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GOOD FOR ROOSEVELT
 There is a rugged outspokenness about former President Roosevelt which appeals to everyone. He is never afraid to say what he thinks and he is always ready to give credit where he thinks that is due. During the early days of the war he did not hesitate to affirm by speech and pen, that the place of Uncle Sam was alongside the Allies, and his criticisms with regard to holding back were as vigorous as they were frank.

In a speech made in New York last night, he frankly admitted that the other allies had done far more than the United States in bringing about the downfall of Germany, and with regard to the sea, that it was proper that Great Britain should continue to have the world's most powerful navy. Still further that the freedom of the seas was assured as long as John Bull held that position.

A vivid contrast is afforded between such manly declarations and the course of President Wilson, whose only reference to the British navy in his recent address to Congress was that of 1,550,513 U. S. soldiers moved overseas, only 758 were lost by enemy attack, "830 of whom were upon a single English transport." Not one word in tribute to the fact that more than half the number were transported by British vessels, with the pathway for all the others made safe, or mention of the undoubted incident that had not been for the sea watchfulness of John Bull, scarcely any soldiers could have crossed at all. No one doubts that such tributes would have been paid by Roosevelt had he been in the White House, but then the two men are of an entirely different type.

BEATTY'S BROADSIDE
 Admiral Sir David Beatty can manage a broadside with his tongue just as well as he can with his ships. In a speech on the battle cruiser Lion, he referred to the contemptible course of the enemy navy and very properly stated that the humiliating end of that fleet was in accordance with its vile record. "Despicable beast," was the term used by Sir David, and everyone will recognize the justice of the appellation.

In the American-Spanish war the commanders and the men on the vessels of the latter country knew that they were facing certain annihilation in meeting and tackling the vastly superior fleet of Uncle Sam, but they went at the hopeless job like men. On the other hand the officers and the men of the ex-Kaiser's outfit were content to skulk in the Kiel Canal, and in the end submitted to the degradation of surrender and the hauling down of the flag without firing a shot.

Beatty is a chivalrous man who would have nothing but words of respect for an honorable foe so that his arraignment comes with all the greater force.

MERCHANTS BANK MAKES NEW RECORD

The Merchants Bank has issued a half-yearly statement covering the period ended October 31st, which shows remarkable gains.

In a large measure the report covers a somewhat critical period in the country's history and the fact that a prominent bank like the Merchants has made such satisfactory progress gives business men throughout the country a large measure of confidence. The report throughout shows substantial gains in current loans, liquid assets and total assets; the increase in savings deposits reaching 50 per cent. over the corresponding period last year. The demand deposits stand practically unchanged for the year. Savings deposits alone amount to \$105,594,900 against \$69,397,556 a year ago, a gain of \$36,197,345, which shows a widespread prosperity. Current loans and discounts stand at over \$86,000,000, or a gain of \$18,000,000, indicating that the bank is doing its full share in catering to the business requirements of the nation. The bank has taken every precaution to keep its resources in liquid form with a result that while total assets are now \$105,594,900, or an increase of \$36,197,345, the liquid assets are over \$72,000,000, or \$18,933,134 increase in the last twelve months. Altogether the record is a most gratifying one and the shareholders, depositors, and the public in general have every reason to be encouraged over the year's record made by the Merchants Bank.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

No reflection is contained with regard to President Wilson in the announcement that a combined British and French fleet will meet him when he is half seas over.

The ex-Crown Prince is now posing as a sweet little innocent. His baby ribbon statements should be set to music with a lute carrying the theme.

The decision that an isolation hospital will constitute the best memorial to those volunteers who lost their lives in combatting the flu, will without any doubt meet with general approval. It will serve the double

purpose of a fitting monument and meeting a long felt want.

There was cursing and swearing at a recent Toronto council meeting. In London, the Aldermen throw tumbler when they get mad, and not of pigeon variety either.

German residents in China are to be interned in temples. As for the ex-kaiser, he continues to hold his and wonder what will next happen to him.

HUDSON SEAL COATS.
 All Hudson Seal Coats, plain and trimmed, selling at manufacturers' prices. Number one quality. W. L. Hughes, 127 Colborne street.

Music and Drama

"EXPERIENCE"
 There is something radically wrong with the viewpoint of a theatre-going public which will pack a theatre to the doors for a frivolous musical comedy, of only mediocre rank in its own class, and the following night will only half fill the same theatre for a production of such merit as "Experience". The small attendance which greeted the latter play at the Grand last evening was due in part, not doubt, to the short notice at which the production had been engaged, but even in view of this, a larger audience would have been on hand for many a less meritorious attraction.

"Experience," is an allegorical drama, the theme of which is developed along the same lines as is that of "Everywoman" which has been seen by probably every theatre goer in Brantford. But, successful as "Everywoman" was "Experience", played by the cast which presented the play at the Grand last night, is an even better production. The play portrays the vicissitudes of Youth, from the time when he first hears the voice of Ambition, and leaves the Land Where Dreams Begin, in the Streets of Vacillation he meets Experience, and the latter becomes his constant companion when Ambition dies. Youth treads in turn the Primrose Path, the Corridors of Chance and the street of Distinction; then entering in turn the House of

Last Resort and the House of Lost Souls, he finally finds the way back to Love and Hope, through the street of Forgotten Days. Each one of the ten episodes of Experience is admirably developed in keeping with its allegorical significance, and brings home a forceful lesson to the heart of the most cynical. Underlying the purposeful tragedy of each scene is a deftly designed vein of comic relief, carefully interwoven to avoid jarring incongruity.

From the admirably selected cast which presented this truly stellar attraction, it is difficult to single out the performers deserving of special mention. Mr. Raymond Van Sickle, gave a notable character delineation, as Youth, torn always between the warnings of Experience and the pursuit of Pleasure. Mr. Duncan Penwarden was a forceful figure in the role of Experience, rising to the apex of dramatic ability in the eighth episode, when he delivers a vehement denunciation of the drug traffic. Mr. Fraser Colter, a former Brantfordite appeared to advantage in the role of Wealth. The other parts were handled equally satisfactorily by the various members of the cast. The scenic effects throughout were unusually graphic and appropriate. "Experience" will be played at the Grand again to-night, concluding a two day engagement—its first in the city.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 3—Mayoralty nominations yesterday were Harry Black and J. G. Bole.

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An Exceptional Selling!

Silk and Velveteen Smart Serge, New Dresses at \$12.95

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Here is Your ... Winter Coat!

Specially Priced for Thursday's Selling.. \$19.50

Women's and Misses' New Winter Coats made from wool velour, blanket finish coating, curl cloth, mixed tweeds and chinchilla. Colors are Copen, brown, grey, navy, green and black, in the baby lamb cloth. These include a number of good samples up to \$26.50. All sizes from 14 years to 44 bust. Some are half lined. Others are lined throughout. All the smartest Fall styles. **\$19.50** Specially priced for tomorrow's selling at

Smart New Winter Coats, Special at.... \$24.50

Women's and Misses' New Winter Coats—Made from burella velour, blanket coating, baby lamb and tweeds. Some are made in the loose style, others belted with novelty belts, button trimmed. Collar and cuffs plush trimmed and shot or patch pockets. All have large convertible collars, in notch or shawl style. All sizes. Coats worth up to \$36.00. Specially priced for this sale at only **\$24.50**

Handkerchiefs "Ideal Christmas Gifts"

When in doubt send Handkerchiefs, is very good advice to follow when one is busy selecting appropriate gifts at this happy season. Everybody, men and women alike, appreciate Handkerchiefs, especially when they are chosen with care from among such exquisite fancies as we are showing here.

Women's Hemstitched Pure Linen Handkerchiefs. Priced at only **15c**

Fine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched. Special value at only **25c**

Pure Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs. Priced at **25c**, 35c, 28c and **25c**

A beautiful assortment of dainty pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs. **50c** Priced at 3 for **30c**

Dainty Colored Embroidery Handkerchiefs. Very Special at only **30c**

A handsome assortment of dainty embroidered edge and lace edge Handkerchiefs, linen centre. At **\$1.50**, **\$1.25**, **\$1.00**, **95c**, **85c** to **25c**

RICH FURS

The most beautiful adornment of Women's Winter Apparel. Their soft and handsome appearing comfort is an indispensable adjacent to the complete and fashionable winter wardrobe. Can you imagine such an opportunity for the gift givers to a woman. A gift of furs is the most glorious of Christmas presents.

Women's Canadian Rat Coat, 45 inches long, dark glossy fur, full sweep. A splendid coat for **\$119.00**

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Natural Wolfe Set — Made with large animal stole and pillow muff to match, with head and tail trimming. Value \$20.00. **\$15.50** Special Sale Price

Natural Wolfe Set — Made from deep, soft, full fur; large animal stole and canteen muff to match; head, tail and paw trimming. Today's value \$35.00. **\$26.50** Special Price

Separate Muffs in Hudson Seal, Wolfe, Sable, Coyon, Marmot, Lamb and Mink. Priced at from **\$7.00** down to only **\$6.95**

Toys

Everything that brings joy to the Little Ones is shown in these displays.

Every kind of Toy imaginable is here, and one may choose gifts for children of every age and disposition.

Dolls, Dishes, Toy Furniture, Games, Books and Woolly Animals are among the delightful things which will certainly please little girls.

The Boys will be particularly pleased with the Steam Engines and Mechanical Building Sets, but they are by no means the only suitable gifts to be found here.

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PARKS BOARD
 The regular board will meet tomorrow night.

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 The board postponed its meeting tomorrow night.

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WOUNDED
 A member of the party.

DRAFTING
 His Honor Sheriff West City Treasurer engaged the selection of Judges' Chair.

CAR HIT
 A Chevrolet motor with the side of Dally's (the post office) skidded on a and executed A broken only damage.

LIBRARY
 Those pre meeting of Col. Howard Carlin, J. E. Secord, The amounting ered paid. of periodical 1919 was g.

INLAND RE
 Inland revenue 1911. Matched \$229 autos, \$505. \$52; war star graphs \$753. cigars \$854. meth. spirit. other collect 151.98. For increase \$3.9.

IS IT COINC
 "Is it mere armistice was Day?" asked. "The saint w Gaul" and in November, 1850. The Fr reverence for carried his a their wars. the Anglican ed in law Ma the son of a and was born ed Hungary. had a celest of Amiens. the saint y tinella."

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