

These Are Our Thoughts When All The World Seems Gay

We miss the Boys who have gone overseas, but across the space that separates us we send our loving thoughts, a glimpse of mistletoe and holly, the sound of sleigh-bells, the whiff of plum pudding and our heartiest wishes for the Christmas season and their safety. It was many centuries ago that THREE WISE MEN watched for a star which was to arise in the East, and, though the wise ones have long since gone their way the Star arises still. It fills our hearts with gladness, bids us to forget ourselves in remembering others.

Sincerely yours,

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE soldiers at the front are passing their fourth Christmas of the war in the trenches with peace apparently as far off as ever before. The unexpected usually happens, so peace may well come before next Christmas if this old rule retains its charm and power. The British army has grown mighty since its first Christmas; the old spirit of invincibility remains as strong in the hearts of the troops as it was in the days when it inspired the "old contentibles" to bar the road to Calais. The lines of battle in the west have changed little in position, the British now hold the dominating ground and they are prepared after their long waiting and foundation-laying to carry the war into the enemy's territory.

The Russians have laid their peace terms, no annexations and no indemnities, before the enemy and he is to frame a reply. Their delegates had merely a simple formula, as taught them by German agents, to deliver. The Germans want annexations, so their reply will be interesting and probably evasive. The Bolshevik delegates evidently began to return home after delivering their message. The Bolsheviks are endeavoring to negotiate with the Ukrainians for a compromise. The declaration of Trotzky that 100,000 Cossacks are searching to attack the Cossacks in the rear seems designed for political effect on the opponents of the Bolshevik. Finding an intractable constitutional assembly, the Bolsheviks have forcibly adjourned its sessions.

General Allenby is continuing his advance north of Jaffa, by the Mediterranean Sea in Palestine, and has reached, on last reporting, the line Shekfa-Belutah-el-Jelil, on the plain of Sharon, four miles north of the Nahal Atza and eight miles north of Jaffa. Spreading out his columns eastward and southward of the Nahal Atza, he has occupied Fajla and Muleibeh, Rantieh, and Kheibeha-Kheibeh. Rantieh is a station on the Turkish railway to the north of Jaffa and since he has thus cut this line he will probably proceed to the envelopment of the Turkish right flank. British warcraft on the Mediterranean supported this advance by bombarding Turkish positions on the shore, and British aircraft overhead also gave support by attacking Turkish transports and infantry. General Allenby, with his Irish dash and deceptiveness, has plainly stolen another march on Von Falkenhayn.

The Austrians and Germans on the Italian front-line again broke through the Italian first-line positions, but they stopped at the Italian rear positions, enabling allied counter-attacks to begin with a satisfactory measure of success.

The Austrians and Germans also threw forces across the Piave River at Piave Vecchia, but the allies drove them back across the stream. Thus the enemy has made, another of those fierce lunges at the Italians, and has once more failed to knock them out. His plan was evidently to complete the envelopment of a considerable rectangular segment between the upper Piave and the Asiago sector. He shifted his forces from the right bank to the left bank of the Brenta River, on the Asiago plateau, and then he drove forward with terrific force toward Basso, for the capturing of the upper Frenzola Valley, and reaching Valstagna, three miles down the gorge. Before he reached his objective he had to halt before the impassable Italian rear positions. This gave the Italians their chance for launching a counter-attack, for the proper moment for counter-attacks is when the force of the enemy is temporarily spent. The present form of warfare is attrition, pure and undiluted. It favors the allies, for failure of the enemy to complete any of his tactical blows is decidedly weakening on his military organism. The allied losses are also not trifling.

The Kaiser's Christmas speech, to his second army is mainly eyewash to revive the drooping courage of the German troops. In attributing to the allies a declaration that they would enter Brussels in 1917, the German emperor is following the example of his military leaders in attributing to the allies a false objective, in order that the Germans may claim a victory. They have done this thing on several occasions, as when they lost Vimy Ridge, Hill 70 and the Passchendaele Ridge. It is considered a quite legitimate military manoeuvre, however, to make exaggerated claims, and even to use false information to stimulate the fighting qualities of an army. The Kaiser, it is said, is not of the same opinion as his military leaders concerning the war, and a sort of cleavage has arisen between him and the clique of the crown's prince. It does not pay to make too much of this difference, for it has always formed part of the Hohenzollern dynamic policy to have sons adhere to opposite parties from the fathers' parties. This is for the purpose of bookending the German people.

CANDIDATE DISQUALIFIED.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Bent upon making an effort to get into the "charmed circle," Ernest Duval arrived at the city hall yesterday with the intention of being nominated for the board of control. It was discovered, however, that he was under contract with the city, being tenant of part of the old public library building, and as a result he was disqualified and an election avoided.

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MAYOR BOOKER IN FOR SECOND TERM

Hamilton Nominations Quiet—No Contest for Hydro Commissioner.

Special to The Toronto World.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Hamilton is not likely to have a municipal contest. This fact was borne out at the nominations at the city hall yesterday. Mayor C. G. Booker received a second term by acclamation. The candidates for the board of hydro commissioners, did not put in an appearance, but it did not effect the situation, as he was pledged to retire in the event of their being no other nominees. The nominations follow:

For Mayor.
Charles Goodenough Booker, merchant, proposed by D. T. Brennan and seconded by W. G. Moore.

For Hydro Board.
Willoughby B. Ellis, proposed by A. C. Garden and seconded by T. W. Jutten.

HAMILTON'S THEATRES TO EXCHANGE ROLES
Lyric Will Run Vaudeville, Temple Moving Pictures.

Special to The Toronto World.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Hamilton theatregoers will be interested in the fact that the Lyric and Temple theatres, which are under the control of the Canadian United Theatres, Limited, have switched bills. From now on the Lyric will run vaudeville and the management of James Wall, and the Temple moving pictures, with T. H. and B. Morgan as manager. It is understood that the change was made in order that the increasing number of vaudeville patrons could be accommodated by the bigger seating capacity at the Lyric Theatre.

HAMILTON WORKMAN WINS FROM RAILWAY
William Wood Awarded Damages From T. R. and B. for Injuries.

Special to The Toronto World.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—That the compensation act did not relieve the defendants of liability was the important point brought out in a judgment handed down by Judge Gould yesterday in which a jury awarded \$451 to William Wood, who sued the T. R. and B. for damages for injuries sustained when a car on which he was working was shunted. The jury made the award subject to the ruling of the court as to the application of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

SERGENT-MAJOR PHILPOTT GASSIED.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Sergeant Major Gordon Philpott, son of Pastor F. W. Philpott, is on leave as the result of a throat ailment, which is believed to be due to gassing.

FEW MEN ASPIRE TO BE ALDERMEN

Two Labor Nominees May Withdraw, Re-electing Old Council.

By a Staff Reporter.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Never in the history of Hamilton was so little interest shown in the aldermanic and school trustee nominations as yesterday. There was no speechmaking and only a few returning officers and newspapermen were in attendance. While the labor men named Archie Burns as alderman in ward eight, and John J. Halcrow in ward six, these are not the least doubt that the council will re-elect all the aldermen and trustees will go back by acclamation. The complete list of aldermanic and school trustee nominations follows:

Ward One.
Charles H. Feebles, manager, nominated by J. D. Treisman, real estate agent, seconded by W. G. Thompson; seconded by W. F. Campbell.

Ward Two.
Francis Rad, merchant, nominated by T. B. McQueen and J. D. Beasley; seconded by W. G. Thompson.

Ward Three.
Edward Gordon, 433 East Main street, plumber, nominated by Peter Henderson; seconded by Peter Henderson.

Ward Four.
John A. McIntosh, grocer, nominated by John Buscombe; seconded by James J. Harper.

Ward Five.
Thomas James O'Heir, plumber, nominated by William J. Brennan; seconded by E. Jennings.

Ward Six.
Robert William Shamp, 30 Mary street, painter, nominated by John Feeth and Joseph Ross.

Ward Seven.
John Henry Hodgson, shoe merchant, nominated by S. H. Linn and J. Goodenough.

Ward Eight.
Herbert Naylor, contractor, nominated by Charles Brayley; seconded by George W. J. Brennan.

Ward Nine.
James Tait, butcher, nominated by ex-Ald. C. T. Gladwin; seconded by Charles Brayley.

School Trustees.
Arthur S. Blackwell, seconded by Wm. Barrett.

Ward One.
S. M. Cunningham, photographer, nominated by D. Brennan and seconded by J. H. Horning.

Ward Two.
Hugh MacDonald, soldier, nominated by George H. Milne, seconded by J. D. Beasley.

Ward Three.
William H. Monk, secretary-treasurer, nominated by George C. Coppley, seconded by W. J. Cunningham.

Ward Four.
James H. Cunningham, plumber, nominated by J. J. McEwen; seconded by J. D. Beasley.

Ward Five.
George E. Allan, superintendent, nominated by J. J. McEwen; seconded by James E. Harper.

Ward Six.
Thomas Forth, coal dealer, proposed by Walter Park, seconded by Thomas Hammy.

Ward Seven.
John J. Halcrow, 337 North Catharine street, merchant, nominated by Harold Freeman and James Parkin.

Ward Eight.
George Armstrong, 68 South Sherman avenue, superintendent, nominated by John Nourse and Joseph Ross.

Ward Nine.
Dr. Leslie MacLennan, nominated by Robert Pettigrew, seconded by A. J. J. Coffey.

Ward Eight.
William Barrett, contractor, nominated by Charles Brayley; seconded by David McKinnon.

FOUR IN RUNNING FOR MAYOR'S CHAIR

Guelph Expects, However, That Mayor Newstead Will Be in by Acclamation.

Special to The Toronto World.
Guelph, Ont., Dec. 24.—There were four placed in the running for the mayoral chair at today's nominations. His worship Mayor Newstead, Ald. Westerbly, Ald. Rowen and Ex-Ald. D. Martin. It is not altogether unlikely, however, that Mayor Newstead will have the position by acclamation. Ald. Westerbly was brought into the field at the last moment, and many of his friends are urging him to remain in the running, but, as yet, he is undecided. It is generally expected that Martin will pull out and qualify for alderman, and may do so in any event. Ald. Rowen has no intention of being a candidate for the mayor's chair.

There were two nominations for the sewerage and public works commissioner—John Kelly, who has been chairman this year, and Mr. R. W. Gladstone. If Mr. Kelly declines to qualify Mr. Gladstone will not oppose him.

Commissioner O'Connor was re-elected by acclamation to the water commission. Commissioner M. F. Gledy also by acclamation to the light and heat commission.

There are 25 nominations for aldermen, and the list includes the names of many well-known business men, most of whom have never before sought municipal honors. From this list a first-class council should be secured for 1918. As the names of the old aldermen were re-nominated, but Ald. Steed, Ald. Rowen and Ald. Westerbly may not qualify.

NINE NOMINATED FOR BARTON REEVE

Great Many Also Aspire to Run for Other Township Offices.

Special to The Toronto World.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—No less than nine candidates were nominated for the office of reeve at the Barton nominations yesterday. Among them was the present reeve, George E. Webb. All nominees must declare their intentions before Wednesday noon when it is expected that a number will drop out of the contest. The nominations were as follows:

For reeve—George E. Webb, Benjamin Hunt, Adam Cook, C. S. Bird, D. A. Gallagher, J. E. Peart, Adam Inch, W. A. Crockett.

For first deputy reeve—S. Bird, A. R. Young, John Love, Adam Inch, Tudor Brooks, Adam Cook, J. E. Peart, W. A. Crockett.

Second deputy—John M. Lewis, Charles E. Ryman, Asa Lich, J. E. Peart, Third deputy—D. A. Gallagher, A. O. Smith, A. R. Young, Geo. Burkholder, A. Inch, J. E. Peart, Adam Cook, W. A. Crockett.

Councillors (one to be elected)—A. O. Smith, John Love, J. E. Fagg, Geo. Burkholder, Lees Beckett.

BOARD OF CONTROL BY ACCLAMATION

Hamilton Elections for Controllers Uncontested—New Nominees Withdraw.

Special to The Toronto World.
Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Hamilton's 1917 board of control will also be the 1918 board of control. This was definitely settled last night when the present staff announced that they would withdraw. This means that Controller Jutten, Robson, Wright and Tyrrell are put in by acclamation. EX-ALD. Halcrow, who has been in the Independent Labor party on condition that he would drop out of the contest if the present board of control was unopposed. Ex-Controller Morris stated that he was in the field only in the event of there being any new candidates.

CARTRIDGE COMPANY OBTAINS U. S. ORDER

Canadian Concern Will Keep Running Considerable Time as Result.

Hamilton, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—The Canadian Cartridge Company has received a war credit from the United States for the manufacture of brass cartridge cases. It is stated that it is large enough to keep the present staff employed for some time to come. Previous to receiving the order it was stated that the management had contemplated a partial shutting down as a result of the recent stoppage of war orders in Canada.

PREMIER ARSENAULT FOR WAR CABINET

Prince Edward Island Papers Unite in Pressing Claims as French Representative.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 24.—The Charlottetown Patriot, Laurierite, and the Charlottetown Guardian, Conservative Unionist, joined editorially in advocating the inclusion of Premier Arsenault in the Union war cabinet. The papers are of the opinion that Premier Arsenault is an outstanding figure in the government at present and that the French element has no representative.

It is urged, moreover, that Prince Edward Island should have a representative in the war cabinet; that Premier Arsenault is an outstanding figure among the French public men of Canada; that the patriotic stand he has taken in recruiting and in all matters connected with the war and his position as premier of this province entitle him to recognition.

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PREMIER RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS

Representatives of Churches Express Satisfaction at Prohibition Legislation.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—As a result of the Union government's temperance legislation, Sir Robert Borden was the recipient of congratulations from all parts of the Dominion today. W. H. Cushing, Calgary, wired that at all the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches in that city the government's action was heartily commended by a standing vote. As at Annapolis, provincial president of the Saskatchewan W. C. T. U., expressed "thanks and appreciation of the prompt and efficient action of the Union government in the matter of temperance legislation." The Men's Federation of London, representing all the churches of the city, conveyed hearty thanks for the support of the "Christmas box" provided in the prohibition announcement.

T. Albert Moore, Toronto, "speaking for the whole Canadian Methodist Church, would express the heartfelt gratitude of the order-in-council. Believe me, it sure will meet with general approval. It will help Canada to do her part in the war and bring many blessings to Canadian homes." J. G. Sheahan, Toronto, "Heartfelt appreciation of your action. It is morally right, politically wise and a military necessity. Its influence will reach round the world." Vos. Gibson, Ingersoll, Ontario, honorary president of the Dominion Alliance, "Desire to express to you profound gratitude for order-in-council to bring the liquor traffic to a halt. McKinnon, president provincial W. C. T. U., Alberta, "Accept hearty thanks of women of Alberta. We are deeply grateful for your action."

Many additional messages congratulating the government for having prohibited the order-in-council relating to the liquor traffic have been received. They are all addressed to Sir Robert Borden.

W. Vernon, president; R. W. Ross, vice-president; F. E. Barrett, secretary of the Nova Scotia Social Service Council, representing the Church of England in Canada, Temperance Society and Christian's Association, wire: "Congratulations to your government on the order-in-council prohibiting the manufacture, importation and inter-provincial trade in intoxicating beverages. Your action will greatly strengthen Canada for this her hour of trial and will be greatly appreciated by the people of the Dominion in the recent elections." "Chas. Ingles, honorary secretary of the Council for Social Service of the Church of England in Canada, telegrams from Toronto: "With sanction of the prime, the chairman of the executive and other members of the committee, I desire to express on behalf of the council for social service of the Church of England in Canada our high appreciation of the order-in-council regarding the liquor traffic."

A message of congratulation has also been received from the Finnish Church of Canada, with headquarters at Fort Arthur: "Hearty thanks for the splendid temperance legislation you have just enacted," reads this telegram.

Rev. G. W. Robinson, president of the Toronto Methodist conference, among those who sent congratulations.

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DULL NOMINATIONS MARK KITCHENER

Nine in Field for Mayor—Cross Likely to Have Acclamation.

Kitchener, Dec. 24.—About 100 electors attended the civic nomination meeting here tonight. St. Mary's Hall and Little Italy were packed in the proceedings as compared with the stirring events of a year ago. Nine candidates were nominated for the mayoralty, 22 for the council, six for the water commission, four for the light commission, and 14 for the public school board. The nominees for the mayoralty were: Mayor Kitchener, who was previously elected in 1916, and was a member of the 1917 council; Mayor Gross, who was a member of the 1917 council; Mayor Gross announced his intention of standing for a second term, and will likely have acclamation. Ex-Mayor L. J. Brethaupt was nominated for the office, but declined to stand. In addressing the electors, Mr. Brethaupt made a strong appeal for harmony and good will between the factions. He attributed the progress of Kitchener to the harmony which previously existed between the citizens, and urged that this unity of purpose be renewed with the beginning of the new year. Mayor Gross presented the financial statement which showed a deficit of about \$2400, which will be wiped out by the estimated profits of the water and light commissions amounting to nearly \$6000. The nominations were as follows:

For mayor—David Gross, L. J. Brethaupt, N. Amussen, J. McKay, A. L. Bizer, A. M. Campbell, W. T. Sasa, J. Bell, E. M. Bowman.

For aldermen—E. Campbell, M. A. Muisen, J. F. McKay, H. M. Bowman, W. T. Sasa, L. Bizer, S. Gordon, John Reid, Chas. Emmert, H. L. Lait, Geo. Schallhorn, A. R. Kaufman, Geo. E. Ritz, J. V. Uitley, C. C. Hahn, E. H. Seely, W. O. Knechtel, M. E. Snyder, Louis O. Brethaupt, Rudolph Krug, James Woolner, J. H. Fehrenbach (15 to be elected).

Water commission (two to be elected)—C. Braun, Chas. Cowan, E. F. Goffin, M. Vanden, C. M. Bzeanu, J. M. Schender.

Light commission (two to be elected)—Geo. Eppert, D. B. Deweller, R. W. Bohrer, H. M. Bowman.

Public school board—North Ward: F. Pollock, M. D. Hinder, Centre Ward: A. A. Eby, J. Welton, J. E. Steiger, L. O. Brethaupt, J. Schlegel, Ward East: H. Staebler, W. H. Halliwell, L. Steiger, Jas. Woolner, South Ward: L. Sattler, Ego Oppenheimer, West Ward: C. Amussen, Chas. Ruby.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND MEN APPEAL EXEMPTION
Montreal, Dec. 24.—After this week twelve of the judges in this city will preside at exemption courts of appeal. It is estimated that there are 15,000 appeals to be considered, and if the judges each take 25 per day five days a week they will be continuously in appeal till the middle of March. What is to become of several cases at present pending and those which will accumulate is a matter which is causing some disquietude among members of the bar.

FOURTEEN HUNDRED LEAD FOR UNIONIST
W. A. Clarke Officially Declared Elected for North Wellington.

Mount Forest, Ont., Dec. 24.—Returning Officer J. A. Lambert has officially declared W. A. Clarke of Palmerston, the Union candidate for North Wellington, elected by a majority of 1402. There were 5385 votes cast, Mr. Clarke receiving 3895, and his opponent, James McEwing, 1490.

WANTED AT NIAGARA FALLS.

Kenneth F. Thomas, whose address is given as Niagara Falls, was arrested last night and will be sent back to face a charge of bigamy.

FACES FRAUD CHARGE.

Joseph Campbell, 167 Dundas street, was arrested last night on a charge of fraud. He is accused of passing worthless cheques on merchants.