# FAMINE AND FLOODS HELPING TO SOLVE CHINA'S PROBLEMS

## Missionary Says Situation Is Serious Without Them.

At the First Methodist Church, on the occasion of its missionary anniversary, two returned missionaries, Rev. J. W. Saunby of Japan and Rev. W. J. Mortimer of China, spoke.

"The papers are so full of the greatest conflict ever fought that it is impossible for a word about the conditions, risings and rebellions to creep in edgewise in the dailies at the present time, therefore many are in ignorance of the deplorable state of China," stated the Rev. W. J. Mortimer in the course of his sermon on China. "Neither can one imagine the hard task of the missionary to keep out of politics; one can only be a sympathetic neutral.

"The over-population is one of the difficulties to contend with in China. Were it not for the constant rebellions, famine and floods, which carry away thousands every year, it would be a problem hard to solve. The educational weakness in China is great. Girls are almost totally neglected and the situation is a serious one to cope with, and the necessity of more missionaries, schools and funds presses home to those who have already sacrificed themselves to the spreading of the Gospel.

"It has been said of the Chinese in general that if they do not hear the word of God it is not their fault, the majority being only too anxious to listen, for hours at a time to a missionary. Many have accepted Buddhism merely to fill the need of a religion. They cannot live without a belief of some description, and we need more to represent the Christian faith and save many of the Chinese from the heathen fate of accepting whatever may happen to reach their ears first."

The urgent need of missionaries in Japan, as well as an increase in funds to carry on mission work was illustrated by Rev. J. W. Saunby, who told harrowing stories of the hard work of the missionaries and the trying conditions to contend with, and of the large field that is open for workers. Rev. Saunby stated that the conditions in Japan were similar to those in China. To invest money in the mission field for the propaganda of the Gospel is investing "Victory Bonds in the Kingdom of Heaven?" said Rev. Saunby.


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# STRONG MEN HAVE SAVED WORLD, NOT PARLIAMENTS' LAWS

## Dr. Silcox Points to Individuals As Leaders.

## NOT BORN AS EQUALS

### If They Are, Great Men of History Soon Outgrew Such Equality.

"Again and again has the nation wished that Milton, Gladstone and Lincoln were standing among them today, to speak for a great cause and stand for a great principle," said Rev. Dr. Silcox in the First Congregational Church on Sunday evening when speaking of democracy and leadership.

"Study all successful undertakings, commercial, educational, financial, secular or spiritual, and you will find at the centre and heart of the undertaking some person who is in the enterprise heart and soul. To send a Napoleon to Helena you must have a Wellington, to check the mad ambitions of a kaiser you must have a Kitchener. Men are not born equal; if they are they soon outgrow it," said the speaker. "God and nature store into brain a quality and a quantity of power that puts its possessor at the head of things. Again and again in the history of the world one strong man has stood in the gap and saved the world.

"It was not a series of parliamentary decrees that broke the absolute monarchism of Britain, it was Cromwell. It was Tolsty who permeated Russia with the leaven of democracy. It was Shaftesbury who brough justice to the factory and mine workers of England. Walt Whitman was certainly right when he said, 'Produce the person and you have the reform.'

"The rising up of great men who lead great movements is to be traced back and up to God. Personality is not intellect alone, nor is it temperament. It is these shot through with energizing light of the Divine Spirit. A nation is made up by its men and its mothers of men. The little lonely sea-girt isle in the North Sea has been great among the nations of the world, and is greater today. God loves her because she has been the mother and nurse of men of valor.

"At present more than any other we need men of strong personality as those of England have been. Bishop Williams, in speaking of the election campaign emphasizes the fact that this is not a party issue. It is a national and an international cause that appeals to us. Partyism should be brushed aside before the great problems that face us. If Quebec has failed us, as she has, it is not because of her religion. The catholics of Ireland, Belgium and the United States are side by side with us in this great campaign to make democracy safe."

Next Sunday Dr. Silcox will preach his farewell sermon.

## QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

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**Question.**—When the medical board visited here I told them that I was 34 last March, and they told me I was not wanted. I had already put in my service sheet. On the postmaster's receipt it states that we are to keep it. What is my best course. R. J. G.

Answer.—If you were 34 years of age last March, you are in Class 1, and are liable for service under the act, which includes all those "born not earlier than 1883."

You were right in putting in a report for service. The officers were wrong in telling you that you were not wanted.

You will be perfectly safe in sending the receipt as requested, and you will be furnished with a temporary receipt in the meantime, which will protect you until the original is returned.

If you did not obtain any medical history sheet when you were given a physical examination, they may be able to locate it, if you write the deputy registrar informing him when, where and by whom you were examined.

**Question.**—1. I am a farmer and have appealed against the decision of the local tribunal. Can my father appear at the appellate tribunal for me, or must I appear in person?

2. Has a tribunal member despotic authority to offer an insult to one appearing before him, and has the man insulted any redress? SUBSCRIBER.

Answer.—1. The appeal tribunals are much the same as courts, and while it might be possible to hear your case without taking evidence from you, it would seem rather improbable. He might try, and if you were wanted the judge could send for you.

2. No. Lay the facts in writing before the minister of justice.

**Question.**—1. If a man in Category A was refused exemption by the tribunal, and then appealed his case, would he have to go in khaki before his appeal is heard?

2. When will the first draft be called? AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Answer.—1. No. He is considered on leave of absence until his case is finally decided.

2. January 3, 1918.

## ANSWER WEDNESDAY TO KINGSTON CALL

### Rev. H. H. Bingham to Announce Decision Then.

At the evening service in Talbot Street Baptist Church yesterday, the pastor, Rev. H. H. Bingham, announced that he would give his decision in regard to the call he has received from Kingston at the prayer meeting on Wednesday night. After the morning service a meeting was held of the deacons' board, the members urging Mr. Bingham to remain, in view of the harmony prevailing in all departments of the church work, the united support he is receiving from the congregation and the evidences that his ministry is being blessed. Mr. Bingham expressed his warm appreciation, but stated that he felt it was his duty to give the question more consideration before deciding.

**AUTO STOLEN SATURDAY NIGHT**—McLaughlin automobile No. 11436, owned by John Brownlee, was stolen on Sunday evening from the corner of Talbot and York streets. The car is a five-passenger machine. A rear tire was attached to the back hanger on a car. The radiator is covered with a leather hood and the lamps equipped with yellow-colored lens.


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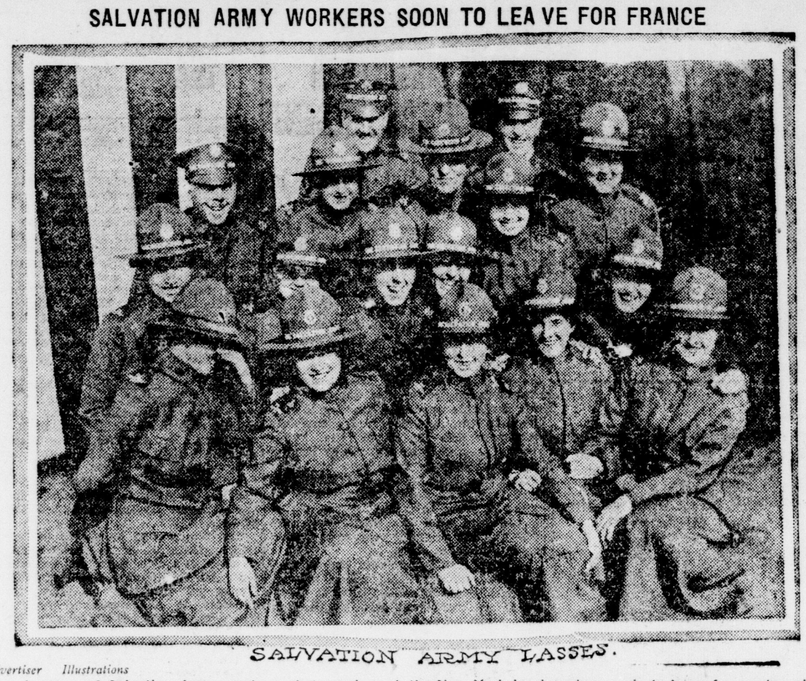
## SALVATION ARMY WORKERS SOON TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE



SALVATION ARMY LASSES.

*Advertiser Illustrations*

A group of Salvation Army workers photographed at the New York headquarters ready to leave for service with the American army in France. They will aid the soldiers in many ways, from holding religious services to writing love letters to the girl back home. The women members of the party will repair the clothes of the boys when not otherwise engaged.

# Financial, Market and Commercial Section

## THE LOCAL MARKET

The quantity of produce appearing on the square this morning was below par owing to the unfavorable nature of the weather. The roads were in bad shape for bringing produce into the city, and as a consequence very few farmers were to be seen on the market during the mornings. It is expected that slow trading will characterize the square for the next two or three days owing to the snowdrifts all along the district roads to London.

The largest number of loads of hay appeared for sale last week than any previous week during the season. It was thought that the demand for fodder would be much easier this morning, but owing to the snow storm only two loads appeared, and these were purchased immediately. Oats are plentiful and unchanged in price, while barley and wheat sell fairly briskly at stationary prices.

Hog buyers of the vicinity expressed the opinion that a slight advance in the price of live hogs would occur on Monday morning, but the number of porkers coming in on the market was insufficient for an official value being quoted. Dressed hogs were offered at unchanged prices.

The market was bare of potatoes and vegetables. Butter and eggs were available in small quantities and at unchanged values.

The demand for poultry continues to be brisk. A few turkeys were offered for sale on Saturday for 29c to 31c per pound, and were disposed of readily. With Christmas just in the offing poultry will become brisker each day and prices are expected to fluctuate considerably.

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| **Grain, Cwt.—** | | | |
| New oats, per cwt. | $2 00 | to | $2 10 |
| **Grain, Bushel—** | | | |
| Wheat, per bu. | 2 12 | to | 2 12 |
| Oats, per bu. | 68 | to | 72 |
| **Vegetables—** | | | |
| Celery, per doz. | 30 | to | 50 |
| New cabbage, dozen | 40 | to | 60 |
| Vegetable marrow | 10 | to | 10 |
| Parsnips, bunch | 5 | to | 5 |
| Home-grown potaoes, per bag | 2 00 | to | 2 25 |
| Pumpkins, each | 10 | to | 20 |
| Hubbard squash | 15 | to | 25 |
| **Hay and Straw—** | | | |
| New hay, ton | 12 00 | to | 14 50 |
| Straw, per ton | 7 50 | to | 8 00 |
| **Fruit—** | | | |
| Apples, per bu. | 1 50 | to | 2 00 |
| **Dairy Products, Retail—** | | | |
| Butter creamery, lb. | 48 | to | 53 |
| Butter, dairy, lb rolls | 48 | to | 52 |
| Butter, crocks, lb | 48 | to | 50 |
| Butter, store lots, lb. | 47 | to | 50 |
| Eggs, per doz. | 50 | to | 55 |
| New honey, pail | 1 60 | to | 1 80 |
| **Dairy Produce, Wholesale—** | | | |
| Butter, creamery, lb. | 46 | to | 50 |
| Butter, dairy, lb rolls | 47 | to | 50 |
| Butter, crocks, lb | 48 | to | 52 |
| Eggs, cratelots, doz. | 45 | to | 46 |
| Eggs, basket lots, doz. | 40 | to | 52 |
| **Poultry, Dressed, Retail—** | | | |
| Spring ducks, each | 90 | to | 1 00 |
| Spring chickens, lb | 22 | to | 22 |
| **Live Stock—** | | | |
| Hogs, per cwt. | 16 00 | to | 16 00 |
| Small pigs, pair | 12 00 | to | 16 00 |
| **Butchers' Meats—** | | | |
| Dressed hogs, cwt | 22 00 | to | 22 00 |
| Fat sows, cwt | 13 50 | to | 13 50 |
| Beef, per cwt | 13 00 | to | 16 50 |
| Veal, per cwt | 20 00 | to | 22 00 |
| Heifer beef, cwt | 16 00 | to | 16 00 |
| Lambs, per cwt | 20 00 | to | 22 00 |
| Spring lambs, per lb | 28 | to | 28 |
| **Hides and Wool—** | | | |
| Wool, unwashed, lb | 50 | to | 50 |
| Wool, washed, lb | 60 | to | 62 |
| Calfskins, per lb | 25 | to | 30 |
| Cow hides, No. 1 | 20 | to | 20 |
| Cow hides, No 2 | 19 | to | 19 |
| Cow hides, No. 3 | 18 | to | 18 |

### LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The cattle trade at the Union stockyards was steady this morning. Lambs steady, sheep and hogs medium. Receipts, 190 cars, including 3,014 cattle, 142 calves, 1,644 hogs and 2,627 sheep. Quotations:

Cattle—Exporters, choice, per cwt, $11@12; do, bulls, $9@10; butchers, choice, $10 50@11 25; do, medium, $9 50@10; do, common, $8@8 50; do, cows, choice, $8 50@9 50; do, medium, $7 50@8; feeding steers, $8 50@9 75; stockers, choice, $7 75@8 50; do, light, $6 25@6 75; milkers, choice, each, $100@150; springers, each, $90@120; calves, $14 50@15.

Sheep—Ewes, cwt, $11@14; bucks and culls, $7 50@9 50; lambs, $17.

Hogs—Fed and watered, cwt, $1 95; f. o. b., $17.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 28,000; market steady; beeves, $7 30@15 50; westerns, $6 30@13 70; stockers and feeders, $6 10@11; cows and heifers, $5 10@11 40; calves, $8@15.

Hogs—Receipts, 37,000; market was steady; light, $16 60@17 35; mixed, $16 80@17 55; heavy, $16 80@17 15; rough, $16 80@17; pigs, $12 75@15 75; bulk of sales at $16 95@17 45.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; market weak; lambs, $12 50@16 75; wethers, $8 80@12 90.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The offerings at the west end cattle market this morning amounted to 1,100 cattle, 600 sheep and lambs and 300 calves. There was a downward tendency in cattle, and prices were down about 25c per 100 lbs. Quotations:

Choice steers, $11 50@12; good, $10 50@11; medium, $9@10; choice butcher cows, $8 50; good cows, $7 50@8; medium cows, $7; choice butcher bulls, $8 35@8 75; good bulls, $8; medium, $7@7 50; canners, $5@6.

Calves—Milk-fed, $12@13; grass-fed, $6@8.

Hogs—Choice selects, $18 25; sows, $16@18 50.

Offerings at the C. P. R. yards were 1,100 cattle, 1,400 sheep and lambs, 350 hogs and 50 calves.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200; steady, strong; prime steers, $13@15; shipping steers, $11 50@13 50; butchers, $9 50@12; yearlings, $11 50@13; heifers, $7@11 25; cows, $4@10; bulls, $6 75@9 50; stockers and feeders, $6 50@10 50; fresh cows and springers slow, $50@140.

Veals—Receipts, 400; market strong, at $7@16 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,000; strong; heavy, $18 15@18 25; mixed, $18@18 15; yorkers, $17 85@18; light yorkers, $16 50@16 75; pigs, $16 25@16 50; roughs, $16 75@18 50; stags, $14@15.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,000; active and strong; lambs, $12@18; yearlings, $11@15; wethers, $7 75@12 25; ewes, $6@11 50; mixed sheep, $11 50@11 75.

### GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Opening: Corn—January, $1 20⅝; May, $1 18⅝.

Oats—December, 72c; May, 69½c.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Corn prices developed some strength today as a result of cold weather, which seemed likely to retard the movement of the crop. Buying here, however, was not of an aggressive character.

Opening prices, which ranged from the same as Saturday's finish to ⅝c higher, with January at $1 20¼@1 20⅜, and May at $1 18½@1 18¾, were followed by moderate gains all around.

Oats hardened with corn. The demand was chiefly from scattered shorts.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Oats opened ¾c higher for December at 79c, and May ⅝c to ¾c higher at 79⅞c.

Flax opened unchanged.

Receipts on Saturday were 614 cars, inspected, as against 1,257 last year.

### PROVISIONS.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Beef—Extra India mess, 325s.

York—Prime mess western, 305s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 137s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 152s; Wiltshire cut, 152s; clear bellies, 160s; long clear middles, light, 160s; do, heavy, 159s; short clear backs, 157s; shoulders, square, 128s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, 133s; American refined, in pails, 136s 3d; do, in boxes, 135s.

### OILS.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Tallow—Australian (in London), 72s.

Turpentine Spirits—119s.

Rosin—Common, 62s.

Petroleum—Refined, 1s 6⅝d.

Linseed Oil—61s 6d.

Cottonseed Oil—68s 6d.

War Kerosene—No. 2, 1s 2¾d.

### HAY

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Hay—Baled, track, Toronto, carlots, No. 1, $15.50@16.50; No. 2, $12@14; mixed, $13@15.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, $9@9.50

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, $15.50

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Hay—Detroit dealers are paying the following prices, f.o.b. Detroit: No. 1 timothy, $24.50@25; standard, $23.50@24; No. 2 timothy, $22.50@23; No. 1 mixed, $20@21; No. 2 mixed, $16@18; No. 1 clover, $19@20 per ton. Wheat and oats straw, $8.50@9; rye straw, $9.50@10 per ton.

### FLOUR

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Listed quotations at Toronto are:

Flour—Manitoba: First patents, $11.50, bags; second patents, $11; strong bakers, $10.60; Ontario winter, 90 per cent patents, $9.70, bulk, seaboard.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $37 per ton; shorts, $43 per ton on track, Toronto.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $11.60; seconds, $11.10; strong bakers, $10.90; straight rollers, bags, $5.20@5.35.

Rolled Oats—Bags, 90 lbs., $4.80

Bran—$35@37.

Shorts—$40@42.

Middlings—$48@50.

Moullie—$55@56

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Flour—In paper sacks, best patents, $11.30@11.50; seconds, $10.85@11; straight, $10.50@10.75; spring wheat flour, $11.35@11.60; rye flour, $11.10@11.20 per bbl.

Feed—In 100-lb. sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $42; fine middlings, $46; standard middlings, $44; coarse cornmeal, $55@60 per ton.

### COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Cotton—Futures closed dull. New contracts: January, 22.47; March, 22.42; April, 22.39; May, 22.36d. Old contracts: December, 20.95d; December and January, 20.80d; January and February, 20.70d; February and March, 20.61d; March and April, 20.52d; April and May, 20.44d; May and June, 20.36d; June and July, 20.27d

### WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 10—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Trading was confined to the narrowest limits at the dull opening of today's stock market. Changes were of the usual irregular character, in no important instance varying more than a fraction. Gains and losses were about equally distributed. A decline of 11 points in American Tobacco was the only noteworthy feature. Events over the week-end seem to exert little influence. Prices hardened generally before the end of the first half hour. Liberty bonds were steady.

Noon.—The market improved later on a moderate inquiry for steels, coppers and shippings. Leaders of those divisions gained 1 to 1½ points. Reading and Union Pacific also responded to support, but the general list made little headway. Specialties were sympathetically affected by the break in oils and relate dissues, yielding 1 to 2 points. Recurrent weakness developed in foreign bonds, the entire french group establishing new low records.

1:30 p.m.—Further irregularity was manifested durin gthe afternoon by the 6 per cent rate for call loans. Steel continued to advance, however, but American Tobacco extended its severe decline, and St. Paul preferred and Atchison preferred touched new minimums.

### STEEL ORDERS.

New York, Dec 10.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation on November 30 last were 8,897,108 tons, according to the monthly statement issued today. This is a decrease of 112,469 tons compared with the orders on October 31.

## NO CHANGE MADE IN OATS SPREADS

### Cash Variety in Good Demand at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 8.—Cash oats were in fair demand, with offerings limited, and there was no change in spreads from Friday. Tough oats were trading at 5c under the straight price. Cash barley was strong, with new offerings on the market. Prices practically on all grades were ½c to 1c higher. All offerings of wheat at the fixed prices were being accepted by the usual buyers. Offerings were light.

There was a good demand for flax, with offerings light. Winnipeg new contract oats closed 1½c down for December, 1c higher for January, and unchanged for May. Barley closed unchanged for December, and 1½c higher for May.

Cash grain:

Oats—No. 2 C.W., 80⅜c; No. 3 C.W., 77⅜c; extra No. 1 feed, 77⅜c; No. 1 feed, 72⅞c; No. 2 feed, 69⅞c.

Barley—No. 3, $1.27½; No. 4, $1.22½; rejected, $1.11½; feed, $1.11½.

Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $2.99; No. 2 C.W., $2.92½; No. 3 C.W., $2.79.

### TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Grain quotations are as follows:

Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 winter, $2.22, in store, Montreal; Manitoba, No. 1 northern $2.23½, in store, Fort William, 2½c tax; No. 2 northern, $2.20½; No. 3 northern, $2.17½

Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 80¼c, in store, Fort William; Ontario, No. 2 white, 76@77c, outside; No. 3 white, 75@76c, outside.

Peas—No. 2, $2.70@3.80.

Rye—No. 2, $1.75.

Barley—$1.23@1.24, outside for malting.

Buckwheat—$1.45; shipping points, $1.50.

### MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec 8.—In consequence of the American embargo on corn and oats for shipment east, a weaker feeling for oats developed in the local market Saturday. The market here closed easy, with carlots of No. 2 Canadian Western quoted at 80¼c per bushel.

Corn—American, No. 2 yellow, $2.15@2.30.

Oats—Canadian Western, No. 3, 80¼c; extra No. 1 feed, 89½c; No. 2 local white, 83c; No. 3 local white, 82c.

### LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 10.—Closing prices today were:

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| British 5 per cent loan | 93¾ |
| British 4½ per cent loan | 86½ |
| Consols, for money | 55½ |
| Consols, for account | £54 5s |
| Atchison, com. | 87½ |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 51 |
| Canadian Pacific | 159 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 50 |
| Chicago Great Western | 8 |
| Chicago, Milwaukee & t. Paul | 45 |
| De Beers | 12¾ |
| Denver & Rio Grande | 9½ |
| Erie, com. | 22½ |
| Erie, 1st pfd. | 32½ |
| Grand Trunk | 8½ |
| Illinois Central | 98½ |
| Louisville & Nashville | 120 |
| Missouri, Kansas & Texas | 6¾ |
| New York Central | 72½ |
| Norfolk & Western | 107½ |
| Ontario & Western | 21 |
| Rand Mines | 3 |
| Reading Railway | 72½ |
| Southern Railway | 26½ |
| United States Steel | 93½ |

### MONEY.

New York, Dec. 10.—Bar silver, 85⅝c per ounce.

## BRITISH AND FRENCH NOW WITH ITALIANS, THE CHEERING NEWS

### Veteran Fighters Have Taken Their Places on Actual Front.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 10.—By the Associated Press.—It will be cheering news to the allied world that the allied forces have now taken their places on the actual Italian front, and are today occupying trenches in the battered positions held by the Italian troops, now relieved for a needed respite.

The British position is around the heights of Montelit, on the upper Piave, where the batteries on the heights are already in action, and rifle fire answers the steady sniping from across the river. The French position cannot as yet be indicated, but it is in an equally important sector.

The formalities of transfer have been in progress for the last week, and are now definitely accomplished, when the Italians saluted the British flag and the Tommies cheered the men in grey as they went for their well-earned rest.

From Venice to Treviso the troops are breathing easier, for they know that the English, with the Highlanders, Welsh, Irish and Colonials and the French are now actually on the battle front.

Reports from the north show the situation in that region has not materially changed, with the new Italian line holding well.

## DISTRICT MARKETS

### Weather Interferes Somewhat With Saturday Sales, But Business Throughout District Was Good.

#### EGGS UP TO 65c.

KITCHENER, Dec. 8.—Considering the inclement weather, there was a good market here this morning. There was a scarcity of eggs, and they brought a good price. They were offered at 60c a dozen, while a few got as high as 65c. There was quite a good supply of chickens brought in. The prices were 25c, 28c and 30c a pound. There were quite a few potatoes offered for such cold weather. They brought $2.25 a bag. The smaller vegetables, such as carrots, turnips, celery and cabbage, were scarce.

#### SPEEDY SALES ON MARKET.

Sarnia, Dec. 8.—Large quantities of butter and poultry were sold on the local market today. The articles did not last long, being sold out for the most part before 10 o'clock. Butter sold at 50c per pound, eggs 55c to 60c, being about the same as last week. Chickens dropped a cent, selling at from 22c to 26c. Beef and pork brought 25c to 26c. Ducks and geese, 25c. A few bags of potatoes were sold for $2.25. Citizens did not stand around long this morning, owing to a snowstorm, they getting what they wanted and leaving almost immediately. The grain market remains firm, with the same prices prevailing as last week. Wheat, $2.08; barley, $1.05; oats, 68c; and hay is bringing around $16 per ton.

#### HOGS DROP IN PRICE.

St. Marys, Dec. 8.—There was little variation in today's market quotations, except in live hogs, which dropped in price. The quotations were as follows: Wheat, standard, $2.10; oats, standard, 72c; barley, $1.10 to $1.15; peas, $3; flour, per cwt., $5.70 to $6.30; bran, per ton, $35; shorts, per ton, $42; honey, in 10-lb. pails, 15c to 16c; dairy butter, per lb., 42c; eggs, per dozen, 48c; home-grown apples, per peck, 45c; imported apples, per peck, 50@55c; potatoes, per bag, $1.75; do., per peck, 35c; turnips, per bushel, 18c to 20c; chickens, dressed, per lb., 18c to 20c; ducks, 18c to 20c; geese, 18c; turkeys, 28c; wool, unwashed, 60c; do., washed, 70c; hay, per ton, $9 to $10; straw, per team-load, $5; live hogs, per cwt. $16.50.

#### FRESH PORK DROPS.

Woodstock, Dec. 8.—In spite of a driving snowstorm, the weekly market was well attended today by both buyers and vendors. Potatoes were offered in fairly large quantities, and were priced variously at $2.25 and $2.50 a bag. Apples, which sold at 50c a peck, were also fairly plentiful. Butter sold for from 46c to 50c a pound, and eggs were 55c and 60c a dozen. Dressed chickens could be had for 60c up to $1.20, and in some instances were sold at 22c a pound, as were also geese. Dressed ducks were $1.25 each.

Fresh pork dropped to 30c and 32c a pound. Other meat prices were: Beef, 18c to 25c; veal, 20c to 30c; lamb, 25c to 30c; mutton, 20c to 25c. Herrings were offered at 10c a pound. Cured ham was 36c, and bacon from 43c to 45c. Cheese was 30c a pound.

Hay is now $13 and $14 a ton. Hogs, live weight, were $16.50 per cwt. during the week.

#### EGGS PLENTIFUL; FIRM.

Ingersoll, Dec. 8.—Despite the blizzard which raged there was a good attendance at the market Saturday. Offerings were plentiful, and prices for the most part much the same as have prevailed for several weeks. Eggs were more plentiful than has been the case recently, but the price remained firm at 60c a dozen. Butter was unchanged in price, 50c a pound being the ruling figure. Poultry was plentiful, and sold generally at 25c a pound. No turkeys were offered, and it would appear that they are unusually scarce. No potatoes were offered.

#### NO POTATOES OFFERED.

Waterloo, Dec. 8.—The cold weather kept a good many patrons as well as a good many farmers away from the market here this morning. The market presented a rather deserted appearance. Butter was sold at 47c a pound, and eggs brought 50c a dozen. There were hardly any chickens for sale. They were sold in bulk, and brought from 16c to 21 apiece. There was a small offering of the smaller variety of vegetables, and no potatoes were brought in. There was also no geese or ducks.

## INCREASED ALLOWANCE FOR RATIONS GIVEN

The allowance given in lieu of rations to the members of the permanent staff and permanent force have been increased from 25 cents to 50 cents per day, and to members of the C. E. F. and the active militia from 30 cents to 50 cents per day.

Subsistence allowance has been increased from 60 cents to 80 cents a day for n. c. o.'s and men, and from $1.50 to $1.70 for officers. These changes became effective November 1.

An allowance of 25 cents for each officer, n. c. o. and men for whom rations are drawn, to provide extras for Christmas dinner, has also been authorized, and will be paid by the paymaster to officers commanding units, to expend as they think best.

## RAIDERS DRIVEN OFF BY ALERT BRITISHERS

London, Dec. 10.—"A raid undertaken by the Germans last night southwest of La Bassee was driven off before reaching our lines," says today's official communication. "Another party of the enemy which attacked one of our posts east of Klein Zillebeke was repulsed with loss to the assailants."

## OFFICERS ELECTED

At the regular meeting of the Daughters of England the following officers were elected:

Past President—Sister Brand.
President—Sister French.
Vice-President—Sister Owen.
Secretary—Sister Penwarden (retained).
Treasurer—Sister Dyson (retained).
Chaplain—Sister Boyall.
Medical Officer—Dr. George.
First Guide—Sister Bowman
Second Guide—Sister Robinsson
Third Guide—Sister Markham.
Fourth Guide—Sister Freeman
Inside Guard—Sister Wood.
Pianist—Sister Henshaw.
Trustees—Sisters Penwarden and Hill (retained).
Auditors—Sisters Henshaw, Cosier and Smither (retained).
Delegate to Grand Lodge—Sister E. Penwarden.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa Dec. 9.—There were 141 names in the Sunday night casualties. The list follows:

INFANTRY.
Killed in Action.
880820 A. Mitchell, Wallaceburg.
Died of Wounds.
850049 E. F. Enright, St. Catharines. Presumed to Have Died.
J. W. Worden, Galt.
210005 C. Filton, St. Catharines.
Wounded.
603274 L. Dereimacker, Chatham.
880010 A. F. Bonds, Owen Sound, Ont.
189488 L. Norris, Chatham, Ont.
Gassed.
757252 F. Bolton, Hamilton.
880729 G. J. Turner, Brigden, Ont.
CAVALRY.
Killed in Action.
113395 J. Mewes, Hamilton.
ARTILLERY.
Gassed.
304554 C. J. Jones, Jordan Station, Ont.
MOUNTED RIFLES.
Missing.
400952 W. Langridge, London Junction.
MACHINE GUN CORPS.
Wounded.
690037 C. S. Clegg, Hamilton.

# SPECIAL PRAYERS IN CITY CHURCHES FOR HALIFAX AID

## London Pastors Refer to the Catastrophe.

## SPECIAL SERMON GIVEN

### Dr. D. L. McCrae Emphasizes Need of All to Be Prepared for Death.

Prayers for the succor of the homeless inhabitants of Halifax were offered in every church in London Sunday. Practically all the ministers in the city made mention of the awfulness of catastrophe, and urged their congregations to help towards bringing relief to the stricken city.

At the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae preached on the Halifax calamity. There was a large congregation present, and Dr. McCrae, though evidently laboring under physical weakness, spoke with great tenderness and power. The text was taken from the first book of Samuel, xxx., 3: "There is but a step between me and death."

"The awful suddenness of the disaster was appalling," said Dr. McCrae. "Without a moment's warning, hundreds, it may be thousands, of human beings are launched into eternity. We pray sometimes that the good Lord would deliver us from sudden death. Sudden death is not an evil if we are prepared for the journey to eternity. But if we are not prepared we might well pray to be delivered from such a death. Preparedness for death on the part of everyone of us is the only salvation, and we all know it, though many of us pay no heed to it.

**Need Practical Aid.**

"The people of our sister city need the sympathy, the prayers and the practical help of every Canadian in this hour of their awful distress. Such a catastrophe compels men everywhere to forget their selfishness and worldliness at least for the moment. At this hour the whole continent and even nations beyond stand with bowed heads mourning with the people of this historic city by the sea in their great sorrow."

Dr. McCrae commended highly the prompt action of the authorities of London, of the county of Middlesex, and of the other sections of Canada. In his judgment there was nothing finer in human history than the prompt, practical and generous sympathy of the cities, the Government and the people of the United States. One good thing that has come out of this awful war was that it has made the people of Canada, and the people of the United States one great brotherhood.

Dr. McCrae praised President Wilson unstintedly. He had been blamed for not entering the war sooner. Everyone knew now that had he declared war on Germany two years sooner he would have rent the great republic in twain, and would have been helpless as Britain's ally. By his wise and farseeing statesmanship, he had united his country as one man, and then entered on the conflict as Britain's mightiest ally in this stupendous struggle.

**Responsibility's Burden.**

As to the cause of the Halifax calamity, Dr. McCrae said he must speak guardedly and charitably. It seemed to be the result of human carelessness and blundering. What impressed him was the awful responsibility resting on every man in such a position. It was said that about 92 per cent of the disasters of the world were the outcome of human carelessness or stupidity.

"How much we all need the wisdom and help and guidance that cometh from above—from God," said the preacher. "Almost every disaster that has come upon us in this war has come from lack of foresight and wisdom. To me this seems the case in regard to every blunder from the Dardanelles to the smashing of the Italian front. Our splendid men have never failed, but as Lloyd George said, we have always been too late.

"The hand of Alm