

## The Continuous

## Cost of War

Understanding the lapse of five years from the cessation of hostilities, 1918, fresh claims in respect of death or disablement in consequence of the Great War were disallowed in England during the year ended March 31, 1924, according to the British Information Service of the Bankers Trust Company of New York. The number of claims admitted for the year was 18,113, of which 4,655 were in respect of death, and 13,458 first awards. The total included 11,788 first awards, a decline of 7,088 from the preceding year and of 28,149 from the year ended March 31, 1922, when, however, the number of claims falling due was much greater. There has been a progressive decline in fresh applications since the year ended March 31, 1920, when there were 20,923 fresh admissions to the list, but it is commented on as a remarkable fact that at the close of the year under review claims were being received at the rate of 1,200 a week.

The approximate total expenditure for 1914 to March 31, 1924 was £2,230,000. The expenditure of the year amounted to £72,230,000. This was about £8,540,000 below the expenditure for the previous year, and £14,500,000 below those for the year, 1920-21. Included in this amount for 1924 is the sum of £6,000 for expenses of administration, including fees to physicians and pensioners committees. The report of the Minister of Pensions states that 1,255 artificial legs were supplied during the year and 1,201 artificial arms. The greater proportion of those supplied was in the form of replacements of previous issues, metal limbs being issued to replace wooden ones. Artificial eyes were fitted to 100 pensioners. One hundred and twenty-four hand propelled tricycles and 127 invalid chairs were issued to "provisionally disabled" pensioners. The establishment of the Ministry of Pensions has been issued, including 115 spinal carriages and 43 machines of special type. It is estimated that at the time the Report was issued, 2,656 pensioners were using hand propelled tricycles supplied by the Ministry, 140 being new.

It is one of the duties of the War Pensions Minister to make provision for the care of children of men who died as a result of their service.

in cases where children are found to be suffering from neglect or want of proper care. The number of children under care at the end of the year was 3,181. As far as possible these children are placed with private families. In addition to the children directly under the care of the Pension Ministry, there were 18,157 motherless children under general supervision at the end of the year. The majority of these were in the care of relatives. The total number of pensions to widows from the time of the institution of the Ministry in 1914 amounted to 244,554, of these 4,441 were granted in the year under review. The number of pensions to children from the beginning of the war to March 31, 1924 totalled 409,867.

## "Snow White"

## A NEW ENGLISH SOAP.

For very many years people have found Kerosene useful for removing paint stains, tar stains, etc., from the hands and clothing. Chemists have tried in many ways to use Kerosene in Soap, so as to obtain advantage of its cleansing properties for use in ordinary household work, such as washing clothing and floors.

At last their efforts have been rewarded with success, and a new soap, white as the driven snow, entirely free from impurities, and containing in soluble form, the cleansing properties of Kerosene, has been produced in England by the long established and reputable firm of Hodgson and Simpson, Ltd., of Liverpool.

This remarkable Snow White Soap is now for sale here in St. John's, your Grocer sells it for 10 cents per tablet, it won't injure your hands, nor your clothing; but it positively destroys and removes dirt, without boiling the clothes. All you need to do is, dip your soiled clothes into water, then rub them well with this Snow White Soap, allow them to soak for a few hours, (over night if you wish) and the dirt will come out after a few rubs on the wash-board. Snow White Soap makes washing easy.—mar.9.m.f.t.

## Diamonds From Resin

Diamonds have long been known to be pure carbon in crystalline form, but what the original carbonaceous material was out of which they developed has been a subject of dispute. Resins contain hydrogen as well as carbon, and the theory of a German scientist assumes that under the conditions of diamond formation the hydrogen was literally slowly squeezed out of the raw material until at last nothing but pure crystalline carbon was left.

Similarity between the X-ray pictures of the lattice structure of diamond crystals and of decalene, a resinous substance is the basis for the claim advanced by Herr Decker, a Jena chemist, that diamonds originated from this material under enormous pressure and possibly heat, during long periods of time.

## Satisfied With Dog's Meal

Westerner in New York Proved He Knew a Good Thing When He Saw It.

A man and wife moved to New York from the West—a sane, conservative American man and wife, used to money and knowing the worth of it, and brought the family dog along, paying \$5 extra fare for the dog, by the way, on the train. They went to a large and gorgeous hotel and in the due course of time the dog needed sustenance.

"Ring for a waiter," said the husband, "and we'll get the dog some scraps."

The floor waiter came and when asked to bring some food for the dog explained with some hauteur that he was the floor waiter and not the dog waiter, but would inform the dog waiter of the desires of the dog. The dog waiter arrived in course of time and the predicament of the dog was explained to him. The dog waiter wrote down the order carefully and departed. Presently he returned bearing a silver tray on which were displayed daintily various articles of food—some vegetables, some meat and a cracker or two.

"What's that?" asked the husband, examining the contents of the tray with interest.

"The service for the dog, sir," the waiter replied.

"How much is it?"

"One dollar, sir."

The husband took the tray.

"Get the dog a bone," he said. "I'll eat this. It's the best-looking meal I have seen in the place, and the cheapest."—Samuel G. Blythe, in Saturday Evening Post.

## Pulling Up the Unpunctual Teacher

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 20.—(C.P.)—Out of 1,400 chances to be late for school in the past seven years one Toronto public school teacher, succeeded in being late 123 times. Investigation had been made of some of these cases and it is found that there are extenuating circumstances in some instances, but among eleven consistent offenders only one man was listed.



## A LENTEN LIST OF GROCERIES.

Ellis & Co. Ltd  
203 Water St.

Dried Erap. Peas.  
Dried Erap. Peaches.  
Dried Erap. Prunes.  
Dried Erap. Apples.  
Jams and Jellies.  
Canned and Bottled Fruit.

## Fresh Cranberries.

Fresh Sardines in Oil.  
French Sardines in Tomato.  
French Boneless Sardines.  
French Cured Anchovies in Oil.  
Anchovy Sauce.  
Bologna in a Borelalese.

Hershey's (in Blocks of 6 tins).  
Finlon Haddock.  
Marinated Herring.  
Shrimps Herring.  
Herring in Tomato.  
Chum Chowder.  
Fresh Clams.  
Dry Shrimps.  
Dry Prawns.

Tuna Fish (equal to Chicken).  
No. 1 Pack Lobster.  
No. 1 Pack Salmon.

Fresh Core Oysters.  
Sardine Paste.  
Shrimp Paste.  
Anchovy Paste.  
Bologna Paste.  
Salmon Paste.

## Fresh Herring.

Fresh Smoked Kippers.  
Smoked Salmon Fillets.  
Finlon Haddock.  
Lahador Herring.  
Fresh Frozen Cod.

## Fresh Blue Point Oysters.

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## Cast Into Sea, Wife Alleges

Says Mate Threw Her Overboard On Bridal Tour, Knowing She Could Not Swim.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—Declaring that her husband tried to drown her in a shark-infested ocean, near Honolulu, Mrs. Elaine Bulloch brought suit for separate maintenance in superior court against George Bulloch, Jr., of Pasadena, who is engaged in the practice of electro-physio therapy.

The Bullochs were married in Honolulu, April 21, 1924, and separated on November 19, same year. The wife charges extreme inhuman treatment. Two weeks after their marriage, she said, her husband took her to Miami Beach, thirty-one miles from Honolulu, where they arrived after dark.

## Infested With Sharks.

The beach was deserted, she said, and known to be unsafe for bathing, as two school teachers had been drowned there a short time before. The sea was said to be infested with sharks.

Mrs. Bulloch declared that although she was unable to swim, her husband forced her into a bathing suit, picked

her up against her will and threw her bodily into the ocean. The breakers were high, she said, and she struggled, and was finally washed back on the beach.

Her husband then picked her up again and threw her back into the ocean and she was a second time washed ashore. She clung to her husband and begged him not to drown her, telling him she had thousands of dollars hidden in her trunk at that hotel, she would give him if he would not throw her into the water again, she said.

## Searched Her Trunks.

The next evening, she asserted, her husband searched her trunk in an attempt to locate the money. Shortly prior to their leaving Honolulu, the wife charges, her husband informed her he knew how to put poison in her food that would kill her without his being detected.

After forcing her to wire relatives for money, and receiving \$400 from his wife, on June 30, last, the husband deserted her in Honolulu, leaving her destitute with a number of unpaid bills.

Cheese dreams make an appetizing Sunday supper dish. They can be tried in the chafing dish on both sides until brown.

Relieve That HEADACHE MUSTEROLE Gently Rub With

## SNOODLES



## Colored Camouflage Clears Complexions.



## By CY HUNGERFORD

## The "Fifth Avenue" Store

Announces the arrival of its first consignment of

## SPRING HATS

This consignment of Hats is a fascinating selection of all the best models for Spring, 1925. It includes Sports, Ready-to-Wear, and Dress Hats of large and small shapes, including some very chic little "Bonnet" Styles. Also a small selection of exclusive designs, in black and dark colors, for Matrons' wear.

The Prices range from

\$2.90 \$3.90 \$4.90

These Hats are now on display in our Store.

314 Water Street, St. John's

## Little Jack Rabbit by David Cory

Now let me think a minute or three. Didn't Little Jack Rabbit in the last story hope to find Blue Bird in the morning?

Well, I guess he did, for no sooner had he hopped out on the Sunny Meadow than he looked here and there and everywhere for that pretty bird. There were still patches of snow in the hollows and along the Old Rail Fence, but the ice over the Bubbling Brook had melted, and that merry little stream was bubbling over its banks, making shallow ponds in the low, marshy places. In the treetops the crows were calling to one another: "Caw, caw, caw!" and Bobbie Redstart was hopping about over the soggy grass.

"Oh, I'm so happy I could shout," cried the bunny boy, skipping about.

Yes, sir, Spring had come, although there was still a chill in the air. The brown bark of the wild cherry trees had been washed by the South rain, and the pale, olive green of the willows shone in the sunlight. Up the Old Cow Path hopped the bunny boy, his knapsack bouncing up and down on his back and his red striped candy cane swinging from his left paw.

"Some of the flowers must be out," he thought, as he stopped on the hillside. Sure enough, right at his feet,

in the midst of a cluster of leaves, smiled a furry blossom, a purple hepatica just opening under the warm rays of Mr. Happy Sun.

"Hurrah!" shouted the little rabbit, and the next moment Blue Bird caroled from a fence rail. Yes, there he sat, this little messenger of spring, in his bright blue coat of feathers.

Spring is here, spring is here, Loveliest time of all the year. Gone the chilly wind and snow, Soon will come the summer's glow.

"Oh, I'm so happy," cried the little rabbit, and the next minute down from the sky flew Blue Bird's mate.

"Cheerily we, cheerily we," they caroled. Such a gentle, sweet song.

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It filed the heart of the little rabbit with happiness, so different was it from the Great Horned Owl's screech of the night before.

Then away hopped the bunny boy along the bank of the Bubbling Brook where the willow catkins were peeking forth from their brown sheaths to find the warm sunlight of the spring day.

"Cheerily we, cheerily we," caroled the Blue Birds, for they knew that spring had come. What cared they if the nights were cold and they must seek shelter in the cedar swamp. Gentle Miss South Wind had given them a promise that she would bring sweet Mistress Spring. Even Mrs. Great Horned Owl knew that it was time to lay two eggs in the empty crow's nest. And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.

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## Just Folks.

By EDGAR GUEST.

## WHY FATHERS BOAST.

Little girl, just half past two, With those laughing eyes of blue, And that smirk of mirth and gladness, And that flash of mischief, too; Can you tell just what your dad is Thinking of, just now glad is, That old heart of his this minute To be looking down on you?

Other little girls have eyes Just as sparkling with surprise, There are countless other babies Just as mischievous and wise; But to me I swear 'tis true, Not another one would do, There's no baby in this wide-world Quite so wonderful as you!

You have something, I suppose, Not another baby knows, I could pick you from ten millions By the ripples on your toes, By that something extra fine, I should say almost divine, That radiant lovely spirit, I should know that you were mine!

Little girl, just half past two, Though I boast the charms of you, That is something every other Doting daddy here will do; Just as I fill up with pride, Every daddy, fat and wide, With the baby God has sent him, Is supremely satisfied.

So I'm telling this to you, Little girl, just half past two, That you'll not grow over boastful Of the foolish things I do; North and south, and east and west, By this fancy we're possessed, Every dad, the world-wide over, Thinks his babe the very best.

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