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Quinine, \$1.04. Sale price

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Eradiator and Frowners, Sale
Finished Talcum Shakers, 50c
France—Wholesale, 75,000 tons,
\$2.50 per bushel; flour, 25,000 tons,
at \$1.50 per barrel.

"Italy"—Wheat, 100,000 tons, at \$2.55
per bushel."

RETAIN INCREASED
RATES ON FREIGHT

Railway Commissioners Make
Important Announcement.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 2.—An order
has been issued by the board of rail-
way commissioners continuing the 25
per cent. increase in freight rates on
the railways indefinitely. The increase
in freight rates was made by order
of the war measures act, and expired
automatically December 31, 1919.

It was stated today that the advance
in freight rates was caused by the ap-
plication of the McLeod award. The
award had amounted to an increased
expenditure by the Canadian railways
of \$2 millions yearly. Advance
freight and passenger rates had in-
creased receipts by about 40 millions.
The problem of meeting this deficit
will come before the railway board
sometime later, it was stated, in a de-
mand for further adjustment of rates
to meet costs.

30 EX-GERMAN LINERS
ARE OFFERED FOR SALE

Washington, Jan. 2.—Thirty former
German passenger ships seized when
including the Leviathan, the largest
floating, the Agamemnon, and the
George Washington and others which
were the pride of the German mer-
chant marine, were offered for sale
today by the shipping board.

They will be received only from
American buyers and must include a
pledge to use the ships on lines de-
signated by the shipping board.

APARTMENT HOUSE SITE

FOR SALE—\$30,000.
N.E. COR. GREENVILLE & SURREY PLACES.
Ideal site overlooking Queen's Park. Large
lot, house containing 15 rooms and two
bathrooms now on property. Lot 100 x 100.
H. H. WILLIAMS & CO.
25 King Street East. Main 2450.

PROBS: Fair and decidedly
cold.

U. S. GOVERNMENT OPENS

Well-Known Canadian Theatrical Magnate Disappears, Leaving No Trace

NOW DELIVERING LIQUOR IN WINDSOR AT A RAPID RATE

Is Magnet for Many Detroiters—Dispels Dread of Vaccination.

U. S. FEARS SMUGGLING

Windsor, Jan. 2.—(Special)—Deliv-
ery of the stuff that cheers and inebri-
ates began this morning under the
aegis of orders-in-council, issued
December 29. Some came in
by express from Montreal. Local deliv-
eries were being made by Hiram
Walker & Sons, and two Windsor
brothers, the British American Brew-
ing Company and Windsor Brewing
Company, began making and deliv-
ing the per cent. beer. Incidentally
the Windsor police station held 20
drunks, a good New Year's increase
from the usual two or three. Several
were Detroiters. In all 13 Detroiters
faced the magistrate. Ten were fined
\$17.50 each, while one was fined \$50
and another \$70, as they had added
disorderliness to their drunkenness.
They were required to give their
addresses and most gave fictitious
names.

Make Vaccination Record.

Detroit producer of a sizable
number of people who were willing to
take the shot in the arm at the ferry dock in order
to get an alcoholic shot in Windsor.
The Riverside vaccinations numbered
\$54, almost all Americans returning
with liquor inside, outside, or both.
The previous banner day, 750 vac-
cinations, Customs officials on the De-
troit side were busy too. About 75
quarts of liquor were seized New
Year's Day and as many more the
day before, mostly in small lots. The
owners were released, James D. Burns,
former sheriff of Wayne county, Mich-
igan, and his son, James A. Burns,
were held up, their liquor and their
automobile seized.

Expect Smuggling.

Bringing liquor into United States
is prohibited since Jan. 15, under the
national revenue law, subject to \$500
and two years imprisonment. After that
date the prohibition amendment is
effective. Collector of Customs Law-
son says that he has been lenient with
those bringing in single quarts, but
continual violations will force him to
start prosecutions.

SELL SIXTY-FIVE MILLION BUSHELS

European Sales by Wheat Board—Obtain High Prices.

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—The Telegram
publishes tonight a set of figures,
which it says, have been obtained by
a correspondent from the British
Wheat Commission, asserting that the
Canadian Wheat Board had disposed
of 65,000,000 bushels of 1919 export
wheat to Britain, France and Italy by
Nov. 15, 1919, and on that date had
negotiated the sale of another 10,
000,000 bushels to the British govern-
ment.

The correspondent says: "I was able
to get the following information from
the British Wheat Commission. The
figures are as follows:
"Purchased in Canada—Wheat, 500,
000 tons, at \$2.44 per bushel; flour,
50,000 tons, at \$10.85 per barrel.
"France—Wheat, 75,000 tons,
at \$2.50 per bushel; flour, 25,000 tons,
at \$11.50 per barrel.
"Italy—Wheat, 100,000 tons, at \$2.55
per bushel."

FIX RESPONSIBILITY ON CREW OF FREIGHT

Testimony at Inquiry Into Fatal C.P.R. Wreck Near Onawa.

Brownville Junction, Maine, Jan. 2.—
Testimony to the effect that mem-
bers of the crew of a freight train
were responsible for the collision be-
tween a freight and an immigrant
train near Onawa on December 29
given at a hearing, conducted by the
Maine public utilities commission here
today. Twenty-three persons were
killed and 50 injured in the wreck.

The witnesses examined were R. V.
Shaw, night train dispatcher, at
Brownville Junction; Arthur M. King-
don, night operator at Onawa; and
the freight engineer received orders to
pass the four sections of the immi-
grant special at Bodfish siding, two
miles west of Onawa. Lester M. Val-
ley, who rode on the freight train
from Greenville Junction to Morkill to
Kingdon, and Owen L. Chase, a lo-
comotive engineer, who was riding
in the freight, caboose and who took
to Conductor Isaac Manuel of the
train the orders regarding the immi-
grant train.

All the witnesses testified that the
orders from the chief train dispatcher
were correct and that it was evident
that the members of the freight crew
either had misread their instructions
or had not followed them. Instead of
waiting for all four sections to pass,
they passed and crashed into the third
section, half a mile east of the siding.

RAISE BREAD PRICES.

Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 2.—(Special)—
Kitchener's bakers today raised the
price of bread two cents on the small
loaf and four cents on the large loaf.
They declare the raise is the result of
the increase in the price of wheat.
This brings the price of bread here to
15 cents a loaf.

TO DEMAND EX-KAISER BY NEW MORAL RIGHT

The Hague, Jan. 2.—H. Carton
de Wiart, former Belgian min-
ister of justice, whose opinion is
considered in the Libres
circles, writes in The Libres
circles, which is expected in the near
future, will not be based on any
existing international law or on
stipulations in The Hague conven-
tion of 1917, but on a "new
moral right."

WHISKEY IN DETROIT GOES DOWN IN PRICE NOW NEVER FROZEN

Officials Issue Warning That Attempts at Smuggling Will Be Severely Punished.

SEARCH ALL TRAVELERS

Special to The Toronto World.
Detroit, Jan. 2.—Running on the
ice promises to become the popular
winter sport here for a time. The
river at a point opposite Sandwich
was frozen today for the first
time this season and Canadian "for-
mers" in Detroit was quoted as low as
\$10 a quart, as against last week's
price of \$12.

AMENDED DRUG ACT COMES INTO FORCE

Import or Export of Opium Without License Brings Stiff Penalties.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—An extra of The
Canada Gazette announces that the
act amending the opium and drug act
which was passed at the summer ses-
sion of the house of commons, be-
comes effective from December 21,
1919. It was provided in the act that
it should come into effect on a day
to be fixed by proclamation of the
governor-general. The amendment
provides that imports into Canada or
exports from Canada of opium, heroin,
cocaine or any of their salts, or pre-
parations, or opium alkaloids or their
salts or preparations shall be only
permitted if the importer or exporter
is presiding over the federal department
of health. Any one guilty of a contra-
vention of this act is liable to a fine
not exceeding \$1,000 and costs, or to
imprisonment for a term not exceed-
ing one year, or to both fine and
imprisonment.

HYDRO IN WINDSOR

Railway Likely Under New Control in Few Days.

Windsor, Jan. 2.—Arrangements
have been completed in the offices of
the Hydro radial commission at To-
ronto for the transfer of the local street
railways and the service of the local
under the new management within a
fortnight or less. Any necessary
order-in-council will be issued by the
Ontario government at its next meet-
ing. The public of the border towns
await the change with interest; they
expect a number of improvements in
the way of equipment to be in service
at an early date. They are also
anxious to know about fares.

Work, Order and Discipline Necessary, Says King Albert

Brussels, Jan. 2.—Responding to a
New Year's address by the president
of the senate, King Albert emphasized
the necessity for a solidly organized
army, and expressed his confidence in
the future. The king said that Bol-
shevism had demonstrated that no-
thing stable could be obtained without
work, order and discipline.

Believed to Be Attempt to Force Withdrawal of Order Requiring Permits.

Dublin, Jan. 2.—The smashing of
seven motor cars within the past two
days and serious attacks on automo-
bile drivers is believed to be the work
of striking motor vehicle drivers who,
it is reported, are attempting to force
the government to abandon its order
requiring motorists to obtain permits
to operate their cars.

POSTOFFICE RAIDED

The Limerick postoffice was raided
about midnight last night by twenty-
masked and armed men, who seized
several thousand pounds in cash and
money orders. The postoffice staff,
including twelve persons, was held
up until the pillage was completed.
The employees were then warned not
to attempt to follow the raiders, who
were from the subject of petrol to the
are occupying the postoffice today.

TOOK AWAY THEIR ARMS

Cork, Ireland, Jan. 2.—The captain
and officers of the American steamer
the Anglo-American Oil Company, ar-
rived here today from New York, pro-
ceeded to the police, who boarded the
steamer and took their firearms from
them. They said that they had not
been subjected to the treatment at
Dublin and Belfast, where the steam-
er previously called.

DENIES STATEMENTS OF SIR G. PAISH

British Official at Washington Says Britain Will Not Borrow from United States.

New York, Jan. 2.—The New York
Evening Sun publishes the following:
"Statements by Sir George Paish,
ambassador of the London Statist, upon
his arrival in this country, that Europe
is in dire need of a 'staggering loan'
by the United States do not express
the views of the British government,
nor of responsible opinion in England."
The "toll" in conviction.
"Great Britain is not asked, and
will not ask, further loans from the
United States, and these reports that
the British government is carrying out
when he sails for Southampton to-
morrow the promise of the administra-
tion for a loan of \$13,000,000,000, or
a similar sum, have no basis in fact.
They are absolutely false."

PANAMA CANAL TRAFFIC BEST IN ITS HISTORY

Panama, Jan. 2.—Traffic thru the
Panama Canal in 1919 exceeded that
of any previous year. Two thousand
three hundred and ninety-six ships
of 7,125,000 net tons, in addition to
naval ships, displacing 1,000,000 tons,
passed thru the waterway. The cargo
of the merchant ships amount-
ed to 7,711,000 tons.
The tolls collected amounted to
\$291,373 for December and \$4,973,000
for the year.

ORGANIZED THIEFS

Motor owners of the county of
Quebec have been notified in an anony-
mous circular that all motor vehicles
will be forced to stop running until
the government order is withdrawn.
Another automobile containing two
army officers, it was reported, late
night, was shot at near Mullingar last
night. Many bullets hit the car, but
the occupants were not injured.
A large force of military police raided
a music shop in Dublin this after-
noon. The five-story building was
thoroughly searched, but nothing was
found which would be of value. Large
crowds stood by and watched the raid-
ers.

SEEKING TO BREAK SEATTLE DEADLOCK ON PEACE TREATY

Washington, Jan. 2.—Efforts to
break the peace treaty deadlock in
the senate were renewed today as
senators of both parties began re-
turning from their holiday trips pre-
paratory for the reconvening Mon-
day of congress.

ARTICLE TEN THE CRUX

The only surface developments to
indicate the trend of the negotiations
were a number of conferences in
which both Senator Lodge, of Mass-
achusetts, the Republican leader, and
Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, acting
leader of the Democrats, were
prominent figures, though they did not
see one another. All of the conferees
declined to go into details, but they
gave an impression of hopefulness
that the day's work had advanced the
situation toward an agreement.

Both Sides Actively at Work, But Each Waiting for Other to Make a Move.

Who should make the first
move for a compromise, however, con-
tinued to be a warmly debated ques-
tion, each side apparently manoeuvring
for position. The Republican side
under the surface, to force the other
side to be the first to break from its
former position. Senator Lodge still
maintained that any compromise
move should come from the Demo-
crats, and Senator Hitchcock insisted
that the initiative should be taken by
the Republicans.

LABOR TO ASCERTAIN ITS LEGAL STATUS

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—A national
conference of delegates representing all
factions of labor in Canada may be
held in Winnipeg before the end of
this month, according to labor officials
here. The purpose, according to
Robinson, secretary of the Trades and
Labor Council, is for labor to ascer-
tain its legal status in the light
of the conviction of R. B. Russell,
strike leader.

DINEEN'S SALE OF MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS

Today the Dineen Company expect
to be very busy. With the weather
just right for heavy overcoats and the
very great reductions in the price, the
store should be crowded today. Look
over the prices advertised on page 2
of this paper. Dineen's store is at
140 Yonge street.

STARTLING DISAPPEARANCE OF TORONTO MILLIONAIRE CAUSES GRAVE APPREHENSION

Ambrose J. Small, Theatrical Magnate, Left Toronto Office Five Weeks Ago and Has Not Since Been Seen.

The World publishes the following in
the hope that it may lead to some clue
as to the whereabouts of a prominent
and wealthy citizen, who disappeared
from Toronto more than four weeks
ago.

Ambrose J. Small, well known the-
atrical manager of Toronto, owner of
the Grand Opera House, and con-
trolling a line of theatres across Can-
ada, is missing.

Over four weeks ago he walked out
of his office and disappeared from the
sight and hearing of his friends as if
the earth had opened and swallowed
him up.

Toronto is faced with a first class
mystery. One of its most widely
known citizens, a man with far-
reaching business interests, and a mil-
lionaire, has evidently vanished. His
business associates are hoping that every day
will witness his return, and actuated by
this hope believe that business affairs
of some unexplainable reason, have
taken him away and that he will
eventually turn up safe and sound,
arguing the case stands the reasonable
fear that Mr. Small has met with foul
play.

Completed Big Deal.
On Saturday, Nov. 23, Mr. Small re-
turned back to Toronto from Montreal, where
he had closed the sale of all his the-
atrical interests, including the above
mentioned, to a syndicate incorporated
as the Trans-Canada Theatres, Limited.
On Monday he received a mailed
check for a million dollars on ac-
count of the transaction. On Tues-
day he deposited the money in a spe-
cial bank account in the name of
Mrs. Small, the Grand Opera House.
He met Mrs. Small downtown and after
lunch went for a short walk in the
park, and returned to his office in the
Grand Opera House, where he met Mr.
E. W. Flock, barrister of London, who
had been his legal adviser. The trans-
action closed the previous week in
Montreal. He went out on the street
about half past five. That is the last
known so far of Mr. Small. No trace
of him of any kind since that
date, five weeks ago, can be found.

For a few days Mrs. Small and his
assistants at the office of the "Trans-
Canada" had been called upon to
attend to one of the out-of-town the-
atres or to Montreal, and some days
later on, when he had gone from
Montreal, that perhaps he had gone to
York on some pressing business. The
special concern for two weeks
has been a third and for one week
Search Was Made.

A quiet but diligent search of the
city, including hospitals and hotels,
stations, and the like, was made by the
police, fearing that he might have
left suddenly for out of town,
again no trace, and up to last night
nothing had been heard of him.

The World has for some time known
of Mr. Small's disappearance, and of
the search that was quietly being
made for him. Believed, with his
friends, that the missing gentleman
would turn up, or that some definite
word of his whereabouts would come
to hand at any moment.

His legal advisers have seen last
night. They stated that they knew
nothing beyond the fact that Mr.
Small had mysteriously disappeared
five weeks ago, and that both his
business associates and family
were entirely in the dark as to where
he might be, and were accordingly
greatly concerned as to his safety. Un-
less something definite is known in a
few days, an even more vigorous
search for Mr. Small will be set afoot.

It is remarkable that, as far as is
known, Mr. Small had with him at
the time of his disappearance no bag-
gage or clothes other than those he
wore, and it is not believed that he
had much money upon his person.
There is clearly no financial or other
known reason for his having gone
away and one theory advanced is
that Mr. Small, shortly after leaving
his office at the Grand Opera House,
became the victim of an attack of
aphasia, or some other form of loss
of memory, and that, after the found-
ation of this story, is may have
safely lodged in some public insti-
tution to which he has been taken in
Montreal or some other of the cities
to which his business interests fre-
quently took him.

Mr. Small Wealthy.
Mr. Small was a very wealthy man
and as was said above, he had a large
account with large balance; but an
drawable more or less of his money.
Mr. Small once in a while was quite
a spender, but nothing of this kind
has come to light. Some of his friends
thought there might be something in
the direction. A more possible explana-
tion of his absence is that owing to
the long nervous strain of the the-
atrical deal that his nerves had gone
back on him and that he was in a sanitar-
ium. Another theory was that he had
been kidnapped on the way. He has
been known to have received a large
sum of money in Montreal. His mis-
sioning of money. Some of his friends
disappeared and carried off in a motor
car. The theory is that Mr. Small had
never with a driver. He had intended
going away on the Tuesday he disap-
peared he would certainly have dis-
posed of his car before going out of town.

FOR SALE

FACTORY SITE, QUEEN STREET WEST,
SOUTHEAST CORNER MASSEY.
Twenty-foot lane in rear. Light on three
sides. House on property earning \$1,300
per annum.
H. H. WILLIAMS & CO.
25 King Street East. Main 2450.

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TWO CENTS



AMBROSE J. SMALL.
The above portrait of the missing
millionaire theatre owner was taken
some years ago. With the exception
that he has lately worn his mustache
short clipped, it is an excellent like-
ness.

RADIAL CLEAN-UP CLOSE AT HAND

Hydro About Ready to Take Over Mackenzie and Gibson Interests.

The outstanding declarations just
made by the people of Toronto and of
the province for public ownership of
power and radials, under the leader-
ship of the Hydro-Electric and the
Hydro radial commissions, ought to
bring quick action in the negotiations
between Sir Adam Beck and the
Mackenzie syndicate for the purchase
by the former from the latter of their
power and light plants; also their
three radials out of Toronto.

There is now no reason why the
clean-up in this direction should not
come off within the next sixty days.
The Sir Adam Beck is in England
and his representatives of the two sides
are in close touch daily here in To-
ronto, and the issue has come to be
one of what the Hydro can pay for
the various companies and keep rates
to customers at figures about the
same as the service charges of the
Hydro. The World was told that Sir
William Mackenzie was facilitating
the deal; also that Sir Adam Beck
had instructed his representatives to
be equally conciliatory. The share-
holders and bond-holders of the pow-
er and radial companies are also anx-
ious for the clean-up.

The Hydro radial commission has
an option from the Canadian Nation-
al Railways on the Toronto and
Eastern Railway from Bowmanville
to Pickering, to be completed on
Toronto, now that all the municipal
Toronto east have been passed—only
excepting York Township, two weeks
from today—this deal also can be
closed up and men put at the re-
spective construction work almost
any day.

One of Sir Adam Beck's associates
in Hamilton said last week that the
negotiations for a clean-up with the
Gibson interests at Hamilton were
practically closed.

If these two things are settled a lot
of public money will be placed in cir-
culation for supplies and construction
work, and the capital now in these
radials and power plants released.

BRITISH RAILWAY DISPUTE SETTLED

Minimum Wage Fixed, With Proportionate Increases for Higher Grade Workers.

London, Jan. 2.—The long pending
wage dispute between the government
and the railway unions seems to have
been settled. The victory apparently
is on the side of the railwaymen.
The details of the new offer by the
government, which the National Union
of Railwaymen has accepted, will be
announced Sunday. In broad outline
they amount to a minimum wage of
50 shillings a week for the lowest
grade of workers, some of whom pre-
viously have been paid only 50 shil-
lings, with proportionate increases for
men of higher grades. Moreover,
under the plan, should the cost of liv-
ing increase before next September
wages will be increased one shilling
for every five per cent. in the rise in
prices. After varying there will be
a sliding scale, varying with the cost
of living.