

ODDS OF 4 TO 1 AGAINST PEACE BY JUNE 30, 1917

Insurance Issued on London Market
Equivalent to This.

London, Dec. 20.—The Times says that a rate of 20 per cent was paid yesterday in the London market for insurance, providing for payment of a claim, should peace be declared by June 30 next.

This is equivalent to odds of 4 to 1 against.

BLAZE AT HIGHGATE

Overheated Stovepipe Destroys Home of Byron Harris.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
HIGHGATE, Dec. 19.—The house of Byron Harris, owned by William Bishop, Talbot street, was destroyed by fire. An overheated stovepipe was the cause.

Miss M. Elizabeth Crosby, daughter of J. G. Crosby, leaves on January 2 for Detroit, where she will enter Grace Hospital to take a three-year course in nursing.

MILLER—KEYES.

HIGHGATE, Dec. 18.—A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Keyes, Talbot street, when their youngest daughter, Nellie Augusta, was united in marriage to DeWitt Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Miller of Findlay, Ohio. Rev. Mr. Cooke, pastor of Morpeth Methodist Church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will reside at Palmyra.

TABLOID NEWS OF CANADA, THE WAR AND THE WORLD

WESTERN ONTARIO

Dr. Henry A. Lounsbury, the Pelee Island doctor who is held by the Detroit police for the death of Mrs. Madeline Kraemer, is suffering from pneumonia. His condition is serious.

The Get-a-Man Club, with a membership of 1,000, has been organized in Grey County for recruiting purposes. It is declared that after the New Year many more men will be signed on.

Mrs. R. C. Burns of Brantford was so seriously burned yesterday when her clothes caught fire from an open grate that her life is despaired of.

A new pickle factory will be erected in Chatham next summer.

Ingersoll is agog over the decision of Justice Middleton in the injunction over the permanent pavement for King street, and an echo of the interest will be heard in the nomination meetings on Friday.

Alisa Crain's council and town officials were entertained by Reeve Morgan at a supper on Monday night.

St. Thomas relatives of Charles J. Smith, a St. Thomas man, who was assistant foreman on the British horse ship Russian, torpedoed by a German sub, fear for his safety.

Mayor Ferguson of Stratford is seeking re-election. Ald. Monteith may oppose him.

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Dr. F. E. Bennett of St. Thomas is a candidate for mayoralty honors there.

George Sleemen, prominent in the municipal affairs of Guelph for more than 40 years, has been forced to resign from the parks commission and the light and heat commission through ill-health.

City Clerk John Morrison of Woodstock is bringing the laxity of undertakers and cemetery caretakers there to the attention of the provincial authorities. He claims they fail to meet

the requirements of securing death certificates before burial or embalming of bodies.

The oil tanker Ilocos of the Imperial Oil fleet has arrived at Sarnia, after having been held in the ice in Lake Erie, and will go into winter quarters there.

Capt. Jack Creaser, son of Magistrate Creaser of Owen Sound, who was awarded the Military Cross, was personally invested with the decoration by King George.

Cyrus Erb, who died in Preston on Tuesday, had been a resident there for 55 years.

CANADIAN

announced a ten-per-cent wage increase to all its employees now receiving less than \$2,000 a year and having been six months in its employment. The increase amounts to half a million dollars added to salary list over the system.

Seldom, if ever, has Quebec navigation been extended so far into the winter season as it was yesterday, with six ships on the river. But, it must be said, the vessels were having a hard time of it, and for two days they have been having a difficult time with heavy packed ice.

The Mitchell bill, now before the Quebec Legislature, will prohibit the treating system if it carries. It provides for the abolition of the bar and the introduction of the cafe system of liquor sales. Selling to soldiers is prohibited except from 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. A tax on betting is provided.

The Lewis machine gun, so extensively purchased for the Canadian troops, has been rejected by the United States. The war department there stands by its rejection, and has ordered \$5,500,000 worth of Vickers machine guns.

GENERAL

A Berlin dispatch says that complete statistics regarding the fifth German war loan show that the total was 10,698,994,990 marks.

Count Ferdinand Radzivil, leader of the Polish party in the Reichstag, who was interned in Russia soon after the outbreak of the war and was released recently through the intervention of President Wilson, has arrived at Stockholm on his way to Germany.

The World's Sunday School Association has received word of the death of Dr. George W. Bailey, vice-moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in a sanatorium at Battle Creek, Mich. He was 74 years old and lived in Philadelphia.

Puebla and Orizaba have fallen into the hands of soldiers of Felix Diaz and Jalapa is in the hands of other revolutionary forces, according to reports received by United States Government agents at El Paso. Skirmishes between de facto and Villa forces were reported south of Chihuahua City, and near Santa Rosalia.

A Budapest dispatch says that during discussion of the plans for the coronation of Emperor Charles as king of Hungary, the opposition voiced its objection to the proposal that Premier Tisza be the Paladin, who will crown the king. Count Andrássy asserted the premier was too deeply involved in party conflict to be able to represent the entire nation, and suggested that Archduke Joseph would be more suitable for the ceremony.

Advices from Berlin say that Prince Henckel von Donnersmarck, one of the German industrial and financial leaders and reputed one of the richest landowners in Germany, is dead. He was 87 years old. The prince was successful in many branches of trade, including the armament, paper-making, coal and iron industries, and also in colonial enterprises.

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung says that Major Morant has ceased to be military critic of the Tageblatt, and has joined another paper. It is supposed that he was unable to agree with the Tageblatt's attitude during the war.

The Belgian Government has been advised that the villages of the Province of Luxembourg have been swept clear of able-bodied males. The same pitiful stories of sorrowing scenes at the forcible deportation of these Belgians are repeated.

THE WAR

The Norwegian steamer Sjøfina of 527 tons net, and the Swedish schooner Njord have been sunk. The Danish barkentine Jorgen Larsen is believed to have been sunk.

In its reply to the American state department, the British foreign office shows clearly that the British horse ship Marina sunk with the loss of six American lives, was not and never had been in the British public service. Germany said that the ship had been mistaken for a transport.

The Italian war office statement of yesterday says that an enemy column southeast of Gorizia was dispersed by artillery fire.

The British steamship Flimston has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and first engineer were taken prisoner. The others of the crew were rescued. The Flimston, 3,492 tons net, was last reported on her departure from Buenos Ayres on November 18, for London.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger announces the death of Major General Ernst von Zieten, commander Zieten died at Dantzig as the result of an operation.

The French official report on the progress of hostilities in Macedonia given out this afternoon reads as follows: "There is nothing to report other than some patrol fighting on the Macedonian front, where the rains and the fog continue."

BURIED AT POPLAR HILL

(Special to The Advertiser.)
LOBO, Dec. 19.—The funeral of John McVicar, who died at Poplar Hill, was held this afternoon from the family residence to the Baptist Church, and interment was made in Poplar Hill Cemetery.

Mr. McVicar was in his 61st year, and a life-long resident of Lobo Township, and one of the oldest members of the Masonic Lodge in Western Ontario.

He is survived by his widow and a family of five: Mrs. Isaac Zavitz of Lobo, Mrs. Dan McLachlin of Stratford, Mrs. Fred Staples of London, Dr. Arthur of Michigan, and James of Saskatchewan.

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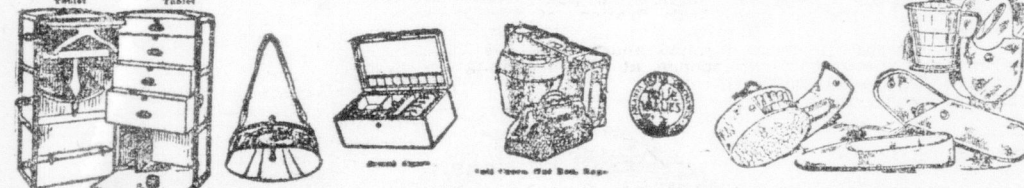
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HONOR RETIRING JUDGE.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—Hon. Joe Ryan, Judge of the county court for the central judicial district, today retired after a service of thirty years. The occasion was observed by members of the bar of Portage La Prairie, who

gave an illuminated address and a purse of gold, while old-timers presented him with a gold-headed walking stick. The presentations took place in the courthouse, the addresses being read by Hon. Arthur Meighen, solicitor general.

CURB ON LIQUOR ADDS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Good of Iowa introduced a bill today to exclude from the mails to states in which liquor sales are prohibited all newspapers and magazines containing liquor advertisements.

FUNERAL OF HUBERT OLIVER.

THETFORD, Dec. 19.—The funeral of Hubert Oliver, who died in Victoria Hospital, took place yesterday from the Methodist Church to the local cemetery.