

TELS OF CONDICTIONS THROUGHOUT FRANCE Archie Sreaton Home After Visit With Son. PRICE REDUCTIONS Not Yet Noticeable in the Old Country—Brings Back Many Curios.

"Few of the European countries are in a position to make the strides toward reconstruction that we are making in Canada or that are being made in the United States." City Auditor Archie Sreaton stated in an interview with The Advertiser today. He has just returned from a six-month visit in France with his son, Fred Sreaton, foreign representative of the New York firm of Lord & Taylors, and had a good opportunity to make a survey of the situation.

"When one considers the conditions whose production of the ordinary requirements of civilization was entirely destroyed during the long years of the war and realize that they had either to price or practice the strictest economy, one might understand that the available supplies got down to almost vanishing point by the period of the armistice.

"Since that time the exchange rates of the different countries of the continent of Europe have been so advanced that in order to supply their absolute needs they have had to resort to the extent to which their currency had depreciated as compared with that of the country from which the purchases were being made. They had to have raw materials such as cotton, wool, iron, steel, tin, lead, zinc, etc., which had to be obtained from the countries which could be manufactured for export. The only hope of these countries is to obtain enough raw material to enable them to put in their own labor, producing an article which could be sold at a profit on the labor cost. Take, for example, the case of France: They require to purchase at the time a large quantity of essentials from America. The American dollar stands at Fr. 17.45 against a normal rate of Fr. 5.15. Unless France can ship goods to America in a degree which will reasonably compare with the amount of her purchase and until she can increase her production and reduce her importations from America, she will be in no position to improve on the exchange.

Little Unrest. "This means a continued abnormal cost of living in France, which will necessitate high labor cost and make it difficult for her to compete in the world's markets. Certificates of Exchange Tax.

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Sample Lines Half of them regular \$4.00 Shirts for, each. \$2.25 Half of them regular \$3.00 Shirts for, each. \$2.35 JOHN GRAHAM AND COMPANY LISTEN TO THE EVERWELLS

When baby has a tummy ache - We know just what the child should take. MY wife says I would never make a Red Cross nurse because I'm not red enough or cross enough, but I'm surely a first aid to the injured interne when it comes to fixing up baby's tummy ache. Here's the drug store we're recommending.

STRONG'S DRUG STORE 184 Dundas Street, London, Ont. Phone 58 and 57.

Excelsior Harvest. "The French harvest was an excellent one but unfortunately was not yielded as great a return on the acreage shown as was anticipated. This was due to the fact that for five years the men were almost entirely withdrawn from the farms, and the land lacked the cultivation which was necessary to high average production. Women did practically all of the work to cope with the situation. The result was that when the crops were harvested, the percentage of weeds which had grown up with the grain was exceedingly large, and the yield correspondingly low.

It is hard to try to describe the feelings of the French people toward the investigation of the present time, and when one realizes that 9,500,000 acres of French territory were destroyed by the invasion of 1914, and that 1,400 miles of railway, 1,000 miles of telegraph, 2,500 miles of roads and 11,500 factories were entirely demolished, it is not hard to understand why they have taken a very personal view of the present world political situation.

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WOODSTOCK FACTORY DAMAGED BY FIRE. Woodstock, Dec. 2.—Damage to the extent of \$2,500 was caused by fire at the Standard Tube Company works at Woodstock today. The damage will necessitate the closing of the works for two weeks. The company is carrying out operations on an order which would extend over four months.

EAST MIDDLESEX U. F. O. IN SESSION IN LONDON. Delegates Selecting Representatives to the Annual Meeting of the executive of the East Middlesex U. F. O. was held in the City of London today.

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BIG DECREASE RECORDED IN BANK CLEARINGS. A decrease of \$1,176,121 was recorded in the bank clearings for this week, or 2.1 per cent., over the corresponding week in 1919.

VIOLATED THE SABBATH. L. J. Weller, Joseph Salvansky, David Goldstein and Isaac Mathews were fined \$5 and costs each for breaches of the Lord's day act. Two drunkards were also fined for breaches of bylaws.

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WITTING FOR ACTION SUSPENDED SENTENCE BY GOVERNMENT FOR RED-FED CHAPMAN. City Council Will Let Firemen's Holiday Drift Along Till Next Year. Magistrate Follows Course of Toronto Court AT REQUEST OF CROWN Was Charged With Stealing Gold From Local Firm.

Present Bill Provides Fine of \$100 for Fire Chief If Statute Not in Operation By January 1. Pending reconsideration by the Legislature, no action will be taken by the city council in regard to a bill which provides which requires municipalities to give firemen one day off each week.

There is a clause in the bill which provides that the fire chief shall be fined \$100 if the matter is not in operation by January 1, and \$10 for each additional day after that date. The bill was introduced for discussion at an early date.

Richard Watson, a local youth, arrested by his process as a fighter as he walked down Talbot street one night recently. "In fact," he said, "I can lick anyone." To prove this he made an idle boast, he pointed to a companion, Harry Allen, who walked ahead and then said to another companion who walked beside him: "I can lick him."

DIED IN HOSPITAL. Edward Lindell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lindell, died at the age of six years in Victoria Hospital, following a brief illness from typhoid fever. He was 19 years of age and had been working in the city for some time.

BOILER WAS NOT IN VERY GOOD CONDITION. Inspector Reports on Explosion of Threshing Engine. The threshing engine boiler, which exploded some time ago on the farm of William Graham in Ekfrid Township, was not blown up by dynamite or other explosive, but was in poor condition.

NOT TRACE YET. The car in which the robbers are thought to have hidden the city was a five-passenger McLaughlin. It was black with a black top, which was not blown up by dynamite or other explosive of the car was yellow, the other was white.

FINED \$20 FOR ASSAULT. Citizen Pays Up as Result of Pool-room Scrap. Convicted with criminally assaulting and injuring Walter A. Green of this city, a local poolroom, on the night of November 24, a citizen was fined \$20 and costs in police court today.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE. Toronto, Dec. 2.—Negotiations between the City of Toronto and the Toronto Street Railway Company regarding the taking over of the road when the franchise expires next year, led to a advance in the railway shares on the exchange this morning.

DOMESTIC WORK IS NOT DESIRED BY UNEMPLOYED WOMEN. Ontario Employment Bureau Reports Only 30 Per cent. of Women Placed. Reports of all the Ontario Government offices for the week ending October 31 show that 125,213 persons applied at the various offices for employment, 16,775 were referred to positions, and 108,735 were placed in positions.

PROVISIONS. Liverpool, Dec. 2.—Hams—Short cut, 22s.; Bacon—Cumberland cut, 21s.; Wiltshire cut, 22s.; crack bellies, 21s.; short crack bellies, 19s.; shoulders, square, 16s. 6d. New York, 6s. Lard—Refined, 16s. 6d.; unrefined, 15s. 6d.

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D'ANNUNZIO'S LITTLE ARMY IS PREPARING TO FIGHT TO FINISH Italian Fleet Manoeuvres in Bay Before Fiume. CUT COMMUNICATIONS Followers of Soldier-Poet Are Taking Their Position Very Seriously.

Some of d'Annunzio's soldiers on the shore emptied their rifles at the fleet, which was strongly opposed by the Italian Government for the purpose of showing that resources it had at hand. On land, Carabinieri were taking up positions along the lines of the coast.

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AMENDMENT IS LIKELY TO BE DELETED WHEN BILL GOES BACK. London, Dec. 2.—The defeat of the House of Commons today night is not a matter of great significance. The amendment carried against the Government is based largely on the fact that the bill goes back to the House of Commons.

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TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE. 475 Abitibi 52 1/2 Russell 70 1/2 Am Coy 49 1/2 Sawyer 15 1/2 Am pd. 45 1/2 do pd. 45 Ames 48 1/2 S. W. 122 1/2 A. Sales 7 1/2 do pd. 97 A. Sugar 22 1/2 Spanish 132 A. Steel 29 1/2 do pd. 88 1/2 B. Tel. 100 1/2 do pd. 89 B. Oil 95 1/2 do pd. 84 C. Bread 20 1/2 Tor. Ry. 52 1/2 C. P. 134 1/2 do pd. 125 C. P. 134 1/2 do pd. 125 C. P. 134 1/2 do pd. 125 C. P. 134 1/2 do pd. 125

MONITOR. High, Low, Noon. 475 Abitibi 52 1/2 Atlantic Sugar 21 3/4 22 1/4 23 1/4 55 B. C. Flushing 40 38 39 2 F. N. Burt, pd. 95 90 10 General Electric 95 8 Mackay 70 70 70 8 Maple Leaf 17 1/2 17 1/2 185 Smelters 17 1/2 17 1/2 78 Steel of Canada 51 1/2 51 1/2 78 Toronto Railway 65 62 62 Banks, etc. 114 114 114 20 Commerce 140 139 139 52 Unio Arust, ris 4 1/2 4 1/2 10000 War Loan 122 1/2 8 1/2 1600 do 103 1/2 8 1/2 8 1/2 1650 do 137 1/2 9 1/2 6190 Victory 123 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 2250 do 102 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 2140 do 123 1/2 9 1/2 2280 do 103 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 6200 do 107 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 390 Brompton 57 1/2 55 1/2 10 Holly 57 1/2 57 1/2 50 Brewster 57 1/2 57 1/2 57 1/2

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Closing: Bar gold, 117s 4d per ounce. Star silver, 48s 6d per ounce. MONEY. London, Dec. 2.—Closing: Money, 4 1/2 per cent. Discount rates—Short bills, 6 1/2 per cent; three months, 6 1/2 per cent; Gold premiums at Lisbon, 140. OILS. London, Dec. 2.—Closing: Calcutta Landed, £26 10s. Lined Oil—48s 9d. Spot—25s 0d. Petroleum—American refined, 2s 3 1/2d; spirits, 2s 4 1/2d. Turpentine—10s. Rosin—American strained, 4s; type G, 4s. Tallow—Australian, 6s. Liverpool, Dec. 2.—Turpentine Spirits—100s. Common, 40s. Petroleum—Refined, 2s 3 1/2d. War Kerosene—No. 2, 2s 4d.

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Lumbaro. Like rheumatism is caused by poisons left in the blood by defective kidney action. Correct this condition by using Dr. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills. 25c. a box, all dealers.

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