

ST. THOMAS FIRE
SWEEPS STORES,Eureka Shop and Bargain
House Are Guttered by
Flames.

STRUCTURES OLD

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Jan. 1.—Fire of unknown origin caused a loss of about \$35,000 this afternoon when the building on Talbot street occupied by the Eureka Shop and the St. Thomas Bargain House was practically gutted. The building occupied by McKenzie's plumbing shop, Dr. Turner's office and McDonald's news store was also badly burned. Living apartments of Mrs. McKenzie and B. Young also suffered although most of the furniture was removed safely. The properties are located at 645 and 648 Talbot street.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Young at the rear of his apartment about 2:15 p.m. Flames made very rapid headway, and by the time the firemen arrived the fire had spread to the second story of the adjoining building. Both structures were old and of frame construction and fell easy prey to the flames. Falling embers and cold weather hampered the firemen in their work. Several of the firefighters suffered from frost-bites, and their hose lines and other firefighting apparatus became coated with ice. Heavy smoke also added to the difficulties and several of the firemen were more or less overcome several times.

The St. Thomas Bargain House are the heaviest losers, their \$5,000 stock was not protected by insurance. Other sufferers are practically covered. McKenzie and McDonald suffered most from water loss. The Eureka Shop handles vacuum cleaners and washing machines, and St. Thomas Bargain House carried a full line of general dry goods.

This is the first big fire in St. Thomas since Chief Mittella assumed charge of the department several months ago. His stand was particularly difficult to get at, and praised his men for the work they did under very trying conditions.

No statement has been made as yet regarding rebuilding of the damaged structures or of the plans of the fire sufferers.

COOLIDGE SHAKES
4,000 HANDS IN DAYPresident of U. S. Holds New
Year's Reception at
White House.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 1.—Throwing open the door of the White House to all who cared to call, President and Mrs. Coolidge today received 4,000 persons at their New Year's reception. The chief executive and his wife for four hours, and a half stood in the blue room shaking hands with their callers and extending and receiving New Year's greetings. Beginning at 11 o'clock the reception was scheduled to end at 2:30, but when that hour arrived Mr. Coolidge desired that it be continued until all who desired had opportunity to call.

The number received was no greater than in previous years, but the proportion of the general public to the portion classed as officials was larger. Moreover, there was less formality about the affair than in the more recent years, some of the older White House attaches describing it as a reversal to the New Year's receptions of the pre-war period, when Washington, as a smaller city, looked on the president and his wife as neighbors and an attendance at the reception much like a call on any of their other friends.

CANADA TO HONOR
FALLEN SOLDIERSWar Memorial Will Be Erected
On Connaught Place—
Seek Designs.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—A hundred thousand dollar war memorial is to be erected on Connaught place, here, facing the postoffice, and within a few days designs will be called for, says the Citizen today.

In nearly every part of the country local memorials to the fallen or to those who have served in the war have been erected. What is to be put up now is a national commemorative memorial for the whole of Canada. Very appropriately, it will be located in the national capital. The cost may very well exceed the initial \$100,000 appropriated for the purpose, and promises to be on a scale fully in keeping with the sacrifice and service it commemorates.

Sculptors in every allied country will be free to submit designs. It is possible that the memorial may be in place before the year ends, as competitive designs are to be asked for immediately. The outlay that is proposed insures a place among the world's best commemorations of the war and what it accomplished. Authority to go ahead with the memorial is being given by order-in-council.

AMERICAN SYNDICATE BUYS
HOTEL WINDSOR, MONTREAL

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Jan. 1.—The affiliation of the historic Hotel Windsor of Montreal with the Waldorf-Astoria, the Bellevue-Stratford of Philadelphia, the New Willard of Washington and other units of the Boomer-Brown system, as announced in December, is affirmed today, according to L. M. Boomer, president of the Waldorf and Boomer-Brown properties corporation, in a statement made yesterday. The affiliation brings the total of the hotels under the Boomer-

THE GUMPS—CASE STILL PENDING



REG'LAR FELLERS



This Sounds Fishy.



By GENE BYRNES



TOOTS AND CASPER



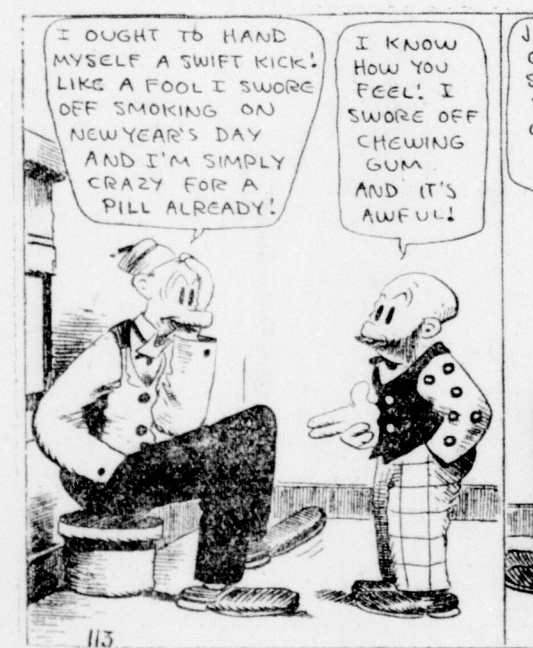
Casper's Will Power Has Reverse English.



By JIMMY MURPHY



MUTT AND JEFF



Mutt Simply Had To Do It.



By "Bud" Fisher

CIVILIANS MAY TRAIN
WAR PIGEONS FOR U.S.Army's Chief Expert Proposes
Plan To Reduce Cost
To Government.

Associated Press Despatch.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—A plan for enlarging United States army carrier pigeon activities, and at the same time materially reducing the cost to the government, has been made public by Ray R. Delhauser, chief pigeon expert of the army, at Arcadia, near here.

Mr. Delhauser's plan, which has been approved by General Hines chief army signal officer, and other army officials, is to invite the active co-operation of civilian experts and amateur fanciers and to institute a policy which would make the government dependent upon civilians in time of emergency for both birds and personnel. Two advisory boards of army officers have been appointed to work out all details for the new organization.

The proposed reorganization program includes abandonment of all pigeon-breeding activities and training of birds by the government. The pigeon-breeding base near here at Rose Field, Arcadia, the largest maintained by the army in the United States, also would be closed.

"The economical features of this plan are to a minimum," said Mr. Delhauser, "the only person in the place to be reduced is the pigeon department becoming self-sustaining and in even-ually reducing the pigeon activities in-

Boy Drowned In Storm Sewer
When Ice Covering Gives Way

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Jan. 1.—While playing on ice covering a storm sewer a few yards above its outlet into a creek, George Breda, nine-year-old boy of Springfield, plunged through and was drowned this afternoon.

Two of the boy's playmates narrowly escaped the same fate in a futile effort to save him.

Several youngsters were sliding on ice off the storm sewer, which is nine feet in diameter, when the accident occurred. Moderate weather had weakened the frozen surface, and as young Breda slid down-stream, he went through, his body being immediately submerged and carried creekward under the ice.

After chopping holes in the ice, firemen recovered the body, which had lodged near the mouth of the sewer. The task took three hours.

YOUTH SHOT TO DEATH
IN DETROIT, ONE MAN HELD

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, Jan. 1.—Detroit police believe a case of homicide was uncovered with the finding of the body of Adolphie Bennis, 21, in a house here early today. The man had been shot to death. The only person in the place when the body was found was arrested and gave his name as Charles J. Kerby, 52. There were indications, police say, that a New Year's celebration had taken place.

PEGGY MARSH, ACTRESS,
MARRIES IN ENGLANDCanadian Chorus Girl Weds
Captain of Royal Horse
Guards.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 1.—Peggy Marsh, the Canadian actress, was married at a registry office here today to Captain Kelly Robert George Fenwick, formerly of the Royal Horse Guards, says an evening paper today. The groom's country seat is Witham Hall, Lincolnshire. He is a relative of the Duke of Manchester, and his first wife was a sister of the Duchess of Westminster.

Peggy Marsh was married in 1921 to Albert L. (Buster) Johnson, who died in New York in January, 1923.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Peggy Marsh, who was married the second time today in London, was the Nova Scotia chorus girl whose romance with Henry Field, a grandson of Marshall Field, Chicago merchant prince, attracted international interest after the world war.

Young Field, a brother of the present Marshall Field III, was one of the heirs to his grandfather's estate, which grew to \$200,000,000 or more. When the war broke out he became a Red Cross ambulance driver. He met Peggy Marsh in London at that time. He died in 1917, after

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

New York, Dec. 31.—Aquitania, Southampton.
St. John, N. B., Jan. 1.—Argalla, Glasgow via Halifax; Canadian Aviator, Halifax.

ONTARIO BUSINESSMEN WILL
VISIT QUEBEC.

Arrangements have been made and plans are now maturing whereby a large delegation of Ontario prominent manufacturers, professional and business men, accompanied by the Hon. Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and members of the Ontario cabinet, will pay a visit to Quebec as the guests of the lieutenant-governor and premier, representing the province of Quebec. The object of the visit is to further good relationship and better business conditions between the provinces.

The Canadian National Railways are co-operating to the extent that they will operate a special sleeping car train to leave Toronto on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 7:00 p.m., arriving in Quebec in time for breakfast on Jan. 29. This train will consist of standard sleeping and compartment cars and reservations may now be made through any agent of the company.—Advtr.

PORK STANDARDIZATION
STILL BEING CONSIDEREDAgriculture Department Con-
tinues To Work On Grad-
ing Uniformity.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The whole question of the standardization of Canadian bacon for export is still under consideration by the department of agriculture, and nothing can be announced just now on any particular phase of the question, it was stated by officials of the department this morning in connection with the announcement from Toronto that the branding of Canadian export bacon probably would be ordered by Ottawa. The special committee of officials of the department which is now nearing completion, and announcement of a general policy, is expected in the near future.

MANY CRIMES COMMITTED
IN DETROIT NEW YEAR'S EVE

Detroit, Jan. 1.—A \$20,000 fur robbery, the binding of a watchman, the tampering of three office safes and the theft of their contents, and the slugging and robbing of a grocer, were some of the New Year's Eve crime activities police records showed today.

The furs were stolen from the store conducted by William Sperling at 1420 Gratiot avenue.

FREEDOM IN RUHR
IS GERMANS' WISHPresident Voices Bitter Disap-
pointment Over Action
of Allies.

PROGRESS IN 1924

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—The German valedictories to 1924 and the greetings to the incoming year are largely colored by the ill-feeling over the prospective failure of the allies to evacuate the Cologne area on Jan. 10 as forecast from Paris. While the retrospective views expressed concede that the past year has been one of economic and social progress, the new year prophets are none too sanguine over the immediate outlook for the continued improvement of the nation's internal affairs and its foreign relations.

"The year just closed has been one of conspicuous and progressive consolidation for our sorry-ried fatherland, in that our currency, our state finance and our economic life have been liberated from the vicious manifestations and effects of the inflation period and given more secure foundations," President Ebert told a delegation of government leaders, headed by Chancellor Marx, on the occasion of its new year visit to the executive mansion today.

President Ebert said he believed thanks were due Chancellor Marx and his associates in the cabinet for the progress that had been achieved, and he declared Germany owed it to the government's energy and perseverance in the face of heavy odds that a tangible step forward had been made.

Discussing the subject of the evacuation of the Rhineland, the president continued: "Whatever our political faith, the Germans everywhere are today one in their feeling of bitter disappointment and their consciousness of a new and painful injustice. Under pretext with which we are as yet unfamiliar and which we therefore are unable to examine, but of the inconsistencies of which we are all convinced, we are to be deprived of the sole advantage vouchsafed us in an immeasurably oppressive peace treaty—the evacuation of occupied German soil."

This condition, President Ebert observed, was all the more intolerable because Germany was the only truly disarmed nation in Europe deprived of arms.

Germany's New Year's wish, added, was that a spirit of justice and desire for reconciliation among the nations might prevail over ideas of might and force, and that German citizens along the Rhine and in the Ruhr would be accorded their rights and freedom.

BRITISH WORKERS
TO SEEK INCREASEFive Hundred Million Dollars
Required To Meet Wage
Demands.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 1.—A concerted effort is to be made early in the new year by the skilled and unskilled workers in the United Kingdom for an all-round increase in wages, it is understood. The industries affected will include mining, engineering and shipbuilding. The employees concerned number about two million, and their claims, it is estimated, will aggregate about \$160,000,000 a year.

The group of engineering and metal trades, involving about five hundred thousand men, want a flat 21 increase, the shipbuilding workers ask about the same rate of increase, while the miners will fight for a uniform minimum wage of 12 shillings a day.

TALBOTVILLE PARSONAGE
SURPRISE PARTY SCENE

Special to The Advertiser.

Talbotville, Jan. 1.—The Ladies' Aid of the community church held a surprise party in honor of Mrs. (Rev.) C. L. Couzens last Tuesday night. About 20 ladies and their husbands enjoyed helping Mrs. Couzens enjoy her birthday surprise party. The evening was spent in music and games, and a dainty lunch brought to a close a delightful gathering.

RUPERT HUGHES MARRIES
WELL-KNOWN SCREEN STAR

Special to The Advertiser.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Rupert Hughes, novelist and motion picture director, and Miss Elizabeth Patterson Dial, known on the screen as Patterson Dial, were married here yesterday. They left the city immediately afterward on a honeymoon trip to New York.

