

### BOARD SCHOOL BUILDING CHARGES GROUNDLESS

Board of Education Disposes of Complaint as to the Hoodless School.

### DEPUTATIONS WERE HEARD

Council of Women and Teachers' Association Make Requests of Board.

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—The members of the board of education last evening heard the charges made regarding the construction of the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial School by Architect W. LaChance and Wm. Farrar, and the replies to these charges by A. W. Peene, architect in charge of the erection of the school, and it is hoped that the last of the matter has now been heard. The charges stated that inferior materials were used and that the work generally was not done according to the plans and specifications and that contractors had made a large saving. The individual charges were replied to by Mr. Peene, who stated that a good job had been done and that the saving was due to the use of the original plans and specifications. Letters were read from the board of education and the replies to them. Mr. Peene stated that in every case the materials used were of the best quality and that the work was done in accordance with the specifications. The board of education will meet again on Monday to hear the replies to the charges made by the board of education.

### Care of Defectives

Mrs. Lytle further asked that more accommodation be provided for the feeble-minded or backward children of this city, and suggested that Charlton avenue be used as a site for a new building. The city erects a proper building, according to legislation passed some time ago. The matter is now being investigated and will receive the fullest consideration of the board of education. The return of the internal management committee.

### DEFICIENT

Deputation from the Hamilton Teachers' Association appeared to ask the co-operation of the board in having the proposed Superintending Officer appointed by the provincial government. It was explained that five per cent of the salaries of the teachers would be paid by the provincial government. This amount would be made up as follows: Two per cent from the provincial government, one per cent from the municipality, and one per cent from the co-operation of the board. The matter was referred to the internal management committee.

### TRIBUTE TO PHYSICIAN

Dr. C. M. Hincks, who recently died in Italy. Mr. Booker referred to the high esteem in which he was held by the board of education. The board of education will meet again on Monday to hear the replies to the charges made by the board of education.

### WASHINGTON MAY DISPUTE LEGALITY OF ACTION OF FRENCH CRUISER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A German steamer aboard an American vessel in the high seas is immune from arrest by Germany's enemies, according to the view of the state department, unless it can be shown that it is an active participant in German naval or military forces. Department officials made this clear today in commenting informally on news dispatches that five German merchantmen had been seized by the American merchantman Coamo and the Canadian ship the French cruiser Descares.

### NEWS FROM GHEVGLI OMINOUS, SAYS TIMES

Allies Are Reported to Have Evacuated Their Hospitals. LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Times this morning regards as an ominous sign the news received from its Albanian correspondent that the hospitals of the entente allies at Ghevglj in south-eastern Serbia, have been evacuated.

### CREEK SHIPS TO TIP

ATHENS, Dec. 9.—Several of the Greek shipping companies announce the probable suspension of their services owing to a scarcity of coal. The suspension will affect the mail boats from Corfu and Saloniki.

### NEW YORKER DECLINES CALL TO LONDON CHURCH

Rev. Hugh Black Will Not Assume Pastorate of City Temple.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Rev. Hugh Black, professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary, announced tonight that he had declined a call to become pastor of the City Temple, London, as the successor of Rev. R. J. Campbell in what is regarded as one of the foremost pastorates in the English-speaking world. In his letter to Henry W. Chapman, senior dean of the temple, declining the call, Dr. Black says that while he "longs to serve Great Britain in her day of stress, he feels the work to which he is committed in America demands his services."

### BOMBARDMENTS SHAKE POSITIONS OF GERMANS

Successful Actions With Mines Also Fought on French Front at Divers Points.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Dec. 9.—Action on the French front was confined to artillery bombardments and mine fighting today. The shelling of enemy trenches was intermittent at divers points. From near Roye, a German battery near Demours was shelled. Mine fighting occurred at Les Epages, where a group of German workers was buried by the explosion of one of the mines. In the Champagne sector last night French artillery, in bombarding German positions, caused the explosion of a munitions depot situated at a point south of St. Souplet. The French, continuing their counter-attacks, have regained practically all of the advanced trenches lost to the enemy near the Souhain knoll. Two mines were successfully exploded in the region of Haut Chedouches in the Argonne.

### PERSIANS DEFEATED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

German and Turkish Officers Were in Command of Mercenaries. PETROGRAD, Dec. 9, via London, Dec. 10.—The following official communication has been received here from Téhéran: "Russian troops have occupied Sultan Bulak Bashi, where insurgent German and Turkish mercenaries had been fortifying themselves for the past two weeks under the command of German and Turkish officers. The road to Hamadan is now open. The enemy fled in complete disorder, pursued by our troops."

### BIG CONTRACTS SPLIT AMONG LOWEST FIRMS

New Rule Adopted by War Purchase Commission for Speedy Delivery. By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 9.—In reply to a charge by certain newspapers that the war purchasing commission has not been letting clothing contracts to the lowest tenders, Hon. A. E. Kemp, chairman of the commission, stated that the practice of the commission was to divide large contracts amongst a number of lowest tenderers. The single firm could handle all and it was desirable to keep the various firms in the business and competing with one another. The commission has a certain large order for the T. Eaton Co. valued at \$500,000. They were the lowest tenderers but contracts were given to the next lowest tenderers because of the amount of whole quantity of clothing received. By adopting this system the commission saved the government \$151,515 as compared with what would have been paid under the old system, which the present government had desired to adopt.

### HAMILTON AUTO FIRM FALLS AT NORTH BAY

Suspension Announced Following Writs for Unpaid Claims. HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—It was announced yesterday that the Hamilton Automobile Association has made an assignment to W. C. Metherell. The association had in business in automobile accessories in North Bay, and recently a number of writs for unpaid claims were served on it.

### HYDRO RATE REDUCTION PROMISED NEXT MONTH

Profits of Present Year Will Go Back to Consumers. HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—A reduction of Hydro rates is under consideration by the Hamilton commission, and will undoubtedly take effect the beginning of 1916. It is announced that the profits this year will be about \$30,000 despite a large increase in rates this year, and that this must be used to reduce the rates to consumers.

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

University of Toronto Graduates Are Successful in Harvard Divinity School. President Falconer of the University of Toronto has received a communication from the divinity school of Harvard University, informing him that A. J. O'Connell, M.A., '12, and J. P. Reid, M.A., '12, both graduates of the University of Toronto, who are now students in the Harvard divinity school, have been awarded respectively a Williams' fellowship of \$500, and a Hopkins' share, about \$350. The latter sum is to be paid to the president on the success of these former students of the University of Toronto.

### BANK TELLER ACCUSED

WINDSOR, Dec. 9.—A warrant was issued by the arrest of Michael S. Kelly, twenty-two years old, a teller in the Windsor branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, charging him with the embezzlement of \$500.00 from the bank's funds.

### TRAVELERS REQUIRE FEDERAL PASSPORTS

Also Certificates of Identification From Canadian Immigration Agents.

### WHY TROUBLES ARISE

Light Thrown on Action of Authorities at New York. OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—A probable explanation of the reason so many Canadians who are returning to England were turned back at New York yesterday is contained in a statement issued by the department of external affairs tonight. The statement says that unauthorized persons have been issuing documents represented as being sufficient. The statement follows: "In connection with the requirement imposed by British regulations, on travelers entering the United Kingdom, to carry a passport, or similar document, it has come to the knowledge of the department of external affairs that unauthorized persons have been taking advantage of this fact to issue various documents which are represented as sufficient for the purpose referred to. The only way. "The traveling public should, therefore, take notice that the only document which so far as there is official information, will be regarded as satisfactory by the imperial authorities for permitting entry to Great Britain are: (a) passports which are issued from the department of external affairs at Ottawa, to which department direct application may be made; or (b) certificates of identification issued by Canadian immigration agents at the following points: Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Fort William, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Moosehead, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

### FAILED TO DRAW OUT PREMIER OF FRANCE

Briand Demanded Vote of Confidence, But Discussion Was Postponed. PARIS, Dec. 9.—Premier Briand today appealed to the chamber of deputies for support in the shape of a vote of confidence after Deputy Emile Constant had insisted upon maintaining an interpellation regarding military affairs to which the premier had refused to reply. The premier's refusal was on the ground that to make reply would cause grave inconvenience and that he had already fully explained the matter to the army committee of the chamber. He therefore asked M. Constant to withdraw the interpellation. The deputy protested the government's attitude, which, he said, as the matter possessed no interest to parliament. The premier, in rejoinder, said that the day would come when all explanations would be fully given. Finally he appealed to the chamber for a vote of confidence. The vote, however, was not put to the chamber as further discussion of the interpellation was postponed by a vote of 443 to 75.

### SIR WILFRID BOASTS OF HIS MAGNANIMITY

He Will Not Allow Party to Triumph in Present Crisis. MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed a gathering that closely packed every inch of space in the Monument National, and hundreds of people unable to gain admittance were driven back from the doors of the building by a squad of police officers. He was the first public appearance of the Liberal leader in Montreal since his recent illness and he was given a great ovation. The meeting was held at the auspices of the Young Liberal Club of Montreal and it was chiefly patriotic in tone. Sir Wilfrid professed a strong belief in the righteousness of the British cause in the great war and an equally strong belief in the right of the Nationalists to a free struggle. "The Nationalists want parliament to close its eyes and take part in no war," he said. "You have heard in Montreal the proposal to submit to the ratifiers in the future the hydro-radial bylaw, asking the city to issue bonds to the extent of \$754,862 as Guelph's share of the cost of the construction of the road."

### GERMANS WANT PEACE FEARING FOR FUTURE

Chancellor Would Not Discuss It, Unless He Desired Terms, London View. LONDON, Dec. 10, 1.30 a.m.—Owing to the fact that the reports of the German imperial chancellor's address in the Reichstag, had only been partly received "when the London morning newspapers went to press, there is no general comment on it this morning. Those newspapers who do print editorials, however, adopt a sarcastic tone at the chancellor's expense. The general view is that unless Germany had desired peace, yesterday's debate would not have occurred. The Daily Graphic, which expresses the belief that the world will smile at the idea of Germany offering to forego advantages which Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg said would accrue to her through a prolongation of the war, says: "People don't talk about peace unless they want it and it is because the Germans are conscious of the risk of prolonging the war that they are talking so noisily about peace."

### FORMER HAMILTON DOCTOR DEAD IN ITALY

HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 10.—A cable message received by the Mercantile Trust Company announced the death of Dr. Algernon E. Woolverton on this city at Florence, Italy, on December 8, 1915. Dr. Woolverton was one of the leading practitioners of this city, but a few years ago he had been abandoned by his family.

### POPE CONFERRED RED HATS

Public Consistory Held in Presence of Thousands. ROME, Dec. 8.—In the presence of thousands of people, a public consistory was held by Pope Benedict today in the Scala Regia. Owing to the war the large gathering of foreigners, who generally attend these occasions, was lacking. The family of the Pope, the Roman aristocracy and members of the diplomatic corps occupied special tribunes as did Francisco De La Barrá, a former provisional president of Mexico. The pontiff, appearing to be in good health and vigorous, conferred red hats on the newly-created cardinals.

### LACHUTE TO GO DRY

LACHUTE, Que., Dec. 9.—By a vote of 6 to 4 the council of the County of Argenteuil passed a prohibition bylaw today, which means that the county, outside of the Town of Lachute, will go dry on May 1 next.

### NOTE TO AUSTRIA BASED ON OWN ADMISSIONS

U. S. Demands Safeguarding of Passengers Before Sinking of Any Vessel. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The note of the United States has sent to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona was based, it was learned tonight, primarily upon the virtual admission of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty in its official statement, that the ship was torpedoed before all the passengers had been removed to a place of safety. It was stated also that the position of the United States as outlined in the communication asking reparation for American lives lost and assurances that such acts will not be repeated, is that no matter whether a merchantman stops upon the firing of a warning shot by a warship or after a pursuit, all the passengers must be removed before the vessel is sunk.

### NO IMPROPER DEALS SUGGESTED BY ACTON

Publisher Did Not Intend to Reflect on Federal Government. INQUIRY IS ADJOURNED Two Important Witnesses Were Absent From Yesterday's Proceedings. OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—Thru lack of the necessary witnesses the Davidson Investigating Commission which met this morning to continue its inquiry into the allegations by "Men's Wear" of Toronto, that uniform contracts had been farmed out by a Toronto real estate man adjourned until December 27th, without hearing any material evidence. When the commission met today George Kelley of Ottawa, counsel for James Acton, the editor of "Men's Wear," stated he had been instructed that "if the article complained of bore the construction of reflecting in an improper manner upon the government, or any M.P., or suggested improper dealings, the writer had no such intention."

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Dr. C. M. Hincks Believes Total Would Be Fully Three Thousand. Abnormalities among both children and adults were analyzed by Dr. C. M. Hincks, in his address on "Abnormal Psychology," before the Psychological Society of Toronto University last night. In an examination of 2,400 children selected from representative Toronto public schools, Dr. Hincks declared that he found 75 who were defective, and that the normal, or the highest developed of the type of defective was the most dangerous. His contention was that among these children, not a few found their way to the universities, and some showed a remarkable precocity. He asserted Dr. Hincks, besides being more just to those of ordinary mentality, and the ones who had peculiarities. The strong influence which heredity introduced was described by the lecturer. The problem was a social one, which demanded a solution and closer study was said to be necessary to cope with it.

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### CHRISTMAS BOOK ISSUED BY CANADIAN SCOTTISH

Brigadier Leckie Writes Introduction to Second Edition of Volume. Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Dec. 9.—"Stray Papers by a Private" is a collection of entertaining and pleasant literary efforts issued as a Christmas souvenir by the Canadian-Scottish Brigade at the front. The compiler and author of many of the articles is J. F. Cadenhead, Brigadier Leckie in his introduction to the second edition wishes it to be regarded as his farewell message as a commanding officer of the Canadian-Scottish. "Looking back I have nothing but praise for the loyalty and sense of honor of the 16th Battalion. It was that loyalty and rare courage that brought us thru many a perilous crisis."

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Dr. C. M. Hincks Believes Total Would Be Fully Three Thousand. Abnormalities among both children and adults were analyzed by Dr. C. M. Hincks, in his address on "Abnormal Psychology," before the Psychological Society of Toronto University last night. In an examination of 2,400 children selected from representative Toronto public schools, Dr. Hincks declared that he found 75 who were defective, and that the normal, or the highest developed of the type of defective was the most dangerous. His contention was that among these children, not a few found their way to the universities, and some showed a remarkable precocity. He asserted Dr. Hincks, besides being more just to those of ordinary mentality, and the ones who had peculiarities. The strong influence which heredity introduced was described by the lecturer. The problem was a social one, which demanded a solution and closer study was said to be necessary to cope with it.

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