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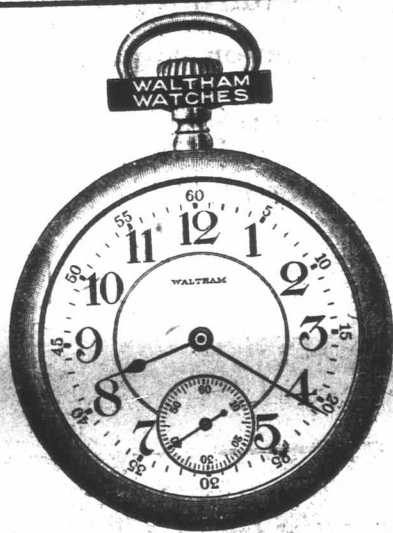
Vladivostock, Dec. 23.—British and French officers have so far managed to prevent a clash between the Semenov and Kolchak forces here, but no definite results as to adjusting the trouble has yet been reached.

The situation at Omsk is obscure but efforts are being made by the

powers to prevent further disorder there. Traffic over the Trans-Siberian railway is disorganized and only special trains are able to reach Omsk.

FRENCH THREW PONTOON BRIDGE ACROSS RHINE BUILT IN FIVE HOURS

Mayence, Dec. 23.—The French threw a pontoon bridge across the Rhine at Nierstein on Friday. This bridge, which is over 1,000 feet in length, was built in five hours



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Brandon, March 1919

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\$1,600.00 for the Boys' Fat Calf Competitions.

\$1,200.00 for calves of 1918, to be shown in 1919. The boy must have cared for and fed this animal at least four months before the date of the Show.

\$400.00 for the Boys' Steer Class. Open to boys who have competed in the Boys' Fat Calf Competition in previous years, and to steers calved in 1917.

Every farm boy in the Brandon district ought to have an entry in the Boys' Calf and Steer Show.

Select your calves and steers now.

W. I. SMALE, Secretary.



The Kaiser to Gerard, "After the war I will stand no nonsense from America." One of the big scenes in "My Four Years in Germany," at the Strand Theatre, January 1st to 4th.

AT STRAND THEATRE

The screen version of Ambassador Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany," will be shown at the Strand Theatre, Brandon, for four days, commencing January 1st. The picture begins with the Zabrinski incident and ends with the Ambassador asking for his passport.

Those who read the book will find that the main incidents of the story of the intrigue and German perfidy shown with lifelike detail. The chief characters in this great world drama are drawn with truth, and the story is held together with fine touches of the art of picture making. There are shown numerous audiences with the Kaiser, and real German bluster is seen in the war lord's threat to the ambassador: "After this war Germany will stand for no nonsense from the United States." There is also pictured the Tontonic boast that America won't fight—a boast that has been made childish by the present appearance of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers in France.

Other pictures shown from the book include Germany's treatment of prisoners of war, the effort to bottle up the British fleet, which was frustrated through information furnished by Mr. Gerard, the brutality of the Germans toward the women and children of Belgium and northern France, and the attitude of the German people toward their Government. At no time is it necessary to resort to fiction to bring out the German character and to show the effort of the Kaiser to dominate the world.

The picture undoubtedly will have a great influence upon all those who see it, and should be a great factor in stirring up the people of the country to look over war conditions squarely in the face. They will have a chance to see pictured many things that do not greatly impress when seen merely on the printed page.

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE SALE OF THRIFT STAMPS

Advocate Placing Possibilities Before School Teachers at Their Annual Convention

The selection of a strong committee to further the National War Savings campaign by the sale of thrift stamps was the occasion of a representative meeting of citizens held in the Prince Edward Hotel on Saturday night. Recognizing the value of teachers in educating the public through the children in an educational campaign of the kind, the meeting passed a resolution asking the Provincial Government to take advantage of the forthcoming conventions to place the matter before the educationalists of the province.

The election of officers and an executive for the Brandon District resulted as follows:

Chairman, W. I. Smale; Vice-Chairman, A. E. McKenzie; Secretary, Kenneth Campbell; Assistant Secretary, B. J. Hales; Chairman City Committee, A. White.

Chairman for Committee for Rural Municipalities of Elton, Corawallis Woodworth, Whitehead and Daly—A. J. Hatcher.

Chairman of Committee for outside organizations—J. F. Kilgour.

General Committee—J. H. Rankin, S. J. Clement, P. M. Ames, J. E. Matthews, Wm. Fenwick, W. S. Harris, F. W. Hobson, R. Armstrong, Dr. Wilden, Rev. Miller, B. J. Hales, Robt Crawford, A. R. McDiarmid, W. L. Clendenning, P. A. Kennedy, W. V. Gordon, J. E. S. Dunlop, A. J. Hatcher, A. White, J. S. Willmott, A. Shewan, H. J. Pugh, K. Campbell, A. E. McKenzie, W. I. Smale, J. B. Kilgour.

The following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

"That the National War Savings Committee for the District of Brandon respectfully suggest to the Provincial organization the advisability of

presenting the scheme and its workings at the ensuing Provincial Conventions of teachers and trustees and of urging upon the Boards of Trustees of all School Districts the expediency and duty of financing the sale of thrift stamps in every public school and to that end that the co-operation of the Department of Education for the Province be solicited."

STATE OPERATION OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN RUSSIA A FAILURE

In 513 Mills and Factories Controlled by State Expenses Exceeded Receipts

Berne, Dec. 23.—Reliable information from Russia brings confirmation of the reports that the Socialization of industry there is a complete failure. Official statistics show that in almost all the 513 mills and factories controlled by the State, the expenses considerably exceed the receipts. During the first four months of 1918 the Government paid out over 400,000,000 rubles to cover these deficits, and has been obliged up to the present to advance over 1,000,000,000 rubles to factories under its control.

Technical experts assert that Russian industry is crippled for many years to come by the Bolshevik regime.

MASKS MAY BE A MENACE AS WELL AS PREVENTATIVE

Declares Medical Health Officer—Inoculations May Be Beneficial

Medical Health Officer, Dr. E. S. Bolton desires to elaborate the explanation respecting the efficacy or otherwise of inoculation or masks, as published in The Sun on Saturday, made by Dr. Fraser.

Dr. Bolton says: "Stock vaccines are no good. Vaccines made from cultures of those with the disease in other parts of the country are no good; that is vaccine from cases in New York are not good for Brandon, but vaccine from cases in Winnipeg are considered efficacious for Brandon cases. Vaccine made from cases in Manitoba was considered good throughout the province of Manitoba. All the vaccine given in Brandon is made from cultures of those ill with the disease in either Winnipeg or Brandon."

"The wearing of masks by the general public is not considered good practice as the masks might be a great means of spreading the disease. The outside of the mask worn for a lengthy period would harbor disease germs which might contaminate the hands and unless proper precautions were taken these infected hands would infect food or the persons might infect themselves by inserting fingers in the mouth. Or the mask, if left on the face too long, would become so saturated with germs, which could enter the mouth and nostrils through the layers of the mask. It was considered that barbers, dentists and all those nursing and caring for the sick should wear masks."

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Telling Mother

Mary Ellen sat on the arm of her father's chair. "Dad, I have a friend who is going to get married," she said, "and she don't know how to break the news to her parents. What would be the best way to let them know?"

The contractor's foreman drew on his pipe thoughtfully before answering. "Well, girlie, it daypinds," he said, finally. "I mind the time when that problem confronted me when I married yere mother. Yere Grandmother Morrisey had an idea that no female was worthy to be yere dad's wife. Now, me girlie, ye know that's a foolish belief, no matter to whom it's applied. Thin ag'in me mother considered me too young to intertain thoughts av marryin'. She contended wan should be at laste 30 before he or she should thread the mysterious an' intricate paths av matrimony."

"Now, Mary Ellen, that's all foolishness. No wan is too oold or too young to git married. In fact, there's a time comes to us all when we simply have to choose a mate, willy-nilly."

"To me way av thinkin' when a child is born into the world there's another wan who's praydestined to be the mate av the oother. Oceans may aliperate them, differences in raviligious belafes may, for a time, kape them apart, the social positions av, their parents may make it seem impossible for the twiver to wed, but no matter what the difficulties may be they will be met an' overcome to bring the two together."

"Dad, that may all be," Mary agreed, "but you are not answering my question. What would be the better way for this girl to tell her folks of her intention to get married? How did you tell your mother?"

There was a pause in this last question. Mary Ellen had often laughed while listening to her father tell how he had informed his mother.

"I suppose I was in the same position as yere girl friend. I didn't know how to break the news to mother. I studied an' studied, how av break it, finally, so I went to my mother an' said, 'Mother, I'm goin' to be married.' Then Miss Mary Ellen, smilingly declared: 'Dad, I'm going to be married.' 'Good Lord, child, are ye crazy?' 'Just what your mother said, wasn't it, dad?'"

The foreman dropped back in his chair, with a sheepish grin. "An' I was crazy," he said, "crazy in love wid yere mother, an' in that particular way I am jist as insane today. Well, girlie, we'll have to think up a way to let yere mother know. It's Jim, I s'pose? Well, that will help some; yere mother is fond av the boy."

CATALANS POSTPONE ACTION FOR AUTONOMY UNTIL 10TH OF JANUARY

Madrid, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the Catalan Deputies and representatives of various cities in Catalonia it was decided, according to dispatches from Barcelona, to postpone action regarding autonomy for Catalonia until Jan. 10th, when a declaration will be submitted.

The Spanish Government have issued a proclamation stating that the law would be applied to all those disturbing the peace.



LC. CORPL. E. J. HIGGINS Who has returned home from overseas. His mother, Mrs. M. A. Higgins, resides at 660 Tenth street.

TROTTER'S GOOD-BYE TAKES THE FORM OF AN OYSTER SUPPER

Members of Fire Department Hospitably Entertained by Retiring Chairman

The members of the Brandon Fire Department were hospitably entertained to an oyster supper at the Fire Hall on Saturday night. Ald. Trotter, Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee of the City Council, performed the part of ye genial host, and filled that position as to the manner born. The fire laddies attended in force and did full justice to the good things provided. Commencing at ten o'clock, the proceedings terminated at midnight, but the intervening hours were passed as pleasantly as they possibly could have been.

What could have happened if a fire had broken out? was answered when the enjoyment was at its height.

Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, went the bell. The second tinkle had not been sounded before a couple of the firemen had sprung around their seats, swung themselves around the pole and answered the call. For a brief moment, the remainder of the fire fighters held themselves in tense attitude in readiness to spring to their posts should such be needed. Ten seconds had not passed before the message "a false alarm" was brought back and the proceedings continued with as much enthusiastic cheerfulness as before.

Expressions of regret were uttered respecting the retirement of Ald. Trotter as a member of the City Council and, in particular, as Chairman of the Fire Department. His sympathetic co-operation with the men, without undue interference, was remarked upon in appreciative terms.

Fire Chief Melhuish remarked that in dealing with the spirit of the times such pleasant functions as they enjoyed that evening had been dispensed with during the period of the war, but now, with the return of peace, there would be nothing to prevent an occasional evening of social intercourse as in the good old days.

Ald. Trotter said that during the last few years when it was so necessary to economize, he had to an extent concerned in pursuing a more rigid method in carrying on civic affairs than he would care to adopt in his own business. He remarked on the popular esteem, as a body of civil servants, the members of the Fire Brigade were held among the citizens of Brandon, and referred to the tributes that had been received from outside sources respecting the efficiency of the Brandon Fire Department.

Mr. Dan Sutherland expressed regret that for a time at least, Ald. Trotter would not again be among them in his present capacity. All of those in attendance contributed in some measure, by speech or story, to the evening's program.

Votes of thanks to Ald. Trotter for the entertainment, and to Mrs. Sutherland, were given.

erland, for preparing the supper, were enthusiastically carried, and the proceedings terminated with the rendering of the National Anthem.

LANCE-CORP. J. E. CAREY MAY BE HOME WITH MOTHER FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. A. Casey, 538 Fourth street, has received a wire from her son, Lance-Corporal J. E. Casey, 865153, stating that he had arrived in Halifax on the Essequibo and is expected to reach Winnipeg tonight. Corp. Casey is a well-known Brandon boy who enlisted and went overseas with the Chams Battalion, and to France in June, 1916, with the famous "Little Black Devils." In September, 1917, Corp. Casey was shot gassed, and in August, 1918, he was wounded. Since then he has been receiving treatment in various hospitals in England. The eldest brother of this young soldier, Lieut. C. F. Casey, M.C., of the First C. E. R., made the supreme sacrifice September, 1916. Another brother, Corp. Harry Casey, is still overseas.

BRITISH OFFICERS REACH LEMBURG TO START PROBE

Stockholm, Dec. 23.—A commission of British officers, according to the Polish Bureau has arrived at Lemburg. It will investigate German affairs regarding Poland and also the Jewish question.

BRITISH SUPPLIES FOR ARMY OF OCCUPATION TO GO VIA HOLLAND

Brussels, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that Holland has been informed by Great Britain of her intention to send supplies to the British army of occupation in Germany by way of the coast of Holland and Dutch Limburg.

PERUVIANS FLEE FROM CHILE, FEAR OUTBREAK OF WAR

Lima, Dec. 26.—It is estimated that 3,000 Peruvians have fled from Chile to Peru and Bolivia during the past month, as a result of the crisis between Chile and Peru. Every steamer from the South is bringing scores of fugitives. A dispatch from Ilo, Southern Peru, reports that a Chilean airplane flew over that port on Dec. 21st.

CORINTHIAN WILL BE TOTAL LOSS WRECKERS SAY

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 26.—Wrecking steamers returning to Yarmouth report the Corinthian, ashore in Brier Island, to be settling fast and they predict that, with the Westerly gale now forecasted she will go to pieces and disappear. Most of the cargo between decks has been salvaged, but that in the lower holds cannot be recovered.

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