

PEOPLE OF BRITAIN "STRIPPED TO BONE" BY HEAVY DEMANDS

Have Given Until They Can-
not Give More.

SO SAYS MRS. M. BROWN

Pleads For Aid For European
Sufferers and Tells of
C.W.C.A. Work.

"Over there, we are literally stripped to the bone! As far as giving is concerned, we can't do more. To increase the rate of giving in Great Britain would, I believe, be impossible. Our people who have contributed so generously not only for our own soldiers, but also for the Allies, for Belgium, Serbia and wherever help has been needed, are faced by this situation. Long ago, the Government took over excess war profits. The income tax has been increased so that there is practically nothing left to give. Prices are so high that even in normal times it would be difficult to get along. The question is, are there any people in any other part of the Empire who are not yet giving all they can give?"

The foregoing was the appeal made today by Mrs. MacLaren Brown, honorary secretary of the ladies' committee of the Canadian War Contingent Association, London, England, in an address delivered under the auspices of the London branch, C. R. C. S. and C. W. C. A., to an audience which crowded Hyman Hall to its capacity. "I have been struck in coming back to Canada," she further said, "by the fact that the war is not realized here. This is not surprising. Canadians haven't appealed to the public. The streets are filled with wounded men, and restrictions to keep them continually reminded."

The possible gravity of the food situation in the motherland was also emphasized, and the probability of being hungry much of the time on the part of the people. Suggestions for packing. While she spoke in a general way of the work of the C. W. C. A. at the luncheon given in her honor Tuesday, this afternoon Mrs. MacLaren Brown went into detail in regard to the manner in which consignments of goods are handled when they arrive at the headquarters in Victoria street, London; how the work is apportioned, etc. She also gave suggestions for packing. "The Canadian consignments have improved enormously," she said, "but they could still be bettered by being packed more lightly. During the last journey, the articles looted in an extraordinary way, perhaps in a measure due to expansion and contraction with heat and cold."

In regard to what to send, "Socks are the supreme need," she declared, "and after that, comforts for the inner man, such as confectionery, tobacco, and with these, games to be played in billets, messhalls and football outfits, draughts, checkers, dominoes, gramophone and records. The supplies of these things sent out are almost incredible."

The tremendous amount of exacting work involved in handling consignments at headquarters was described. All "volunteers" by which is meant socks, mufflers, mitts, etc., must be packed in half dozens; tobacco, gum, confectionery, soap, stationery, etc., weighed, and everything entered in the books, from shirts to boot laces. A strict and accurate record is kept, not only of what comes in, but of what goes out, and every month the account books are inspected by the committee. "Wonderfully as the Canadians have worked and given since the outbreak, they must remember that every day their troops overseas increase, and that while a large percentage of the men will go into the hospitals, every one of them, sooner or later, must go into the trenches, and the need of comforts for them will continue every day while the war lasts."

Mrs. C. E. Beuvelink, president of the London branch, C. W. C. A., presided. Mrs. F. E. Leonard moving a vote of thanks to Mrs. MacLaren Brown, which was seconded by Mrs. George F. Brown.

At the close of the meeting, Lady Beck, president of the London Red Cross branch, was the hostess at afternoon tea, when those present had the opportunity of meeting the guest of honor.

RETURNED MEN DELAYED BY DERAILMENT ON I. C. R.

Party of 200, including Londoners,
Reaches Quebec Five Days Late.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—After many hardships, delays and adventures which a soldier regards as incidents of his daily life, a group of some two hundred officers and privates coming back from Europe either wounded or unfit for service, reached Quebec early today. They were over five days on their way from Halifax to Quebec, owing to a bad derailment on the I. C. R. line below St. Flavie, Que.

The list follows:
Hull, Jos. Desnoyers, Abscon, Geo. H. Clark, Kestel, Que. J. Spence, Montreal, R. Becker, J. Choudry, J. Dawson, Wm. Preston, H. Shorey, D. Verdon, Toronto, W. Coates, C. Davies, J. Post, George Freeman, W. J. Bennett, Daniel King, C. Matthews, B. Oliver, F. Simpson, J. Sampson, George Smith, G. M. Smith, R. Williams, Pincher Creek, P. Butler, St. Marys, Ont., G. Brown, Kingston, A. Carman, Smith's Falls, J. Hawkey, Port Hope, H. W. Corbett, Hamilton, C. Dwyer, J. Dickinson, London, P. Daniels, Niagara Falls, W. Harrell, Mill Grove, William Harding, Collingwood, N. Hebert, Frankfort, St. John, Ont., J. H. Lawrence, Paris, B. Leishman, Brantford, H. Macgill, St. Thomas, W. Miller, J. Thompson, Guelph, E. Mason, Panton Falls, P. McDonald, Hensall, E. Oke, Hillsburg, Wm. Nutwell, Boham, D. Petrus, Chippewa Hill, J. S. Stout, Cobourg, J. Vaisch.

SOLDIERS APPROVE OF CHOCOLATE

Letters from the front indicate that all hot drinks are appreciated these days. It is rather hard for them to secure sugar and milk, so they naturally take to ready prepared drinks. The most popular of these is chocolate, which contains chocolate, milk and sugar in powder form. All Tommy needs is a bowl of boiling water and a warm, nourishing drink is ready. Your soldier boy will appreciate a tin which you can secure at most grocers at 25c and 50c. He convinced—try it at home.

NEWS LOCAL

DONATIONS NEXT WEEK.—St. George's Society has postponed its usual dispensing of Christmas donations until next week.

ICE WAS FINE.—Victoria Park rink opened last night. The ice was in good condition and many enjoyed themselves on the open-air sheet.

PAY CAR HERE.—The Grand Trunk pay car arrived last night attached to number 17. The checks were given out this forenoon, the pay car leaving again at 12:25 today on number 13.

PRISONER AT CANDRY.—An official telegram addressed to George Cary, city, announces that Pte. Chas. Buffalo, previously reported as prisoner at Mulheim, is a prisoner at Candry.

GARLAND RINK OPENS.—The opening on Thursday evening of the new Garland rink on Hamilton road, near Rectory street, is announced. The new rink is the largest ice surface in the city. A band will provide music.

WEEKLY EUCURE.—The men of St. Mary's Church, Lytle street, held their weekly eucure tournament on Tuesday evening. The attendance was good and the eucure games provided much amusement. The first prize went to John Kennedy, Adelaide street.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.—Mrs. Constance Marguerite Herald, 98 William street, today received the following official notification: December 19th. No. 10888 Pte. Chester Aldwin Herald, infantry, officially reported dangerously ill, No. 23 Casualty Clearing Station, December 17. Pneumonia.

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS.—The majority of the Grand Trunk trains arrived today, particularly through trains that were delayed in Michigan owing to the heavy fall of snow reported in that state. Trains from the Owen Sound and Southampton trains report a considerably heavier fall of snow than locally, but to the present the company has not found it necessary to bring out the snow plows.

SHOWER OF COMFORTS.—Following the address given by Mrs. MacLaren Brown, honorary secretary of the ladies' committee of the Canadian War Contingent Association, London, England, at the luncheon arranged Tuesday in her honor by the Lord Roberts' Chapter, I.O.D.E., the I.O.D.E. in this city decided to hold a shower of soldiers' edible comforts in Croydon Hall, beginning January 2.

TWO WRITS ISSUED.—Two writs were issued in the county court today. The London Loan and Savings Company has taken action against Mrs. Anna J. Way of Toronto to recover \$351, claimed by the plaintiff to be due on a mortgage given by defendant. William C. Gordon, in regard to which the writs were issued to recover \$177.90, claimed by the plaintiff to be the amount of payments due under agreement of sale, dated September 22, 1912.

MRS. WHEELER MADE HIT.—Mrs. Charles E. Wheeler of this city sang last week at the annual concert of the Burns Club of Akron, Ohio, which was held in a large music hall. Commenting on the concert, the Akron Beacon reviewed the performance as an unusually attractive one and makes the following comment on Mrs. Wheeler's part in the program: "Mrs. Charles Wheeler of London, Canada, was the prima donna of the evening. Her singing of Scottish songs revealed a voice of unusual quality, combined with rare magnetism of personality." After each number she was showered with flowers.

EXTENDING OFFICES.—Work was begun Tuesday on the alterations in the office of the Soldiers' Aid Commission. Owing to the increase in the work of the organization, and the increasing number of returned men to be attended to, more office space has become a necessity. One side of the present office is being removed, and the new office will extend completely across the hall, adjoining just sufficient room for a passageway from the stairway into the council chamber. An additional phone has been ordered by the board of control for the committee-room, so that calls from that room will not interfere with the calls from the S. A. Commission office. Both were formerly on the same line. It is possible that a stenographer will be employed.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF FATHER'S PROPERTY

Roy Strong Committed for Trial for
Stealing Some Tools.

Roy Strong, charged with the theft of a number of carpenter tools from his father, William Strong, appeared in police court today, and on the evidence of two witnesses, was committed for trial.

Mrs. William Strong, his mother, testified that her husband was suffering from an incurable disease and unable to be present. She had seen her son leaving the house with several of the tools in his hands. Detective Harry Down gave evidence to the effect that he had arrested Strong yesterday afternoon following the information laid. The prisoner, he said, had admitted stealing the tools, and had told him where they had been sold.

PERSONAL FEELING, NOT BUSINESS, GOVERNS VOTE

Valuable Alderman Shows Petty Spite
Against Board of Control.

At the last council meeting a certain address on well known for his volatility, went out of the chamber for a moment. When he returned the council was voting on a measure. He was asked to vote. "How's the board of control voting?" he asked. He was told. "Then I vote the other way," was his response. The incident revealed the silly extremes to which a certain aldermanic member carries its sympathy toward the board of control. It was not the business of the city that this man was concerned with, but the petty, personal feeling that existed between himself and other members of the council.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

FUNERAL OF JOS. FITZPATRICK.—The funeral of Joseph Fitzpatrick who died suddenly at the Rosedale Hotel in Toronto on Monday, was held this morning from the family residence, 481 Princess avenue, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Solemn requiem high mass was said by Rev. Father Harding as deacon, and Rev. Father Finn as sub-deacon. Members of the Knights of Columbus and of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors attended the funeral. Interment was made at St. Peter's Cemetery. The pall bearers were: E. J. Ryan, W. J. Connor, Joseph Henry, Wm. J. O'Brien, J. J. O'Brien, J. J. O'Brien, S. Pitt, J. Currie and T. Kissella, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors.

DENIES TECHNICAL EDUCATION COSTS EXCESSIVE AMOUNT

Chairman Silverwood Says
City Only Pays \$28 Per
Pupil.

Chairman A. E. Silverwood of the

board of education does not agree with Dr. R. W. Shaw, that technical education costs \$117 per pupil. He says that the cost is not half the amount. "I cannot allow such wild statements as that to go uncorrected," declared Mr. Silverwood. "The exact cost of technical or industrial education is \$58 per pupil. Half of this is paid by the Provincial Government, so the electors pay exactly \$28. That is a far cry from \$117 per pupil. Dr. Shaw is a member of the board of education, and it will become him to talk that way."

Mr. Silverwood will meet Dr. Shaw on the platform at one of the municipal meetings shortly.

THOUGHTS ON WARTIME CHRISTMAS IN 1916

Written by Will Hawthorne, London Old Boy, Now of Grand Rapids.

The seasons glide, and once again

The Christmas tide, and once again
But sorrow's cloud o'ershadows our mirth
And joy is mixed with fear.

Long years ago, in Bethlehem's cave,
A new-born infant lay,
While angels from the realms of bliss
Flew down the star-lit way.

Peace to this troubled world, they say,
Goodwill to all we bring,
The babe who sleeps in yonder crib
Is Christ, your Saviour-King.

Nigh twenty centuries have fled,
And still no signs of peace;
But cruel war has clinched its hold
With no intent to cease.

For monsters in the guise of men,
Brute lusts to gratify,
Have plunged the world in deepest gloom,
And millions bleed and die.

Lord God of love, thy tears of old
And saints of later years,
Both day and night have cried: "How
long shall earth o'erflow with tears?"

How long before the Prince of Peace
Shall dominate man's will?
Alas to these warring souls shall cry:
"I charge ye, Peace, be still."

On-bended knees, with contrite hearts,
Lord, give us faith to see
Thine agonized world, for which Christ
died.

From war shall yet be free.

ROMANCE AND WAR MINGLE IN CAPT. DANCEY'S BOOK

Plenty of Thrills and Lots of Tragedy
in "The Faith of a Belgian."

Dedicated
to
My Dear Little Belgian Fiancee,
YVONNE.

Her simplicity of grace, strength of character and unswerving fidelity to honor, have taught me to better understand how the women of Belgium have borne, with such unflinching courage and valor, the trials and sufferings which this terrible war has imposed.

This is the war romance of Capt. S. N. Dancey, recruiting speaker, and now with the 207th Battalion, revealed in his book, "The Faith of a Belgian," which has just been issued.

Capt. Dancey, in the introduction to the story, tells how he spent several months behind the German lines "in the guise of a war correspondent" and "before going in behind the German lines saw service in France." His publishers believe that the book will find a permanent place amongst the great works on the world war.

Thrills Galore.

As one plunges into the story he finds that the romance is woven about the fortunes of a Belgian officer and his sweetheart. They are very much in love before war starts. The first chapter asks, "Would the cruel hand of fate tear from her the only one in all the world whom she loved?" In the next sentence her father appears, reminding the reader that even for him she has no affection. It is all for Capt. Vandenberg, who as war goes on, slaughters Germans with such skill as to win him all the decorations. So numerous are the thrills in the story that his sweetheart swoons in almost every chapter, the strain upon her being so hard to bear.

Though somewhat obscured, Capt. Dancey himself "in the guise of an American war correspondent" does favors for the heroine, and wins the everlasting gratitude of the couple.

Frank Wright, the correspondent, is modestly described as "a rather attractive young man." Everyone who has seen Capt. Dancey will realize the modest one of the reference.

Happy at Last.

The story is full of thrills and swoons and "worlds of suffering," as Capt. Dancey would put it. The conclusion tells how everything came out like the fairy stories. The lovers were reunited as follows:

Joseph gathered Jeanne into his arms, and for a moment he regarded her without speaking. And then, in a low voice, he said to her, leaving the two lovers alone. It was Jeanne who broke the silence.

Joseph, you asked me to be brave, and I have tried to do as you bade me."

"You have been more than brave, my darling," he replied. "Your love has saved us both."

And then he kissed her.

Hundreds of Out-of-Town Customers Will Take Advantage of the Holiday Rates Tomorrow To Complete Their Christmas Shopping at the Smallman & Ingram Store



The store is overflowing with great stocks of merchandise—thousands of articles which are now in greatest demand for gifts—the practical, the beautiful, the plain, the luxurious. The concentrated skill, energy and experience of this store organization have been brought to bear to make this the greatest Christmas in our history. The vast array of merchandise displayed will give you an impressive idea of what these preparations meant and of the success of our efforts. This great building is a storehouse of wonders. Be your gift list as long and varied as it may, you'll be sure to find here just what you want. No end of gifts for father, mother, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather or baby, no matter what their desire or need. Come in the morning, stroll through the store; you'll get a suggestion every minute.

Many Special Sales in Gift Goods Tomorrow

STORE OPEN TONIGHT—"CORTESE ORCHESTRA"

Christmas Sale Ladies' Handbags, 59c

Leather Bags of fine Crepe Seal Grain, with neat nickel frame, coin purse and hanging mirror, moire lined, a limited quantity. On sale Thursday...59c

ROLLED GOLD BRACELETS, \$1.19

18 only Rolled Gold Plate Extension Bracelets, in Roman or polished finish; these are regular \$2.00 bracelets. Thursday sale...\$1.19

WOOL SCARFS, 68c

39 only Wool Scarfs in assorted colors, brushed wool; dollar scarfs, 39 only. To clear tomorrow at...68c each

BOUDOIR CAPS, 39c

12 dozen Fancy Boudoir Caps, fancy all-over lace with shadow lace trim, trimmed with satin ribbon, in sky, pink, helio and white; 50c line of caps. Thursday sale...39c each

At The

Soda Fountain

Special menu of hot drinks, ice cream and luncheonettes, morning, afternoon and evening, up to 10 o'clock.

Supper in Restaurant, 5 to 8 p.m.

Grill Service up to 10 p.m. every night until Christmas.

The Biggest Black Dress Silk Value

AT SMALLMAN & INGRAM THIS SEASON WILL GO ON SALE TOMORROW, \$1.19 YARD.

The last special offer before Christmas by the Silk Department, and for gifts this is an excellent make of Swiss Armure Maroo, a rich black dress silk in wide width of 38 inches, selected from the stock. You make no mistake in giving a black silk dress, as possibly there is nothing more appreciated than a silk dress. Smallman & Ingram have made the price for three days within reach of almost everyone. This wide width requires 5 to 7 yards only for a dress. Do not miss this exceptional offer for Thursday, Friday and Saturday...\$1.19 yard

Novelty Bath Towels for Christmas Giving

A pleasing and most acceptable gift in range of choice colored bordered Bath Towels of exceptional quality.

ASSORTED PINK AND BLUE BORDERS, \$1.30 PER PAIR.

This heavy, firm pile towel is exceptional value, pretty blue and pink borders with space for initial. Special...\$1.30 pair

EXTRA HEAVY PINK AND BLUE BORDERS, \$1.69 PAIR.

Today's quotations on these towels, which we purchased months ago, is just 25 per cent higher; make this saving on your Christmas gift; very heavy pile, with Grecian pink and blue borders. Special, per pair...\$1.69

BIG SPECIAL, ALL ONE PRICE, \$1.59 PAIR.

A little clearing lot, assorted pink and blue borders, some with space for initial, others striped borders; pink, blue, gold. Special...\$1.59 pair

\$1.30 PAIR, THURSDAY'S SPECIAL, 98c PAIR.

20 dozen only All-White Heavy Towels, regular \$1.30 per pair, with space for initial. While they last, per pair...98c

50c TURKISH TOWELING, SPECIAL, 39c YARD.

300 yards only, special for heavy lace, 26 inches; regular 50c value. Per yard...39c

A Special Reminder—Gloves

Buy Coupons if Uncertain About Sizes.



This is the sure and satisfactory way. We will make the coupon out for any price you wish to pay; besides these coupons are good for any merchandise in the store in case the recipient happens to receive a shower of gloves—a great convenience for the businessman. Phone the number of coupons wanted and the price. We will deliver to your office. No guessing at sizes or choosing color—the recipient chooses her own gift.

COLD WEATHER BEDDING SPECIALS

For warmer bedding we have these three specials to offer that you can easily afford to purchase with your Christmas shopping, and many will also find them a very acceptable gift.

HEAVY COTTON BLANKETS, REGULAR \$3.75 PAIR, SPECIAL SALE PRICE, \$2.85 PAIR.

Heavy Cotton Blankets, extra well fleeced and used greatly in place of wool blankets. These are an extra size, 70x84 inches; and in pink or blue borders; some are slightly soiled, but particularly good value. At our sale price of...\$2.85 pair

WOOL BLANKETS, REGULAR \$5.50 PAIR. SPECIAL SALE PRICE, \$4.50 PAIR.

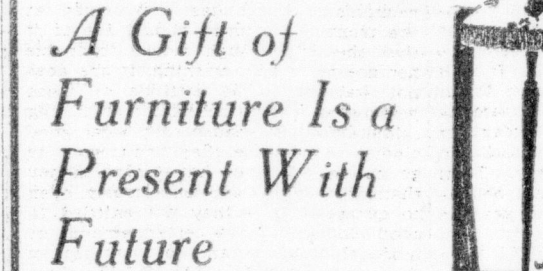
25 pairs only Wool Blankets that should have arrived in August and only just received. We will offer these at a special sale price of \$4.50. These are large size, 64x84 inches, a good quality union blankets, in blue or pink borders.

\$4.00 COMFORTERS FOR \$2.95 EACH.

50 only Cotton-Filled Comforters, extra well filled and extra size, 72x78 inches, covered in our own silks, pure white filling, splendid color combinations, light and medium grounds. Special Thursday for...\$2.95 each

Gift Furniture

A Gift of
Furniture Is a
Present With
Future



MUSIC CABINETS, in walnut and mahogany. Priced at, each.....

SEWING CABINETS, in solid mahogany. At \$10.00, \$11.00, \$16.00 and \$18.50

SMOKER SETS, in fumed oak and mahogany, many designs, shown only by Smallman & Ingram. At.....\$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00

And with Humidors at.....\$7.50, \$8.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.50 and \$16.00

CANDLESTICKS in solid mahogany at.....\$3.00 and \$3.50 pair

CARD TABLES, made good and strong, 30 inches square, covered with green felt. At, each.....\$2.35

Others at.....\$3.50 to \$22.00

HIGH CHAIRS for the little folk at.....\$1.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00

THREE DOZEN CHILDREN'S ROCKERS AT \$1.00 EACH should go in one day. Come early. They are solid wood-seat rockers with arms; just the thing for the little girl or boy.....\$1.00 each

ROSE ICE CREAM, Cut Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee.....25c

Cold Roast Goose, Beet Salad, Bread
and Butter, Cup of Tea or Coffee 30c

SHALLMAN & INGRAM

OTTAWA WOMEN'S CLUB DOING EXCELLENT WORK

London Visitor Impressed With Patriotic Activities of Canadian Club in Capital.

Mrs. R. M. Graham has returned home after several weeks' absence from the city. In Ottawa she saw the great work being done there by the Women's

Canadian Club which numbers some thousands in its membership, and last year raised \$36,000 for patriotic purposes, with a prospect of raising \$40,000 this year. She was shown the building which Sir George Ferley has turned over for the use of the Canadian Club, by Mrs. W. E. Hodgins, the president, wife of General Hodgins, formerly of this city.

The visitor was much impressed by the efficiency of the organization and the perfect system and thrift with which each department is conducted. Soldiers' comforts, prisoners of war,

correspondence, etc. Caps, socks, etc., also saw an interesting phase of the work, a reception for a Calgary unit passing through the capital on its way overseas. At the station, the committee distributed all manner of comforts and also cards, inviting the members of the battalion to place themselves on the correspondence list of the Women's Canadian Club. Beginning early in the morning, "shifts" of voluntary patriotic workers are on duty until late in the evening.

A team room has proved such a source of revenue that from the proceeds it has been possible to equip the building.

On the Second Floor

Many specials in gift suggestions listed for Thursday's selling, some of which quantities are limited and won't last the day.

TEDDY BEAR CRIB BLANKETS, 59c.

50 only of these to sell at this price, blue or pink ground with white teddy or bunny designs. Thursday morning...59c each

SILK QUILTED JAP VESTS, 98c.

5 dozen only, sleeveless, buttoned down front, white, also black lined with helio; sizes 36 to 48; regular \$1.25. Tomorrow...98c each

TEA APRONS, 39c.

5 dozen Fancy Tea Aprons, made of organdy and fine lawn trimmed with pretty lace and insertion, five styles for selection; many will be given for gifts. Sale special Thursday...39c

CORSET COVERS, 35c.

5 dozen only Fine Nainsook Corset Covers with yoke back and front, of pretty insertion and lace, ribbon draw. Sale special Thursday...35c

CLEARING SALE OF LADIES' SWISS SILK UNDERWEAR, 98c.

Cream Swiss Silk Ribbed Vests, high neck, button front, short sleeves. Tomorrow to clear...98c each

Also White Swiss Ribbed Silk Tights, with drawstring at top (open style only), knee or ankle length; regular \$1.75. To clear at...98c pair

Six dozen only in the lot. On sale Thursday. Second Floor.

Chocolate Blanc Mangle in Cup, Whipped Cream, Christmas Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee.....25c

Grapefruit and Apricot Salad.....15c

Peel Off Your Rough Skin

To remove roughness, chaps or any complexion difficulty, the best thing to do is to remove the skin itself. This is done by the application of the wax peels off the defective outer skin a little each day, gradually bringing the second layer of skin to view. The new skin is beautifully soft, clear, white and young looking. Just procure an ounce of mercolized wax at any drug store and use like cold cream—Arist.