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### WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED

The enemy continues to carry out an active program of raids against the British positions in Picardy and Belgium. Occasionally a raiding party carries off one or two British prisoners, but as a rule the raiders never succeed in penetrating the British front line. German raiding attempts failed, as usual, yesterday before Avion, Guemappe and Paschendale. The Paschendale enterprise not only completely broke down, but the British took fourteen of the German raiders prisoners. On the surface the enemy seems to be imitating the British policy of last winter. The Germans then occupied the important ground and the strong positions. The situation is reversed today. The British now occupy the important ground and the strong positions. If the Germans are aiming at the destruction of the strong British defenses they fall far short of attaining that result.

Washington learns that the Germans have 14 divisions on the Franco-British front, or one division fewer than they had last July at the height of their big effort against the French in the Chemin des Dames. The allies have still larger forces confronting the Germans, but apparently they have not enough men or strategy to undertake a general offensive with hopes of decisive success. The men set free by the Russian truce have enabled Von Hindenburg not only to make good the enormous German losses sustained in last summer's fighting, but to fill the places of the men despatched from France and Belgium to aid the Austrians against Italy.

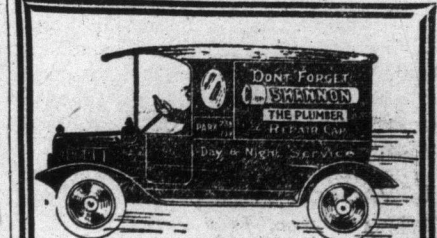
The fact that the Germans in the first place drew their reinforcements for the Austrians from the western front, and not from the Russian front, has stimulated a large body of British military opinion to attack the centralist school of strategy. The rigid centralists keep urging the concentration of every man and every gun in France and Belgium, and the withdrawal of forces from Salonica, Palestine and Mesopotamia. Their critics affirm that before embarking on this policy the centralists should justify their claims by results. It is argued that these centralists have not done so. The British and French kept superior concentrations before the Germans last year, and yet their campaign was still essentially defensive. The transfer of the British offensive from Picardy and Arras to Belgium necessitated the transfer of large bodies of troops and artillery, and this vast labor wasted six precious weeks of the best fighting weather. Moreover, in order to impress the world and to discourage the German people, the allies, they say, should have made large gains of territory. In order to treat the German armies in the field, the allies should win results on the Russian front to make the German people despair of victory.

Heavy massed assaults, kept up for several days, enabled the Germans to gain a mountain peak in the Monte Argente zone of northern Italy. The front under attack comprised the sector from Col Capello to Mount Fortino, and the German and Austrian success was but local. The enemy claims that he took 2000 prisoners. After a series of checks,

### INVALIDED CANADIANS REACH AMERICAN PORT

British Steamship Arrives With Twelve Hundred Officers and Men.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 19.—Her sails lined with khaki-clad soldiers of the Canadian overseas army returning home to recuperate from wounds, shell shock and other ailments peculiar to modern trench warfare, a large British steamship, originally bound for Halifax, docked here late today, and preparations for the work of transferring the men for a railway journey to Canada were started. The party was under the command of Brigadier-General Loomis. In all there were 1200 officers and men and 600 women and children aboard the vessel. Access to the ship was denied to all except those having to do with military affairs, and the only officer to disembark tonight was Capt. Miller R. Taylor, an American, who has been attached to the Royal Flying Corps for more than a year. Captain Taylor was accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Helen Galbraith of Toronto, and their baby daughter, who was born in an English coast town during an air raid by the Germans, Oct. 21. The entire party of officers and men are expected to leave for their homes in Canada tomorrow morning.



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### YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

#### VICTORIA LODGE HOLDS INSTALLATION CEREMONY

No. 474, A.F. & A.M., Well Attended, and Usual Banquet Follows Lodge Proceedings.

Victoria Lodge, No. 474, A.F. & A.M., conducted its annual installation ceremony in the Masonic Temple, Annetta street, last night, under the direction of V. W. Bro. W. E. Birrell, who was assisted by R. W. Bro. R. R. Hoggan, Bro. A. N. Thorne, J. Armstrong, L. G. Horner and J. E. Weatherill. W. J. Wadsworth presided as master. The officers installed were: W. J. Armstrong, W.M.; D. D. Macdonald, I. L. M.; P. R. Wright, S.W.; J. H. Colville, M.; Rev. D. H. McKeerroll, chaplain; J. S. Hill, treasurer; G. H. Cooper, secretary; W. J. Sheppard, D. of C.; E. W. Wainwright, chairman; T. E. Hoar, organist; D. L. MacPherson, S.D.; C. H. Topping, J.D.; M. J. McHenry, I.G.; G. Boyd, Scribes, H. S. ...

#### PAST MASTERS' JEWELS GIVEN TWO MEMBERS

Regular Meeting Sandy Row L.O.L., W. Toronto, Has Interesting Features, With Installation.

At the regular monthly meeting of Sandy Row L.O.L., held in St. James Hall last night, the customary installation of officers was conducted by District Master R. Beamish. Past-masters' jewels were presented to John Thompson by W. Weir, and Wm. Dempster was also the recipient of a similar gift presented by District Master R. Beamish. The officers installed were: Wm. Weir, master; G. D. Hay, recording secretary; J. Webster, financial secretary; R. Ormby, chaplain; W. Gorman, treasurer; R. J. Stewart, director of ceremonies; W. Stewart, lecturer; F. Dyer and C. Thompson. The Robson and St. John's Lodge were present and spoke.

#### ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF GOLDEN STAR OFFICERS

Loyal Orange Lodge at West Toronto Attended by Large Number of Members Last Night.

The annual installation of officers of Golden Star, L. O. L., No. 900, was conducted at the regular monthly meeting held last night. The ceremony was in the presence of a large number of members of the order. The ceremony was presided over by District Master J. R. Findlay, R. Beamish, County Master J. R. Findlay, R. Beamish and assisting officers. The officers installed were: Wm. Weir, master; G. D. Hay, recording secretary; J. Webster, financial secretary; R. Ormby, chaplain; W. Gorman, treasurer; R. J. Stewart, director of ceremonies; W. Stewart, lecturer; F. Dyer and C. Thompson. The Robson and St. John's Lodge were present and spoke.

#### FARMERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE

Clergyman Thinks They Should Do More for Patriotic Fund.

"I am strongly in favor of the Patriotic fund being placed under government control," said Rev. R. Crossley Hunter, of Barrie, at a reporter last evening. "It is the only fair and honest way to deal with the situation. The fund is in a way charity. While very many have given generously and wholeheartedly to the fund, others have contributed practically nothing. I have in mind at the moment," said Mr. Hunter, "a farmer who has given \$25.00, and another who has given \$5.00. The farmer, as a class, have benefited the most and should be encouraged to contribute to the fund on a very much larger scale than in the past."

#### EARLSCOURT ELECTION TALK

Citizen is Strong for Smithbone for Municipal Council.

"We want some one at the city hall next year to look after the food and fuel interests of the citizens," said a prominent resident of the Earlscourt district yesterday, "and the electors of ward six will be well advised to cast their vote for George Smithbone. He is a man of high character and has certainly fought well for cheaper coal and food commodities, and I believe he is the right man in the right place in the municipal council of 1918," he said.

#### LUMBER STEALING CHARGE

"Bill" Clynk, an Austrian, 149 Cavithra avenue; Walter Patching and Leonard Coop, 140 Cavithra avenue, were arrested last night by Acting Detective Hazelwood, charged with the theft of lumber from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, West Toronto. It is stated that four loads of lumber were taken and a quantity was found piled in each of the yards at the above addresses.

#### BACKYARD GARDENING

"Backyard Gardening" was the subject of an interesting and educative lecture given by George Baldwin, president of the Vacant Lots' Association of Toronto, at the Runnymede Progressive Ratepayers' Association meeting held in King George School. At the conclusion of the lecture Sgt. Chas. T. Lacey, of the 1st York Battalion, expounded his platform. Peter Jackson presided.

#### SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT

A Christmas supper and entertainment under the auspices of the women's Bible class connected with the Central Methodist Church was held last evening in the basement hall. Rev. E. Crossley Hunter presiding. The women expressed satisfaction as a result of the recent elections. Vocal and instrumental selections were contributed by local talent during the proceedings.

#### TO HOLD MASS MEETING

At the regular monthly meeting of the Central Council of Ratepayers' Association, held last evening at the 322 West Richmond street, J. M. Skelton in the chair, it was decided to hold a mass meeting at an early date when applications for municipal honors will be invited to attend and address the gathering.

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual Sunday school Christmas tree entertainment and supper of the Central Methodist Church was held in the basement of the church yesterday evening, when a thro' treat was enjoyed by



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- Men's Persian Lamb Caps, wedge shape, \$15.00 and \$18.00.
- Men's Alaska Seal Caps, wedge shape, \$35.00.
- Men's Persian Lamb Gantlet Gloves or Mitts, made from rich, glossy skins. Prices, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00.
- Men's Gantlet Mitts or Gloves, made from Otter Tails, \$18.00 and \$22.50.
- Men's Gantlet Mitts or Gloves, made from Canadian Otter. Prices, \$30.00 and \$35.00.
- Men's Persian Lamb Detachable Collars, \$13.50 and \$18.00.
- Men's Canadian Otter Detachable Collars, \$25.00 and \$35.00.
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### NOTED ENGINEER CALLED BY DEATH

Joseph Hobson, Consulting Engineer of Grand Trunk, Dies in Hamilton.

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Thursday, Dec. 20.—In the death here yesterday of Joseph Hobson, who passed away at his home, 346 South Bay street, in his 64th year, one of the best known civil engineers on the continent was called to his reward. Mr. Hobson designed and carried out the construction of the Sarina tunnel, and the Great Western in 1882 he was replacing of the old Victoria bridge across the river at Montreal, the replacing of the old Suspension bridge at Niagara Falls and being engineer in charge of the building of the bridge across the Niagara River at Buffalo. Mr. Hobson was born near Guelph and served his apprenticeship with the Tullys, Toronto. In 1873, after a period of railway and bridge work, he was appointed chief engineer of the old Great Western Railway. On the amalgamation of the Grand Trunk and the Great Western in 1882 he was appointed chief engineer of the lines west of Toronto. In 1896 he became chief engineer of the entire Grand Trunk Railway System. Ten years later he retired, but remained as consulting engineer with the company up to his death.

### BREAD WAR CALLED OFF

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 19.—The bread war has been called off to a large extent. Five local bakers having agreed to restore the price of ten cents prevalent before the war started here. The firm with outside capital which made the first cut, is still selling bread at six cents a loaf. The food controller has been asked by the city council to send a thorough investigation into the cause of the war.

### RUSSIA WILL COME BACK

That Russia would come back and that the Bolsheviks, now in power, did not represent Russia any more than "Tammany Hall" represents the United States of America, was the assurance given by Dr. John R. Mott of New York, an authority on Russia and a member of the recent United States mission to that country, in the course of an address tonight before the Canadian Club of Hamilton in the Royal Connaught Hotel.

### HAMILTON NEWS

#### HAMILTON TO SHOW AN OVERDRAFT

Members of Council Say It Will Not Be One to Be Ashamed Of.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Just what the city's overdraft will be when the fiscal year is wound up is not yet known, but members of the council claim that, in view of the abnormal conditions, the deficit will not be one to be ashamed of. Controller T. M. Wright, who has been preaching practical economy all year and vigorously opposing unnecessary expenditures, will insist that all remissions, grants and increases be detailed next year before the appropriations are struck. By doing this, he points out, the council will know just how much money it has at its disposal, and what has to be done with it. Amongst other things, next year's council will have to consider substantial reductions in the assessment of standard hotels.

#### HAMILTON HOSPITAL BOARD

The board of hospital governors wound up the year's business this afternoon and took occasion to express appreciation of the capable manner in which the chairman, T. H. Pratt, had presided.

#### TOMATOES NOT UP TO MARK

Good and bad tomato plants furnished the grounds for James Peck for breach of contract against C. G. Syer, both of Saltfleet, in the county court today, but the jury, while agreeing that a breach of contract had taken place, only allowed the plaintiff \$400.

#### CHILDREN'S DRESS

Children's dress, black and white, with red collar and cuffs. Price, \$1.00. Children's dress, black and white, with red collar and cuffs. Price, \$1.00.

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