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PLEASE PUT IN MY
STOCKING
SERBIA
RUMANIA
POLAND
ASIA
AFRICA
NORTH AMERICA
SOUTH AMERICA
THE BRITISH COLONIES
THE BRITISH NAVY
AND MERCANTILE FLEET
A BIG CHUNK OF
FRANCE
J.P. MORGAN
A BUCKLE FOR
ANDREW LANSNIE
ET CETERA
AMEN

AN INCONSIDERATE SAINT.
Won't Wicked Willie be sore when he wakes up?

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Geo. Williamson Mayor of Simcoe by Acclamation for the Fourth Time in Succession

Many Acclamations Throughout the County

(From our own correspondent) Simcoe, Dec. 23. Nominations passed off quietly yesterday Mayor Geo. Williamson was the only nomination for the mayoralty. For the Reeveship H. A. Carter and Geo. J. McKee were named, but the former withdrew. A. E. Slater was passed up to the deputy reeveship after serving one year in the council. Though twelve names were put in nomination for the council, it is expected that the slate will probably be filled without an election. The names for the council are: R. Cropp, Geo. Doughty, Wm. Gilbertson, Geo. Heath, Gus Jaques, Bruce Johnston,

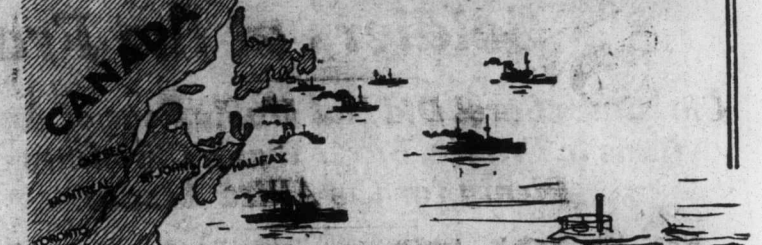
S. L. Kronpart, T. E. Langford, Chas. Martin, Chas. Misner, H. Sebring, L. Sharp. Charlotteville, an acclamation—Reeve, Harry Lawrence; Deputy-Reeve, Art McKeown. Council, Alex Hutchinson, Will Roney, E. F. Montgomery. Only one change in Townsmd. Herschel Glover takes the place of J. H. Overholt and otherwise there is no change. Reeve, Elliot Hyde, Deputy Reeve, James Welsh; Councilors, W. J. Schuyler, Wm. Woodley and Herschel Glover. Windham Will Have No Contest. Reeve, Theo. Cunningham; Deputy-Reeve, H. Kellum; Councilors, Fred Woolley, A. Slaght, Wm. Haviland, all by acclamation. The only change is H. Kellum's elevation to the second seat from the council, to take the place of Jas. Crane, resigned, and the addition of Mr. Haviland to fill the vacancy in the council. South Walsingham Sara "Peace" Reay Fick dropped out of the S. Walsingham council and Joseph Parker takes his place, otherwise there is no change, and Reeve Joseph Crifant has walk over. He deserved it. Fight in North Walsingham. It looks like a three-cornered

fight for the reeveship in North Walsingham. Reeve McDowell, has been Warden, and some think that having received the highest possible municipal honours he should retire. But Malcolm enjoys a little brush, and at latest reports, Mr. McDowell's refusal to grant indulgence to syndicate property in the matter of road work and taxes seems to be the cause of the opposition. Woodhouse may have a three-cornered scrap for the reeveship, with Albert Gilbert, the present reeve, Gilbert McLoay and Thos. Chapman in the running. Sam King was also on the slate late last evening and James Waddle Wilson Porter and George Hammond had withdrawn. R. W. Caswell, Charlton Woolley, Nat. Butler and Edwin England, were on the slate for the council. Free For All in Middleton. The retirement of Reeve Simmons brought out a lot of aspirants in Middleton. The fight will be between Agnill, Sandham and Robert Dick. The council slate has been cut down to six candidates: Albert Seymour, Wallace, G. F. Rowson, Thos. Uppertail, John Knabb, Wm. Shaver. Only a Reeveship Contest in Houghton. J. W. McCreure, defeated Jno. Hazen for the Reeveship of Houghton in December, and filled out the term of the late Chas. Sanderson. Nelson Williams has stepped up from the council to give J. W. a talk if he can. The council in Houghton was elected by acclamation: Geo. Whitford, David Finch, Wm. Miller, Chas. Mitchener. Waterford Wrangles. Late last night, there was still doubt of the possibility of avoiding an election in Waterford. O. H. Duncombe and D. A. Hill were still on the slate for reeve and F. G. Wilcox, Dr. Teeter, D. A. Hill, W. F. Mason, James Terkez and Geo. B. Hellerman for the council. From all the reports to hand it would appear that J. K. McLellan, of Victoria has the biggest grouch in the county. Mack struck a discordant key. He condemned the government and the opposition, the county council and everything in general. He wants conscription of men and votes for women. Delhi re-elected J. McPherson by acclamation. Port Dover reports a possible acclamation with Wm. Walker against reeve, and R. M. Taylor, M. J. Watson, Harry Smith, and Chas. Teeple as councilors. L. G. Morgan was nominated for reeve, but will likely retire and Wilson Porter and A. C. Matthews left the mass meeting last night without qualifying for the



THE SWANBOAT AND THE ROSE.
Once when there had been no path for ever so long a rose-fairy came down to the edge of a pool and lay there, weak and drooping. A swan who lived there and ferried elves and fairies about on his back floated up and spoke to her.
"Come," said he kindly, "let me sail you about on the quiet pool. You are weak and drooping and the wind will be refreshing. Come."
So the little asexual fairy climbed aboard, the swanboat and sat there sadly, while he sailed about the quiet pool. The wind came, fresh and cool, but still the little fairy drooped. The Wind, who speaks the language of all bees and birds and beasts and flowers, whispered in swan-talk to the swan.
"Most of all, my graceful feathered friend, she needs moisture that she may carry it back to the rose in the pool. Upset her in the pool!"
But the swanboat, who was kind, shook his head.
"Nay," he said, "I cannot do that. It would frighten her and never, never would she forgive me!"
"As you will," said the Wind and went on his way, and the swan, twisting his lovely curved neck, saw that the rose fairy just went on a-drooping.
"Sometimes," mused the swan, "to be cruel is to be kind. I will upset her in the pool."
And with that he spread his lovely wings, lurched and splashed! went

council. There were no other nominations. In every municipality in the county except Simcoe there was held today a public mass meeting for the discussion of municipal matters. A meeting may be held here to discuss the Hydro bill about to be submitted but the general business of the year passes from year to year without note or comment. A glance at the financial statement issued by the Mayor and treasurer today shows excess of assets above liabilities of about \$40,000. During the twelve months covered, \$5268.40 has been spent on roads and bridges exclusive of street oiling and watering, which cost \$4799.74 or \$1048.31 on streets, and only \$1893.87 on education. The water-works commission turned over \$5,000 as surplus, showing running account \$3506.87. The hearing cost \$2506.87. STATE CONTROL OF LIQUOR TRADE. Radical Measure for a Dry Britain is receiving consideration. PUBLIC HOUSES To be Managed by Board of Control at First of Year. London, Dec. 25.—The measure of the new government for the control of food will be preceded by one for the entire control of the liquor trade. It has already been announced that the government will after January 1 take over all the patent whiskey distilled in Scotland, and limit the portion allowed to be distilled by malt distillers, but in all probability the consumption of spirits will in due course be entirely voted, except for medicinal purposes, and only certain quantities and quantities of beer permitted to be sold in public houses. It is said that the whole resources of the spirit trade in the country will be placed under state control early in the new year, and the accumulated stocks diverted to other than their present purposes, while the distilla-



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THE ANZACS' POSSUM PERFORMS IN OLD LONDON.
A trained opossum, said to have passed through thirty-two battles in Gallipoli and France, recently visited London and was introduced to various prominent people. He is seen here doing some of his tricks.

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SIDE.
"Why did you laugh when I that?" accused Molly. "I did said the Wants-to-be-critic, I said. 'What's the difference?' ed Molly.
"All the difference in the world said the Cynic. And he was a smile and a laugh are as different in character as a kitten and a cat. Cats aren't just kitten grown up. And neither is a smile grown up.
Smiles, when they are not mechanical, almost invariably note a pleasant, friendly state of mind. Laughs do not.
Laughs May Express Many Emotions
There are many kinds of laughs and they express a range of emotions as wide as human experience. We are apt to associate happiness with laughter, but it is not the concomitant of pleasure or joy. The happiest people do not laugh. They smile. Their smiles are with an inner radiance perhaps in the great moment. They themselves "nearer still than team than laughter."
The Nervous Laugh Like the Mechanical Smile
I spoke of the mechanical as it has the counterpart in the nervous laugh, that most foolish habit, nervous people permit themselves fall into. In young girls, it is the form of giggles, which we give, as we forgive many things, youth, in older people it becomes nervous, cackle, an empty shell, real shrill.
Could anything be more exasperating than a mocking, superior laugh which is first cousin to sneer? I once lived in a house with a man who had a habit of laughing that way at his wife, and though was none of my business, I had work to keep my temper. The sneer used to launch to expression—a hard, disagreeable laugh that made you want to throw something at him.
A Famous Laugh
Of course, one should not resort to any discussion of laughs

Hurra
Here's relief from thirst here's fresh vigor for the boys at the and worker
WRIT
Soothes, retains through of suspense
It helps appetite too. Delicious wholesome and
After every long watch, the ment cheers day. A boon some packets soldier lad.
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