

## OFFAL SOUP GIVEN PRISONERS, STATES CITY EX-CONSTABLE

Tells of Vile Treatment Suffered in Germany.

### NO FOOD FIT TO EAT

And Parcels From Home Kept by Huns Until Contents Rotted.

Ex-Constable Frank Hogg of the London police department and also ex-prisoner of war in Germany, has eaten all kinds of soup in his day, but the concoction dished up practically every day by the Germans in the Huns prison camp, consisting of the tail, head and entrails of fish with a frozen or half-frozen potato or two thrown in for good luck, was about the worst he ever tasted. The German soldiers got the rest of the fish.

"I'd hate to tell you about that stuff. You wouldn't print it anyway," said Hogg to an advertiser reporter today. "However, I'd hate to starve three or four days before I'd touch the stuff, believe me."

**Down to 100 Pounds.**  
Pte. Hogg, who stands 5 feet 2 inches in his stocking feet, weighed but 100 pounds when he left the prison camp for Switzerland in September of last year. He now weighs 170 pounds, and will soon be back on the London force. The ex-constable went overseas with the 23rd Battalion and transferred to the 4th C. M. P. He was wounded in both feet by shrapnel at Sanctuary Wood on June 2, 1916, and was first taken to a hospital at Courtrai, run by Belgian nurses. The hospital was hit by a French aeroplane, and he with the rest of the patients was removed to a German venereal hospital, which was very carelessly run. Words failed to describe conditions there.

**Paper Bandages.**  
Paper bandages were used entirely on the prisoners, and in November of that year when he was removed to the Huns camp, he was given a thin jacket, pair of dilapidated trousers and wooden shoes. No socks were issued, and he had to hobble to the train in the cold with feet wrapped in paper. On arriving at the camp the men were all thrown into a little hut and received no issue of blankets. Next day they all had their feet clipped to the train and their heads and were put through a rain-water.

"Early in 1917 the Germans stopped all our parcels from coming," said Hogg. "It was maddening to see the parcels come and be stored in hut, and not be able to get at them. After three months they would take them out and make a great show of presenting us with food which had all rotted."

**Civilians No Better Off.**  
The civilian population was treated no better than we were," he continued. "However, there was too much discipline for them, and they didn't dare say much. We got one small loaf of alleged bread a day between 13 of us. It was made of 60 percent rye flour (five soon turned rye), 20 percent rye flour, potatoes, and the rest a poor quality of rye flour."

Pte. Hogg, after his transfer to Switzerland, had a successful operation performed on his feet, and returned to England last December. He arrived home Tuesday, and expects to take up the duties of a policeman on the local force in the near future.

## WANTS STREETS PAVED IN FRONT OF SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee Will Ask Council To Act.

At the meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon it was decided to ask the city council to grade the streets in front of and make suitable approaches to Ryerson, Boyle and Tecumseh Avenue schools. The request of the Tebbot Street Baptist boys for the use of Tecumseh Avenue playgrounds for two evenings last week was laid over. It was thought that the residents of the street should have first call on the playgrounds. Last year some of the ground was used for gardens and if the summer gardeners desire the land this year the committee thought that they should have it.

Chairman Edwin Smith and Superintendent of Works John Clements were appointed a committee to confer with John L. McLean on the question of water flowing on his land from Lord Roberts grounds.

At the suggestion of Inspector C. B. Edwards it was decided to remedy the heating and ventilating in several of the schools by blowing up the fans. The inspector asserted that they created drafts in the rooms, when drawn at the present speed. Weather stripping will also be placed in some of the school windows.

It was decided to call for tenders for coal for the schools. A. Langford thought that the coal should be secured as soon as possible. Inspector Edwards called attention to the fact that many of the city school rooms have no timepieces in them. He thought that every room should have a clock. This will be brought before the board at its next meeting. The committee can take no action on it until it has been to the board.

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## Just Look What The Children Had To Do Under Sam J. Latta

Old Blackboard Tells Tale of Homework in Abundance.

Thought inspired by gazing upon an old blackboard.

If parents of today take exception to the home-work heaped upon their children, what would they have said when that night assignment was meted out to the senior grade pupils in the old Colborne Street School?

One of the very latest revelations of the teaching days of the old Colborne Street School has been the uncovering of an old blackboard in the north-west corner of preservation, and claimed to be "genuine Latta," and among those who have gazed upon them with reverence and awe, more than one has commented: "The sacred handwriting of Hon. Sam J. Latta, minister of highways of the Province of Saskatchewan, founder of the Gowan Prairie News, whom principal of Colborne Street school, Mr. Latta must be glad he went to Saskatchewan."

Reverence of all kinds in looking upon the familiar script is a tribute to a popular principal of years gone by who has made a still more illustrious name for himself in the west country. Awe is inspired by the record presented of what was once a "home-work" in the brave days of old.

This is the story the blackboard tells: Arithmetic questions on board (enough to keep anyone but a lightning calculator going the greater part of the night). Grammar—Exercise VI. No. 19. Parse the participles.

Physiology—Read chapter 2. Bones of the Human Skeleton. Make a list of fifty in scribbles. Review next lesson.

And that is all for one evening's home-work.

## House Entered and Watch and Money Taken in Night

Theft Worked Quietly and Family Heard Nothing.

Some time after 12:30 o'clock this morning the home of Thomas Lowy, 702 Waterloo street, was entered and a woman's wrist watch, initialled F. L. and some loose change amounting to about \$10 was stolen.

Entrance was gained to the house by way of the back window, which had been left slightly raised. The watch and money had been taken before the family awoke. The thief was missed this morning. The police have been notified of the theft.

## City Has Only 30 Cases of Communicable Disease

Week's Report Shows Scarlet Fever in Lead.

There are but thirty cases of communicable disease in London, according to last week's report issued by the department of public health. Of these 14 are scarlet fever, 10 are diphtheria, having been reported last week. Eight are isolated at home and six at the hospital. Four more cases of diphtheria, one of which was fatal, were reported last week. The number of communicable diseases is under quarantine.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR MOTHERS' CLUB RESULTS IN AN INCREASE OF 151**

The membership contest which has been on at the Wortley road Mothers' Club for the past two months was brought to a close last evening with a new paid-up membership of 151. The members felt that they were getting so much out of their organization that they wished to pass along the privilege and at the instigation of Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Spencer, sides were chosen and the campaign was begun. The device of drawing numbers was used, and the winning side was the "Odds," with sixty-one new members.

Dr. A. C. Craig, who was the guest of honor at the meeting, delivered an instructive address on the subject of tuberculosis. It was also arranged that the club should move from its present location to Byron Sanatorium on April 29. Mrs. Richmond, the president was in the chair.

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## STREET RAILWAY CO. STARTS ON BETTER CAR SERVICE TODAY

Adds Eight Cars To Its Fleet.

### MEN GIVE THEIR HELP

Agree To Work Extra Hours Until More Are Secured.

The decision of the city council on Monday to apply to the Legislature for the right to amend the franchise in street railway work, the company, was followed Tuesday by an announcement from Manager C. B. King that immediate improvements will be made to the service.

But for the fact that there were obstacles which could not be overcome so quickly, the better service would have been provided yesterday, says the manager.

Briefly stated, the improvements will give everything the city has asked for, and more, according to Mr. King. Eight additional cars were placed in operation today. Work was provided for twenty-four additional men. Every district of the city will be benefited by the change, an extra car being on each line. Instead of a 15-minute service on the Dundas, Ridout, and Richmond lines, there will be a car every 12 minutes. The Normal and Oxford services have been reduced from 10 to 8 minutes, according to the management.

**Quicker Service.**  
Dundas street, between Rectory and Richmond streets, will have a regular four-minute service. The North Belt cars will add to this, and make the service still more frequent between Adelaide and Richmond streets.

Ordinarily proposed changes in the operating schedules require the ratification of the men. Today, however, the union executive was called into consultation with the management, and through the co-operation of motormen and conductors, who agreed to work longer hours until additional crews are obtained, it has been found possible to make the changes effective tomorrow.

Because of the complete change of schedules and the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient number of motormen and conductors on such brief notice, it is possible that operation will be carried on for the first few days under difficulties.

The chief of the street railway conference with the company, Mr. King stated.

"You think about the council's action in moving to increase fares?" Mr. King was asked.

"We are glad to see that the council has come to a realization of the fact that we can only give good service when we have the co-operation of the people," he replied. "We are willing to accept the increase in fares, and as Mr. Currie, our president, told the council last night, it is a service of a character that will promote the growth and prosperity of London. It appears, will now join a list of more than 350 cities in Canada and the United States which have granted relief to street railway companies since the outbreak of the war."

A recent compilation of such changes indicates that 27 cities are now paying 10-cent fares, 15 cities are paying 12-cent fares, 20 are paying 7-cent fares, while 153 cities are paying a 6-cent cash rate. More than 60 cities are running a straight 5-cent fare, with no reduced rate tickets, while others are paying an additional cent or two cents for transfers.

London still will have the lowest fares in the world, not even in either Cleveland, Ohio, or Glasgow, Scotland, the street railway company claims.

## ST. THOMAS GRAND OPERA HOUSE WILL BE REOPENED SOON

Will Be Renovated and Run First-Class Bills.

After being practically closed up for over two years, on account of the war, the Grand Opera House at St. Thomas is going to be reopened, according to an announcement by the owner, A. J. Small, made here by Mr. M. H. Munnick, Mr. Small says, he is going to adopt the same policy in St. Thomas as in London—vaudeville, pictures and road attractions, these latter to include all which play at his other theatres. He has decided to have the St. Thomas theatre put in first-class condition and made up-to-date in every way and work will be started almost immediately.

## FAVORS RECEPTION FOR FIRSTS AND CELEBRATION OF PEACE AT SAME TIME

Mayor's Idea If Treaty Is Signed Before Battalion's Return.

Nothing definite has been arranged as yet in reference to a reception for the First Battalion. Alderman F. H. Harley, chairman of the reception committee, is out of town and his return will be done until his return at the end of the week. Mayor C. R. Somerville favors holding a reception for the "Firsts" and the peace celebration at the same time, if the peace treaty is signed in time for this to be done. One thing is certain as far as he is concerned, and that is that the reception for the men should be a larger demonstration than the peace celebration.

Building Inspector A. M. Piper, is busy in an effort to plan some suitable memorial within the limited cost set by the council, \$750. If at all possible it will be erected by the time the First Battalion reaches the city.

## NEW LODGE ROOMS OF K. OF P. DEDICATED

Myrtle Lodge of the Knights of Pythias dedicated its new rooms at 350 Colborne street last night. The dedication ceremonies being performed by Bro. Al Wilkie of Hamilton, grand chancellor of the order. Bro. Charles T. Threlkeld, grand master of Arms Charles Threlkeld of this city.

Bro. Norman Peel furnished tree decorations for the occasion. The committee in charge, comprised of Bro. Charles H. McLean, Dean, Galpin and McCabe.

Bro. R. Carrothers, who has been connected with the order for over 20 years, was the chairman for the occasion.

Mrs. Henderson's juveniles gave a program of dancing and singing. The following were the artists on the program: Marion Smith, Willie Perkins, Verle Nicholson, Jean McLean, dancing; Bro. H. Webb, recitation; Mr. Christian, Miss Campbell, Miss Clark, songs. Selections were given by McKenna's orchestra. Accompanists were Miss S. Smith, Miss Scott and Mrs. Christian. Refreshments were served.

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## ONE DESERTER GETS OFF WITH FINE, BUT OTHER NOT SO LUCKY

Man Who Did Join Army Given Two Years.

One self-confessed deserter, Gustav Wettlicher of Kitchener was fined \$500 and another chap, Fred Cameron of Dutton, who holds a record of desertion from the army three times, was sentenced to two years in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court today.

The first man did very shortly A. W. L., and was managed to keep out of the way of the Dominion police. He surrendered himself on April 8.

The unfortunate enlisted in April, 1917, in the 62nd Battery. He deserted from the battery and signed up with the A. E. F. in September of that year. On going home on a relative pass, he found his wife and child, and as he had nothing to do, he applied for an extension of leave. He oversteered his leave and was picked up by the military police in London and sent back to Toronto.

The prisoner said he deserted the last time because his wife was not getting any separation allowance or assigned pay, and as she had nothing to live on, he quit to earn a living for her and himself.

"You defied the military authorities on three occasions. Yours seems to be an aggravated offence," said the court in imposing the two years' sentence.

## CANADIAN COLONEL COMMANDS FINNS

Red Finn Legion Is Proving To Be Real Fighting Unit.

London, April 8.—Reuters learns that Finns numbering about 1,500, known as the Red Finn Legion, who composed the auxiliary forces attached to the British armies in North Russia, and who were recently causing trouble, are commanded by a Canadian colonel whose powerful personality and strong will have since their arrival in London, been a disciplined and valuable body of troops. They have their own native officers who in turn are controlled by British officers on the colonel's staff.

## ARMY OF REVENUE AGENTS TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION IN U.S.

Efforts Will Be Made To Stop Traffic in Liquor.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Three thousand federal revenue agents working in specially-arranged zones throughout the United States will enforce prohibition after July 1, according to plans announced today by the revenue bureau. Nearly 800 inspectors will be trained for the work, and will be equipped with 2,253 revenue agents already available for police regulation and the machinery for enforcement will be in working order before the date when absolute prohibition becomes effective.

Although the manufacture of liquor for personal use will be equally illegal with the production for sale, revenue agents are expected to devote most of their time to the commercial traffic and to leave the enforcement of the law against personal manufacture to local police.

## GEN. SMUTS ARRIVES AT CITY OF PRAGUE

Peace Commission Delegate Received by Czech-Slovak President.

Prague, Monday, April 9.—Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, who was sent to Budapest by the peace conference at Paris to confer with the leaders of the new Hungarian Government, arrived here yesterday, and was received today by Professor F. G. Masaryk, president of Czechoslovakia.

## Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

Druggists refund money if PAIN-O-GENE fails to cure itching, bleeding, or protruding piles. Stops irritation, soothes and heals. You can get relief after the first application. Price 60c.

**MGR. EMILE ROY IS DEAD.**  
Montreal, April 9.—The news of the death of Mgr. Emile Roy, vicar-general of the Diocese of Montreal, which occurred at Atlantic City Monday night, was announced in Montreal yesterday.

Mgr. Roy was on his way from Florida, where he had gone to recuperate his health.

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## Settled: The Easter Hat Question

New Untrimmed Shapes About Half \$2.98 and \$3.48



This is most unusual, to be able to offer new up-to-date shapes at such a reduction before Easter. We made a fortunate purchase last week—about One Hundred Untrimmed Hats, a wholesale clearing of a great number of lines, with but a few of each left, which gives an unlimited choice of shapes. The entire lot should be cleared tomorrow early.

This special pricing of untrimmed millinery affords values of unusual interest. Gathered together in these groups is practically every new and smart hat shape theseason has brought, and think, just in time for your new Easter hat. At the same time a special display of quills, ribbons, flowers and wings suitable for trimming every varied type offered in this sale.

About 50 Shapes at \$2.98

Untrimmed shapes in lesere, tagel and hemp braids, in colors of brown, nigger, henna, jay blue and taupe; suitable for matrons, misses and miss; a great assortment of styles—close fitting, wide fronts and turned brims, with fancy crowns, etc. Your chance for . . . \$2.98

About 50 Shapes at \$3.48

Untrimmed Shapes in lesere and Chinese tape, in colors of copen, sand, nigger, dust, black and purple; small, close-fitting shapes, tricorne, large droops and hats with brims and under band effects. These are real hats, and very smart. Home milliners will appreciate this sale—or for little extra you may have your shape finished with the necessary touch to complete. Your choice of this smart group for . . . \$3.48



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## Easter Hats For the Littlest Girls



This juvenile section is abloom these days with bright new hats for spring. There are the bright-hued straws and silks, and plenty of dark, practical colors, too; some are quaintly hand-embroidered in contrasting color. Just now there are some particularly good values from \$3.50 to \$7.50 in the Infants' and Juvenile Section on Second Floor.

### PRETTY SUMMER HATS AND BONNETS FOR BABIES AND SMALL CHILDREN.

White Corded Silk and Crepe de Chine Bonnets, trimmed with rosette and ties. From . . . \$3.50 to \$6.75

Dainty Corded White Silk Bonnets from . . . 75c to \$3.50

Child's Bonnet Hat of pale pink crepe de chine and straw braid, duchess ribbon rosettes and ties. Price . . . \$6.50

Child's Pretty Pale Blue Silk Hats, trimmed with rosebuds and streamers. Prices . . . \$5.50 to \$8.00

Child's White Milan, Ready-to-Wear Hat, trimmed with tiny rosebuds and saxe velvet ribbon streamers. Price . . . \$7.50

Child's Panama Hats, trimmed with saxe corded silk ribbon streamers. Price . . . \$8.00

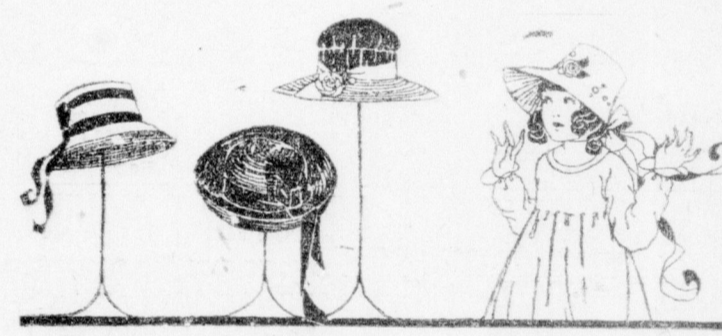
White Milan Sailor Hats for small children, with wide corded silk ribbon streamers. Prices . . . \$3.75 and \$6.50

Children's Ready-to-Wear Dressy Straw Hat in black, white, copen, sand, navy or rose. Prices . . . \$2.50 to \$6.00

Children's Straw Play Hat from . . . 95c to \$2.50

Children's Navy Cloth Tams, large or medium top. Prices . . . \$1.25 and \$1.75

Special Bonnet Hats for baby boys, white corded silk. Prices . . . \$2.00 and \$2.50



## In the Girls' and Misses' Section

Middies and Underwear, made in styles of such simplicity that any small girl will be proud of them, as well as her mother. Moreover, they have been bought specially, and priced accordingly for a special selling.

Girls' Black Sateen Bloomers, splendid quality, ages 4 and 6 years. Special price . . . 39c

Misses' Cotton Drawers, with frill of material, trimmed with clusters of tucks, ages 14, 16 and 18 years. Price . . . 50c

Misses' Petticoats, good quality cotton, flounce trimmed with lace, others embroidery trimmed; sizes 26, 28, 30 and 32. Price . . . \$1.00 to \$1.75

Girls' Middies, made of good quality jean, collar, pocket and cuffs trimmed with narrow white braid; ages 4 to 14 years. Price . . . \$2.00

Girls' Middies, made of good quality white jean, cadet collar, cuffs and pockets, trimmed with two rows of narrow white braid; ages 8 to 14 years. Price . . . \$1.75

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## ESSEN STRIKERS ARE OCCUPYING KRUPP WORKS

German Government Troops Are Marching On City.

Copenhagen, April 9.—German Government troops are marching on Essen, where a collision has occurred between the strikers and the Christian workers' organization, the members of which desire to continue at their employment, a Berlin dispatch announces. The strikers have occupied the Krupp munition plant, the message adds.

## WORLD-WIDE CHILD WELFARE CAMPAIGN IS BEING PLANNED

Recommendation Is Submitted at Meeting of International Red Cross.

Cannes, France, April 8.—That a world-wide child welfare campaign be made the first concern of the peace program of the International Red Cross was the recommendation submitted at today's meeting of the Red Cross Congress in session here. Eminent specialists on children reported on the work that is going on, expressing the opinion that a reduced birth rate, abnormal prevalence of sickness, and a high death rate, might be expected for some years to come.

## Why Wine Is Not Included in List on the Referendum

Manufacturers Can Sell Their Product Direct to Consumers.

Toronto, April 9.—The omission of wine in the referendum has caused some comment. The question of light wines and beers went together in the public mind. The reason that wine is not included in the questions to be submitted to the public is that under the Ontario temperance act, native wines can be sold by the manufacturers direct to the consumers without the intervention of a middleman, and without the necessity of obtaining a doctor's prescription.

It is the Dominion order-in-council which after April 30, will prevent the sale and manufacture of native wines. Originally this order set the date for the cessation of manufacture as December 31, and subsequently extended it to the later date. It is plain, therefore, that if the time is extended by the Federal Government, which in some quarters is said to be likely, there will be no necessity to include this question in the referendum, as under the O. T. A., as it stands, the public can obtain light native wines at will.

## SUBJECT QUESTION TO ALLIES.

Constantinople, April 9.—The Turkish commission report dealing with the national rights of Ottomans will be submitted to the high commissioners of the Allies directly.

## ALLIES AND BOLSHEVIKI ARRANGING EXCHANGE OF WAR PRISONERS

Delegation With Flag of Truce Enters Enemy Lines.

Archangel, Monday, April 7.—A delegation of British and American officers and a flag of truce went into the Bolshevik lines today to negotiate an exchange of prisoners. It was proposed that the Allied commission should go to Moscow to arrange details. The Bolsheviks sending an equal delegation into the Allied lines as hostages.

Subsequently Rev. Father Roach, a chaplain with the British forces, who was captured on October 31, and was later released, returned from the Bolshevik lines with letters from a number of captives, saying they had been sent to Moscow, where M. A. Arnold, of London, Ohio, had previously gone.