totals obtained from indirect taxation increased. All this is a manifestation of the economic strength of a country which has adapted itself with facility to the difficulties arising from a deep seated trouble and which declares before the entire world that the condition of its finances will permit to continue the war until that day when the necessary compensations shall be obtained.

Task One of Difficulty.

"Gentlemen, the day of final victory has not yet come, and until it does, our task will be one of great difficulty. The way may be long, and for this let us prepare our spirits and be very courageous. We have inherited the greatest burden of glory that any people can carry. Already the country has agreed to make every sacrifice that this duty entails.

"If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history it is not because the people are hurling themselves into warfare to conquer the territory, to win enlargement of material life and emonomic and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world.

"Nothing better has ever appeared before the vision of man. Against barbarity and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany called peace; against the system of murder and pillage which Germany called war; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste which loosed the scourge, France the emancipator, France the vengeful, at the side of her allies, arose and advanced to the fray.

"That is the stake. It is greater than our lives. Let us continue then to have but one united soul, and tomorrow, in the peace of victory we shall recall with pride the days of tragedy, for they will have made of us more valorous and better men."

"ENGLISH MERCENARIES" FOUND TO BE MISNOMER

German Socialist Paper Points Out This Fact By Comparisons.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 23.—A cable from London to the Tribune says: "The Vorwaerts, the organ of the German Socialist party, publishes the numbers of members of English trades unions who have enlisted since the war begun. "Many people," it says, "will be surprised to learn, on comparing statistics available in both countries, that the percentage of organized workers in the army at the front is far greater in the case of England than in that of Germany."

It adds: "If Germany should in the future be tempted to speak with contempt about English mercenaries, it would be advisable that they remember this fact."

WILL JOIN HER HUSBAND

[Special to The Advertiser.]

CAMLACHIE, Dec. 22.—Mrs. James Annand left today to meet her husband, Sergt. Annand, of the Forty-Eighth Highlanders, in South Shields, England. She intends staying a couple of months with Mr. Annand's mother there.

Mr. Adam Armstrong, aged 65 years, of the sixth line of Plympton, died at his home on Thursday afternoon. For the last year he had been suffering from heart trouble, and a week before his death was seized with an attack which confined him to his bed. The funeral took place to Uttoxeter on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maud Fair, of Arkona, who has been attending school in Toronto, visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, over the week-end.

Miss Anna Jay, teacher at Latchford, is home for the holidays.

Miss Jean Symington, of Toronto, is home on a week's vacation.

Miss Gladys Robinson spent the week-end in Sarnia.

Miss Eva Jay is recovering from the chicken pox.

Mr. Bruce Symington, who is attending the university at Toronto, is home for the holidays.

PRISONER WELL TREATED

Friend of Londoner, Held By Germans, In Good Spirits.

J. Blackburn, a friend of William Giles, of Springbank, who went to Germany about a year ago to manage a carnation nursery near Berlin, is now a prisoner of war on a German racecourse. He intended coming home last August, and was making all arrangements to do so when the war commenced, but he was not permitted to leave Germany.

Recent correspondence received by Mr. Giles shows that he is in good spirits and well cared for.

A PORTUGUESE DEADLOCK

Premier Will Not Give Up Power While President Is Friendly.

[Canadian Press.]

Lisbon, via Paris, Dec. 23.—The political deadlock continues. Premier Victor Coutinho, despite his defeat in the Senate, which declined to give him a vote of confidence, declares that he will remain in power so long as he has the confidence of the President of Portugal, Manuel De Arriaga, and the support of the Democratic party.

The Chamber of Deputies yesterday again voted confidence in the new ministry on motion of Dr. Affonsacosta, a former premier of Portugal.

LAMBETH.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

LAMBETH, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, of Thamesford, were the guests of Mrs. J. King for the week-end.

Miss Carlotta Wilson is home from Toronto for the holidays.

A cantata will be given on Wednesday evening in connection with the Christmas tree here.

Mr. Rook and Mr. Grey, of London, assisted at the Sunday school service, and Miss Dean, of London, gave a very interesting story for the children and a reading which was much enjoyed.

Dr. G. A. Routledge left for Toronto on Monday to attend the medical council of which he is one of the staff.

Master John Frazer is quite ill at the home of Mrs. D. Mills.

Mr. Stanley Young, of Combe., is a guest of Mr. J. E. Mitchell.

WRITER DEAD.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 23.—Alfred Henry Lewis, newspaperman and writer of books, died today at the home of his brother here, of an intestinal disorder. He had been ill but a few days.

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50c Ebony Buttonhooks, Nail Files, Cuticle Knives, etc. 39c

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One dozen Vacuum Bottles for keeping water hot or cold, splendid for lunch baskets. Regular $1.25, special ..... 95c each
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$1.00 Enos' Fruit Salts..54c
25c Beecham's Pills 19c
$1.00 Beef, Iron and Wine 39c
25c Nerviline 19c
Blaud's Pills, 100 in bottle 11c
A. B. S. and C. Tablets, 100 in bottle 14c
10c Crepe Toilet Paper .....5 for 25c
20c Hydrogen Peroxide .. 9c
40c Hydrogen Peroxide ..19c
60c Hydrogen Peroxide ..39c
50c Make-Man Tablets .....35c, 3 for $1.00
$1.00 Burdock and Sarsaparilla 69c
25c Syrup Linseed and Turpentine 18c
25c Perfumes, fancy bottles 19c
25c Tooth Powder, special 14c
25c Peroxide Tooth Paste 19c
Two gross, clear handles, Prosphylactic style Toothbrushes, regular 25c each 14c
25c Violet and Lily of Valley Talcum Powder..2 for 25c
25c Toilet Soap, 3 in box, 19c
Five gross Toothbrushes, regular 15c 9c
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1 only Go-Cart..... $8.75
1 only Carriage..... $19.50
1 only Reed Carriage, $22.75
1 only Grey Reed Carriage at $24.75
1 only White Enamel Reed Carriage $31.75

Doll Carriages

4 only Doll Carts 65c
7 only Doll Carts..... $1.49
3 only Doll Cabs..... $1.49
4 only Doll Cabs..... $2.29
7 only Doll Cabs..... $2.75
2 only Reed Cabs..... $2.25
3 only Reed Cabs..... $3.50

Library Tables

1 only Solid Fumed Oak, $9.75
1 only Solid Fumed Oak $12.50
1 only Quartered Oak, $13.95
2 only Fumed and Golden, at $14.75
1 only Solid Fumed... $17.75
1 only Solid Fumed... $19.75

Ladies' Desks

1 only Golden Oak..... $8.75
1 only Mahogany..... $9.95
1 only Quartered Oak, $11.50
1 only Fumed Oak.... $13.75

SECTIONAL BOOKCASES.

2 sections, top and base, $9.75

Parlor Tables

4 Oak Finished..... $1.65
2 Oak Finished..... $2.25
1 only Mahogany..... $3.75
2 only Mahogany..... $4.75
1 only Mahogany..... $5.75
1 only Mahogany..... $7.50

Baby Cutters

1 Red Cutter..... $3.75
1 Green Cutter..... $4.25
1 Red Cutter..... $4.25
2 Red Cutters..... $6.25
1 White Enamel Cutter, $6.75
1 White Enamel, with hood, at $9.75

Parlor Chairs

1 Parlor Rocker..... $4.75
1 Parlor Chair..... $5.50
2 Parlor Rockers, each $5.50
1 Parlor Chair..... $6.75
3 Parlor Chairs, each.. $7.75

Music Cabinets

2 only Genuine Mahogany, at $6.50
1 only Genuine Mahogany, at $7.50
2 only Genuine Mahogany, at $7.75
1 only Polished Walnut, $9.50
1 only Genuine Mahogany, at $11.75
1 only Genuine Mahogany, at $13.75

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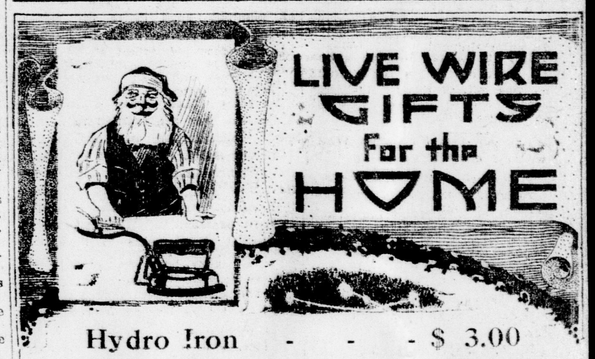

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Hydro Boudoir Lamp - 1.90
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Hydro Piano Lamp - 2.50

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Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—anytime—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and after the first application your hair will take on that life, lustre and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness, but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp.