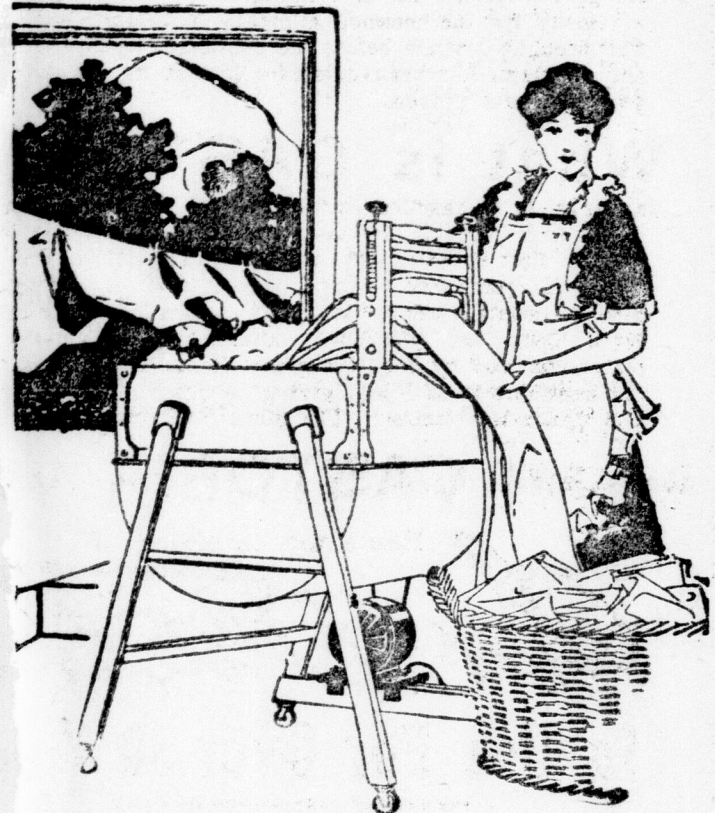


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A toaster makes an ideal present. A percolator to make the tea or the coffee is sure to please.

The Hydro Shop has also a fetching line of grills, chafing dishes, etc.

Call at the Hydro Shop and see the electric ovens and hundreds of other articles which any woman can and will appreciate.

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STRIKE TRIAL WILL BE CONCLUDED NOW BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Counsel for Defendant Abruptly Closes Case.

VERDICT WEDNESDAY

Judge Will Charge Jury Wednesday Morning—Everyone Relieved.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.—Abrupt termination of the defence case in the trial of R. B. Russell was unexpectedly announced today by Robert Cassidy, K.C., senior counsel for the defence, on the conclusion of the examination of Hon. Thomas Johnson, attorney-general of Manitoba. The evidence of this witness completed the defence and at 3 p.m. Mr. Cassidy commenced his address to the jury.

A. J. Andrews, K.C., senior counsel for the crown, will address the jury Tuesday, leaving Wednesday morning for Mr. Justice Metcalfe to make his charge to the jury. Mr. Justice Metcalfe said that the verdict could be brought in on Wednesday afternoon and the jury could get away for Christmas.

At a point where the jury, the judge, counsel, and all the officials connected with the trial were resigned to the apparent fact that there was no possibility of conclusion before Christmas, Mr. Cassidy started the court when he said: "My lord, the defence cannot proceed further. There are many considerations that prompt us not to do so. We do not get along very well (referring to the judge) and still other considerations at this time are yours and the jury. The defence closes its case and I will go on with my charge to the jury."

This statement brought a smile to the face of every juror. The tension of the court relaxed, the severe nervous pitch at which the accused and the jurymen, the counsel and all connected with the court had been under throughout the proceedings, suddenly disappeared and the court, which had heard so many gravely spoken words and impassionate utterances, echoed with sudden spontaneous laughter.

Exactly twenty-five and one-half days were taken up in hearing the evidence for the crown and the defence, approximately 600,000 words were spoken and taken down by the court reporter. The seventeenth exhibit was put in by the crown today. One hundred and forty-three witnesses were called.

WORLD CEREAL CROP SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN THAT OF 1913

Wheat Production Drops 163,347,000 Bushels.

MORE POTATOES GROWN

More Than Fifty Per Cent More Than Last Year, and Above the Average.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—A cablegram received from the International Institute at Rome gives the following official crop reports:

The total production of wheat in 1913 in Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, India, Japan, Algeria, and Tunis is 2,074,753,000 bushels, against 2,238,100,000 bushels in the same countries in 1913 and 2,100,000,000, their average annual production in the five years 1913-1917.

The production of rye in Denmark, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is 352,000,000 bushels, against 380,000,000 bushels in 1913 and a five-year average of 350,000,000 bushels.

The production of barley in Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Japan, Algeria and Tunis is 598,000,000 bushels, against 578,000,000 bushels in 1913 and a five-year average of 602,000,000 bushels.

The production of oats in the same countries is 2,024,340,000 bushels, against 2,402,000,000 in 1913 and a five-year average of 2,333,000,000 bushels.

The production of corn in Spain, Italy, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is 3,126,194,000 bushels, against 2,723,000,000 in 1913 and a five-year average of 2,925,000,000 bushels.

The production of potatoes in England and Wales, Scotland, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is 752,638,000 bushels, against 600,800,000 in 1913 and a five-year average of 755,800,000 bushels.

The production of flaxseed in Italy, Rumania, Canada, United States, India and Japan is 25,340,000 bushels, against 42,700,000 bushels in 1913 and a five-year average of 42,500,000 bushels.

LIBERTY LEAGUE AND G. W. V. A. MAY BACK SLATE AT INGERSOLL

INGERSOLL, Dec. 22.—Various forces are already active in connection with the municipal elections, and a lively contest is predicted. Interest is increased because of the stand which, it is stated, the Liberty League, the Great War Veterans' Association, and the Machinists' Union will take in the campaign.

While it has been stated that the three organizations have united in the selection of a slate the fact could not be established that the G. W. V. A. had made an official announcement. It, however, has been stated that the Liberty League and the Machinists' Union have decided to support James Henderson, a member of the council, for the mayoralty, and James Ferguson for the council.

The name of Councillor S. A. Gibson has been freely mentioned, regarding the mayoralty, but he has made no statement.

Aid to Austria Possible Only If U.S. Helps

Earl Curzon Says Britain and U. S. Have Agreed On Conditions.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Replying to a question by Viscount Bryce in the House of Lords today concerning the assistance to Austria, Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, declared that no great scheme was possible without the help of the United States. Great Britain and France had proposed, and the United States had agreed, that they retain Austrian securities now held as a guarantee of payment of purchases of food for Austria, he said, and America was to have the great pictures now held in Austria as her security.

NO PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY U. S. GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 22.—The American Government has received no proposal that the United States join with Great Britain and France in furnishing assistance to Austria.

Officials of the state department, however, suggested that the suggestion may have been broached to Ambassador Wallace at Paris, who was referring it to Washington.

ONLY TEN DESERTERS IN LONDON DISTRICT

Numbers Run Into Thousands in All Other Military Districts.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The number of deserters under the military service act who are still at large and who will be pardoned by the proclamation of amnesty for military offenders is believed to be 15,000. The figures for the eastern military districts, which were the only ones available today, are 12,365.

The number of unrepentant deserters in the various eastern districts follows:

1 (London), 10; 2 (Toronto), 1,387; 3 (Ottawa-Kingston), 1,378; 4 (Montreal), 3,981; 5 (Quebec), 3,242; 6 (Nova Scotia), 1,845; 7 (New Brunswick), 167. Total, 12,365.

The total number of apprehended deserters (men who have been imprisoned or fined) in the same districts is 13,143.

COULD NOT DUPLICATE THE PATRIOTIC FUND

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—"It would be impossible for the Government to build up an organization equal to yours within the very limited period that will elapse before demands are made for assistance," says Sir Robert Borden in a letter to W. F. Niekirk, K.C., honorary secretary of the patriotic fund, relative to the handling over to that organization of the federal emergency fund for the relief of unemployed ex-members of the forces.

\$57,473 FOR ONTARIO TO FIGHT VENERAL

Order-in-Council Provides For Distribution of \$200,000 Fund.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The federal department of health announces that an order-in-council has just been passed providing for the distribution of the federal grant of \$200,000, which was placed at the disposal of the federal department of health for combating venereal diseases in co-operation with the provinces. Of this sum \$180,000 will now be distributed to the provinces of the Dominion on a population basis, which gives Ontario \$57,473.88. It is further provided in the order-in-council that payments to the provinces be made in two equal amounts: The first payment on application of the government of the respective provinces submitting a satisfactory outline of its venereal disease campaign and undertaking to provide and expend out of its own moneys an equal amount, at least, on this work; the second payment to be made six months after the first, if the federal department of health is satisfied that satisfactory work is being done by the provinces concerned in carrying out the campaign.

TWO ELEVATORS BURNED. EDMONTON, Alb., Dec. 22.—Two large grain elevators on the south side, belonging to the Western Canada Flour Mills Company, went up in smoke and flames this morning. The loss may amount to \$150,000.

YELLOW FEVER SOON WILL BE WIPED OUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Yellow fever will be wiped off the earth within five years, it was asserted today by Dr. T. C. Lyster, chairman of the Yellow Fever Commission, which went to Peru and Ecuador in 1913, upon his arrival here from Havana. Already the disease has been eradicated from Central America, he said, although it still lingers in Southern Mexico and a portion of Brazil.

Dr. Lyster warmly praised Dr. Hideo Noguchi, who was reported last month as having succeeded in isolating in Gray's the microorganism of yellow fever. Dr. Lyster stated that Dr. Noguchi had discovered also that the steegomyia mosquito was the only means of transmitting the disease.

A serum to combat the fever has been used with excellent effect, Dr. Lyster said.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR IS OPTIMISTIC OF SUCCESS

Says Trip to Paris Productive of Extremely Valuable Results.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The visit to Paris by Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor, was productive of extremely valuable results, he declared to the Assembly here today, in reporting upon the outcome of his mission to seek aid for Austria from the Allies.

"From a political point of view my trip to Paris was a complete success," said the chancellor, "in this sense—that a bridge was thrown over the chasm caused by the war which heretofore had prevented verbal negotiations between the former enemies."

"From a purely material point of view, my trip was simply a prelude to a complete success."

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London with 36 miles of track has a mile for every 1,611 of its population. If London mileage were based on Hamilton standards the street railway system, instead of comprising 36 miles, would be a stunted thing of but 19 miles. And if Toronto standards prevailed here there would be but 14 miles of car lines.

Figure it out for yourself:

	Miles of track.	Pop.	Pop. per mile.
LONDON	36	58,000	1,611
HAMILTON	33	100,000	3,030
TORONTO	119	473,800	3,983

Hamilton is regularly served by 52 cars; London by 39. On London's standards Hamilton would have 70; on Hamilton's standards London would be cut down to 29 cars.

A street railway system up on its toes, growing to give a lead to the city's expansion is as necessary to prosperity as a down-at-the-heel, bankrupt road is fatal to advancement. For the sake of fair wages, civic pride and fair play

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