SPIRITUALIZING LOVE STRONGEST NOTE OF REV. R. W. NORWOOD

Londoner's Poetry Extolled by Critic as Superb.

MUSICIAN, INTERPRETER

Likens Poet To Dante, Rossetti, Keats, Patmore or Tennyson.

In an article, one of a series, entitled "Reviews of the Literary History of Canada," by J. D. Logan in the Canadian Magazine, the following tribute is paid to Rev. R. W. Norwood as one of Canada's leading poets:

The Second Renaissance of Candian Nativistic Poetry.

The next important poet of the second Renaissance is Robert W. Norwood, an Anglican clergyman, rector of the Cronyn Memorial Church, London, Ont. Mr. Norwood is a Nova Scotian by nativity and education, having been born at New Ross, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and educated at several Canadian universities, including King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, where he came under the intellectual and aesthetic influence of Mr. Charles G. D. Roberts. Like the younger Roberts, Mr. Norwood is an exquisite colourist and musician; but he is sui generis as a singer of spiritual love. It is his mastery of verbal color and music and his power of spiritual exaltation that made his first volume of poems, "His Lady of the Sonnets," published in 1915, the most novel and appealing volume of original verse by a Canadian that has appeared in a quarter of a century. I quote two examples:

I meet you in the mystery of the night,
A dear Dream Goddess on a crescent moon;
An opalescent splendor like a moon
Of lilies; and I wonder that the height
Should darken for the depth to give me light—
Light of your face, so lovely that I swoon
With gazing, and then wake to find how soon
Joy of the world fades when you fade from sight.
Beholding you I am Endymion,
Lost and immortal in Latmain dreams:
With Dian bending down to look upon
Her shepherd, whose aeonian slumber seems
A moment, twinkling like a starry gem
Among the jewels of her diadem.

Is there any love-sonnet as such in American or in English literature more winning in color and verbal music than the foregoing from Mr. Norwood's arresting and emotionally pervasive sequence? As an example of his rare genius for spiritualizing love, I quote the following:

Last night I crossed the spaces to your side,
As you lay sleeping in the sacred room
Of our great moment. Like a lily's bloom,
Fragile and white were you, my spirit-bride,
For pain and loneliness with you abide,
And Death had thought to touch you with his doom,
Until Love stood angelic at the tomb,
Drew sword, smote him and Life's door opened wide.
I looked on you and breathed upon your hair—
Your hair of such soft, brown, translucent gold!
Nor did you know that I knelt down in prayer,
Clasped hands, and worshipped you for the untold
Magnificence of womanhood divine—
God's miracle of Water turned to Wine!

In those exquisitely wrought, sensuously-colored and yet spiritually elevating or transmuting verses, I discover a new note of authentic poetry, as if Dant, or Rossetti, or Keats, or Patmore, or Tennyson had returned to earth, reincarnated, so far forth, in the genius of Robert W. Norwood—a new note heralding the coming of a novel quality and a fresh excellence into Canadian nativistic poetry of the Second Renaissance. Mr. Norwood expresses his poetic gentus also in other verse forms—dramas and dramatic dialogues—in which he shows decided originality of invention and treatment. But, in my view, it is as a colorist musician and interpreter of the spirit that he is a superb and superior poet.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RAISED $700 DURING THE YEAR

King Street Presbyterians Hear Good Reports at Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Association of King Street Presbyterian Church was held on Tuesday night. About sixty Sunday school workers sat down to the excellent supper provided.

Lewis Summers presided at the business meeting which followed. Reports were read on the various departments of the Sunday school, all of which showed a very busy and successful year. Over $700 were raised by the school.

Of this amount, $200 were devoted to missions, $50 voted to the Armenians, and $10 to the Children's Shelter.

Greetings were brought from the public schools by Principal Snelgrove of Lorne Avenue School, and from the City Sunday School Association by E. D. Reid.

Pleasing solos were rendered by Miss D. Scott and Mrs. A. J. Smith.

115 LONDON MEN HAVE GIVEN LIVES AT FRONT

Insurance Paid on These, and Other Fifteen Cases Considered.

Since the war started, 115 men insured by the city have given their lives for the protection of the Empire. Of these, 88 were insured in companies, and 27 were insured under the civic insurance scheme.

Possibly 15 more are being considered. They have been listed as wounded and missing or missing, and as they have not been officially declared dead the insurance has not been paid.

NO RECOURSE BUT TO PAY $5,000 OVERDRAFT

The finance committee on Thursday evening will discuss the question of the overdraft of the hospital trust. It will amount to approximately $5,000, but there is no recourse but to pay it. There is a surplus of about $12,000 for the year, so that there is plenty of money to meet it.

The advance in all lines of materials used at the hospital is the reason given for the overdraft. There was no way to predict that prices would so increase, and the overdraft is the result.

LOCAL NEWS

CHOSEN CHAIRMAN.—Frank Feristal has been selected as chairman of the separate school board.

Y.M.C.A. VISITOR.—W. H. McKibbin of the national council of the Y.M.C.A. was in the city on Tuesday. While here, he inspected the Y.M.C.A. military work at Queen's Park.

AT THE PATRICIA.—There was a large crowd at the Patricia last evening, and a fine program was thoroughly enjoyed. By special request of the patrons, the hall will be open tonight for the last time.

WINS BIG DOLL.—Miss Betty Gibbons, daughter of George S. Gibbons, was the winner of the big doll in the Mallagh bookstore, for which tickets were sold to assist the work of the Woman's Sanatorium Aid Society.

TREAT FOR THE SICK.—New St. James' Presbyterian Sunday school on Saturday treated all the sick soldiers at Carling Heights to ice cream and cake and also took up flowers to cheer up those in hospital. Both the eatables and the floral beauties were much appreciated.

PRECEPT RECEIVED.—The precept for the spring assizes was received by Sherriff Cameron today. It authorizes the selection of 48 petit and 12 grand jurors for the assizes to open on Monday, March 18 next. The jurors will be selected on Monday next by Sherriff Cameron, Crown Attorney McKillop, Judge Judd and Squire Chittick.

OUT AFTER SIGNATURES. — The women of the city who are interested in obtaining the franchise for themselves and their sisters in Ontario are beginning to comb the city for signatures to petitions drawn up for presentation to the Legislature. Names of both men and women are being solicited, and a house-to-house canvass is to be conducted. Everyone may expect a call in the near future.

FIRST KHAKI DANCE.—The first of a series of khaki dances for the soldiers was held in the Masonic Hall last night under the auspices of the Overseas Chapter of the I. O. D. E. There was a large attendance, members from nearly every military unit in training here being present. The music was furnished by the Tony Cortese Orchestra. A similar dance is to be held next Tuesday night, and if it can be arranged a dance will be held every week.

THE DEATH OF CHRIST.—Dr. J. H. Farmer of McMaster University, Toronto, one of the best authorities in America on New Testament Exegesis, will deliver an address in Talbot Street Baptist Church tomorrow, Thursday evening, on "The Death of Christ." The subject is one of vital importance and people of all denominations are cordially invited. The lecture is free. The choir will assist in the service.

BOTH HAVE WATER.—Water has been struck on the Foster property and in the well on Egerton street, and the utilities commission will at once pump them in order to determine the flow. There seems to be quite a lot of water in the Foster well, according to reports, but there is a lot of fine sand, making it impossible to use a strainer. However the tests this week will determine whether there is water in paying quantities in either well.

TREATED THE DEPARTING. — Through the generosity of the Overseas Chapter of the I. O. D. E. each member of the 118th Battalion was presented with a well-filled basket of sandwiches, fruit cake, fruit, biscuits and cigars when he left the city on Tuesday for an eastern training point. Biscuits were donated by D. S. Perrin & Co, Limited, and the McCormick Manufacturing Company. Cigars were given by the Line-McDonald Company, McNee's, Gaste's and Wolf's.

FAMOUS BULLDOG KILLED.—The many admirers of Acadian, the beautiful bulldog owned by Mrs. Charles L. Randall, will deeply regret to learn that he was run down and killed by an automobile in Park avenue, New York City. "Cadi" has made several visits to London, and had a host of friends. Mrs. Randall, formerly Miss May Richardson, was married five years ago to Charles L. Randall of Kansas, known from coast to coast as one of the world's most famous trombone soloists.

HEARTY PRAISE FOR LONDON COMPOSITION

"Canadian Defence," has the following to say of "Sing for Our Passing Brave," words by Marion Keith (Mrs. D. C. Macgregor), and music by Chas. Wheeler, both of London:

If in church services, held from time to time to honor the memory of Canada's fallen heroes, our musicians would render music that breathed the message of brave strong hope; music that breathed it diatonically, in a British or Canadian spirit of calm heroism that the morbid chromatic requiem of the earlier and Southern European composers never possessed; the eternal rightness of our cause would come home more clearly to our hearts and understandings.

"Sing for Our Passing Brave," is a chorus for mixed voices. The poem is written by Marion Keith, and is worthy a high place in Canadian literature. Bus Miss Keith has been fortunate in having as collaborator a musician, in Mr. Charles Wheeler, of London, Ont., who has caught and tenderly interpreted, the spirit of her message. Mr. Wheeler's setting of the poem is strikingly original, and beautifully restrained. No one can hear, or perform, his little work without a quickening of the pulse, and a grateful warming of the heart. To sing it once is to wish to sing it again, and yet again. And to hear it sung is to carry away in the heart its tender cadences, breathing consolation and encouragement for many days to come. On the title page is printed, "Dedicated by the author and composer to the ememory of our brave lads who received their final promotion on the field of battle." And upon its eight pages of technically faultless harmony, melody and form, there is not a bar from which the spirit of that beautiful dedication is absent. Every choirmaster and organist in Canada should add Mr. Wheeler's chorus to his repertoire.

MAYOR'S SUGGESTION IS NOT PROVING POPULAR

The question of having the utilities commission purchase supplies for the council will be discussed at the meeting of the commission tomorrow.

The suggestion is resented by city officials, who claim that this work should be done by officials who are responsible to the city council, not to outside bodies. Until the council has control of the utilities, they claim that any scheme to have the commission do this work would result disastrously.

That the commission will agree is not certain, but the matter will be discussed in any event.

Some of the aldermen are opposed to the appointment of any official not controlled by themselves, so a lively debate will likely result.

CONVALESCENT MEN WILL COME HERE IF BUILDINGS PROVIDED

Numbers Only Limited by Accommodation Offered.

OTHER CITIES GENEROUS

And London Must Keep Up If She Wants the Men.

On his trip to Ottawa in the interests of Mike Tancreade, now in the county jail under sentence of death for murder, S. Frank Glass interviewed the hospitals' commission to ascertain if London could care for more convalescent soldiers.

The commissioners told him that London's consideration in this matter was only limited by the buildings that could be provided by the city. It was pointed out that Queen's University was giving over all its buildings to the convalescent men, and that the University of Halifax had just sent in a similar offer. There was a prospect that London would hereafter be given more "active" cases for the Soldiers' Hospital at Victoria Hospital. Active cases are those requiring surgical attention and those which are bedridden. The convalescent men will either be taken from London or placed in buildings which London provides.

"It is up to London to make broad provision for the convalescent men," said Mr. Glass. "The number will be limited only to the accommodation provided."

LITTLE WASTE IN LONDON GARBAGE DURING WINTER

Incinerator Men Say Individual Economy Is Apparent This Season.

Although Toronto dailies are complaining of the large amount of foodstuff and articles of domestic value which they claim are thrown away in Toronto, the waste is not as apparent locally as they report it to be there.

A visit to the incinerator here reveals the fact that little foodstuff is thrown away at the present time by Londoners. Ashes form the larger proportion of waste matter collected. Wooden boxes and cardboard of various kinds are not as apparent in the loads as a few months ago. Many Londoners are effecting a saving in those two lines and using the objects, formerly thrown away, for firing.

Employees at the incinerator say that none of the waste so apparent in the summer is visible now.

Much fruit and many vegetables were thrown away during the summer months and furnished fuel for the incinerator. Paper and pieces of furniture were also to be found in quantities then. Even paper is scarce in the loads collected by the garbage men now. In most cases it is being saved for charitable institutions or sold, where formerly it was placed for the garbage men to take.

Only individual economy can help to reduce what waste there is, those at the incinerator say. Once the articles are brought there, there is little chance of saving them, they state, except in the cases of larger pieces of furniture, and wood.

ENEMY PRISONERS LEARN USEFUL TRADES IN CAMP

Prepare for After-War Conditions at Isle of Man.

Douglas, Isle of Man, Dec. 15—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—They are busily engaged in preparing for peace in the prison camps on the Isle of Man.

Here are nearly 25,000 German and Austrian civilian prisoners. Many of them have been residents of the British Isles for ten or fifteen years, and expect to go back to their civilian employment as soon as peace comes. Others have been in England for much shorter periods, and plan to seek fresh fields.

Two years of imprisonment has a sobering effect on the most frivolous, and the frame of mind of the internment camp prisoners is almost uniformly serious. Some are learning new trades, others mastering new languages, others studying the course of the war in map and law book with a view to being on the spot for post-war developments of business and commerce.

Most of this preparation for peace is being done by the prisoners themselves. Their teachers are all from their own number, and much of the equipment for the schools and workshops has been purchased through the British authorities with money supplied by well-to-do prisoners.

At the Knockaloe camp there are about 22,000 prisoners. Four thousand of them are studying languages, engineering, navigation, geography and kindred subjects, or learning trades. Others are at work as gardeners, farmers, road-makers or chefs.

All this work is under leaders chosen by the men themselves, with the approval of their British guardians.

Among the rank and file of the prisoners there is no serious complaint about their lot or their treatment at the hands of the British authorities.

COLLECTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS IS EASY

No Extra Help Needed, Although Some Are Slow in Returning.

No extra men are being retained by the postal department to assist in the collection of the national service cards. When the cards were being distributed an extra man went with each postman, but the collection has proved to be a lighter task than supposed.

So far the response locally has been good, postal authorities state, and in the majority of cases the cards have been ready for the postmen when they called. The instructions printed on the backs of the cards are furnishing a chance of delay for a number of people. One of the clauses states that the cards, after being filled in are to be mailed to the director of national service not less than ten days after they are received by the person for whom they are intended. Some citizens evidently mean to keep the cards until the time limit is up, the postmen say, if they do not destroy them then.

It is thought that the larger proportion of cards has now been returned to the postoffice, but a few straggling returns are expected for another week.

MACFARLANE—FLEMMING.

A quiet but interesting wedding took place in the Presbyterian Church, Petrolea, when Miss Ann J. Flemming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Flemming, of Plympton, was united in marriage to Mack A. P. MacFarlane, son of Matthew MacFarlane, Camlachie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. McCrae, pastor of Petrolea Presbyterian Church.

TANCREADE'S CASE TO BE CONSIDERED IN NEXT FEW DAYS

S. Frank Glass Uses Influence On His Behalf.

HOPES FOR A REPRIEVE

Minister Promises "Most Generous Consideration of Local Case.

S. Frank Glass, M. P., has just returned from Ottawa hopeful that his intercession in behalf of Mike Tancreade, convicted of murder and under sentence of death in the county jail, will be successful.

In conversation with The Advertiser this afternoon, Mr. Glass said he found that petitions are always considered, but that personal influence carries a great deal more weight, and that the minister of justice had promised the case of Tancreade his "most generous consideration."

Mr. Glass urged that the convicted man was abnormal, and that no animus between himself and his victim had been shown. In fact, the two men had been on most friendly terms. Mr. Glass contended that to take the life of this man would not serve the ends of justice.

The case will be taken up this week by the minister, and later by the cabinet council. A commutation of the sentence is confidently expected by Mr. Glass.

FIRST REAL TOUCH OF WINTER TAKES LONDON UNAWARES

Street Railway Affected During Forenoon.

SNOWPLOWS OUT LATE

Did Not Get Start Clearing Sidewalks Until Mid-Forenoon.

This district experienced today the first real touch of winter, and for the first time since last year the city snow plows were put into service. The actual snowfall did not assume any proportions until after 6 o'clock this morning, and during the forenoon the storm raged with varying intensity. The temperature became lower towards midday, and with the drop the snowfall decreased.

The street railway service put out its first sweeper at 6 o'clock, but was unable to cope with the situation, and as a result many downtown workers arrived at their places of employment very late or rather take a chance, many walked.

The city snow plow did not get under way until the middle of the forenoon, and in some sections of the city the snow had not been removed from the sidewalks until nearly noon.

The department explained that the snow coming with such suddenness caught it unprepared.

The storm seems to have been heaviest in this district, trainmen coming in from Stratford and Wingham and from points east and west reporting the fall not as heavy as within a few miles of the city.

With the snow, sleighs were again brought out and the city presented a genuine winter aspect.

Merchants are pleased with the change, and claim that the drop in temperature and the snow will mean better business in the sale of seasonable goods.

GEO. H. HANEY PLACED ON COURT OF REVISION

Mayor's Failure to Reappoint J. G. Richter Causes Sensation.

Somewhat of a sensation was caused in the city today when it was announced that Mayor Stevenson had appointed ex-Ald. Geo. H. Haney as a member of the court of revision, displacing ex-Ald. J. G. Richter, who has been a member during the past year. Mr. Richter is considered an expert on these matters, and during the year gets credit for having given splendid service to the city. He had hoped to do even better work during 1917, as he was more familiar with the duties of the position, but the appointment of Mr. Haney has forestalled this. It was taken for granted that Mr. Richter would have his position once more.

The board is now composed of Major T. J. Murphy, who has been reappointed, Mr. Haney and Sheriff Cameron. Major Murphy will be chairman.

SPAIN IN NO MOOD FOR INTIMIDATION

Torpedoing of Pilayo After San Leandro Adds Fuel to Flame.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—"A report that the Spanish steamer Pelayo, with a cargo of oil and domestic articles, has been torpedoed and sunk while bound for England, coming on top of the sinking of the Spanish steamer San Leandro, has increased popular resentment," says the Temps' Madrid correspondent.

"All the leaders of the monarchical party are in complete agreement as to Spain's foreign policy. In political circles it is believed that Germany is much concerned about the measures the Entente Allies intend to adopt to protect merchant ships. According to information from a reliable source, the ambassadors of the central powers will present a note to the foreign office demanding that all merchant ships shall be treated as warships in Spanish waters. The Spanish Government, however, does not intend to give in to any intimidation."

The steamer Pelayo was a vessel of 1,641 tons. She was built in 1900, and owned in Barcelona.

NEW PEACE MOVE BEING MADE BY GERMAN CHANCELLOR FOR CONSUMPTION OF NEUTRALS

Once Wilson's Reply From Entente Is Received, Hollweg Is Expected To Further Define Position of Germany and Send More Notes to Neutral Powers.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 9.—via London.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, may be expected to make an important declaration about the middle of the present month, according to a dispatch to the Tijd from Berlin today.

The reply of the Entente to President Wilson is being awaited, says the dispatch, and the chancellor, after its contents are known, will further define in the Reichstag the position of Germany.

Germany, it is declared, will simultaneously address representations to the neutrals which supported President Wilson's proposals.

AUSTRIAN CABINET APPEARS TO BE STRIKING SNAGS

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Via London.—A dispatch to the Tageblatt from Vienna says the Austrian cabinet, headed by Count Clam-Martinic, which it had been expected would be able to solve most of the existing problems, appears to be striking snags, which day by day grow more difficult to overcome. The Czech parties have suddenly ceased to demonstrate the conciliatory and obliging attitude of confidence which had been expected of them, and which was counted upon materially to help in the settlement of many problems.

Hold Aloof From Government.

The Austrian Socialists, also, says the Tageblatt correspondent, are holding absolutely aloof, and refuse to commit themselves to the Government. According to the correspondent it has now developed that the Germans in the cabinet joined it only under condition that "the Government supply the requisites for parliamentary rule," which has not yet been the case.

Finally, says the correspondent, the solution of the Galician problem, which seemed easy, has become extremely difficult, and the Government also finds itself confronted with doubts about the wisdom of the ausgleich (trade agreement) with Hungary, as framed. Thus far, nevertheless, the Government still hopes to find a way out of its difficulties.

Socialist Manifesto.

The Opposition Socialists, comprising the supporters of the Reichstag minority, the so-called Spartacus group of extreme Socialists, and the adherents of the Socialist International movement, have just finished a convention here. They adopted unanimously a peace manifesto, in which it was declared that the time had come for the Socialists in all belligerent countries to demand of their governments an exact statement of their war aims, and to oppose any conditions which would be humiliating to any belligerent or injure its vital interests.

The manifesto opposes any territorial changes to which the inhabitants do not consent, and declares it to be the duty of all Socialists to fight every government and every party advocating war aims inconsistent with the above.

"Depend On Your Own Backbone!"

By Pte. Fred Young, 18th Battalion.

On the road to Success, be the goal what it may,
There will oft be "forced marches" to do,
When the trial will seem long and enshrouded in mist
Friendly landmarks and beacons but few,
Though false friends desert and your progress impede,
Yet all history ever has shown
That men met with success who in hours of distress
Could depend on their own backbone.

Now a loyal friend's worth we can scarce understand,
'Tis more precious by far than fine gold,
It inspires, and assists us Life's battles to face
When the world seems disheartening and cold.
But a time sure will come when adversity's claims
Must be met with no aid but your own,
Whether then you will lose or win out on the deal,
Will depend on your own backbone.

When a vessel leaves port, with her human freight, bound
For a country far over the seas,
Friends and well-wishers cheer as the anchor is weighed
And her pennants float proud on the breeze,
But when wild storms and tempest beat down on the ship
And huge waves into spindrift are blown,
All the cheers and well wishes don't count for much then
She depends on her own backbone.

The Good Book plainly tells us 'tis not to the swift
But to "him to the end that endures,"
That means, don't be a quitter, stick to it and win,
And the goal you desire shall be yours.
Unless filled with real courage you sure will fall down.
For an empty sack won't stand alone,
It is grit and endurance that win in the end,
So depend on your own backbone.

OTTAWA AWAKENS; TO PROVIDE MONEY TO HELP RECRUITING

Has Decided On a Scheme Whereby Battalions May Secure Funds.

Something unusual is happening to the Militia authorities at Ottawa. After two and a half years of war, it has been decided finally to assist battalion and other units financially in their efforts to obtain recruits.

A scheme has been decided on whereby a certain allotment of money has been granted to each military district. This amount is under the supervision of the D.O.C. A. battalion requiring a certain number of men to complete its establishment is required to formulate and submit a scheme by means of which it believes it may obtain theh. The cost of the method is to be detailed and the whole submitted to headquarters for consideration. If accepted by the D.O.C. enough money will be advanced to carry it through.

Although coming somwhat late in the war, it is believed that good may at least are now relieved of the necessity of begging for money with which to carry on the work of raising men.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF T. W. KEARNEY.

The death of Thomas W. Kearney, son of R. J. Kearney and the late Mary Ann Kearney, occurred at Victoria Hospital today, after an illness of some months. He was in his 27th year.

His wife survives him as well as one daughter, Thelma; three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Lecrear, Miss Nellie and Miss Margaret, all of this city, and one brother, Joseph.

On account of the illness of Miss Margaret Kearney, the funeral will be held from the residence of his brother-in-law, W. J. Lecrear, 29 Blackfriars street, on Friday. Requiem high mass will be sung at St. Peter's Cathedral at 9 o'clock, and interment will take place in St. Peter's Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF J. G. B'RLEY.

The funeral of James G. Birley, who died on Sunday, was held from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George McCormick, 398 Dufferin avenue, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock to the C. P. R. station. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Flanders.

The body was forwarded to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where interment will take place on Thursday afternoon.

NANGLE—KELLY.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. P. J. McKeon in St. Peter's Cathedral, Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss M. E. Kelly of this city and William Nangle of Biddulph. The wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. Heffernan of 175 Central avenue, and the happy couple left on the noon train for Detroit and other points. The groom's gift to the bride was a lavalliere set, with pearls. Mr. and Mrs. Nangle will be at home after January 24, at 388 Ottaway avenue.

YOUNG—OLIVER.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, when Rev. P. Bruce Thornton united in marriage Miss Sara M. Oliver, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Oliver of Dorchester, Ont., and Roper M. Young of North Battleford, Sask.

The bride, who was unattended, looked charming in a gown of ivory satin, with seed pearl trimmings, and Juliet cap and veil, entered the church on the arm of her cousin, Mr. Joseph Irwin, to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Professor L. D. Heaton. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Davies, 409 Agnes street.

The bride's traveling dress was of brown broadcloth. She carried a bag of the same shade, and also wore the gift of the groom, a cluster ring of rubies and diamonds.

They left for their future home at North Battleford, Sask.

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ARMIES OF CZAR

on both sides of the Suchitza Valley that had been taken from them. Counter-attacks launched with strong forces failed with most sanguinary losses. The enemy was pushed back further both north and south of the Kasino Valley.

"In the engagements of the past two days six officers, 900 men and three machine guns fell into our hands.

"Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: North of Fokshani we succeeded in gaining a footing on the left bank of the Putna. Between Fokshani and Fundeni we forced the defeated enemy to give up his positions behind the Putna and retreat behind Sereth. Prisoners to the number of 660 were brought in.

Attacks at Rimnik.

"At the mouth of the Rimnik-Sarat we maintained against several hostile thrusts the progress we had achieved by attack."

COUNTER BALANCES ANXIETY.

LONDON, Jan. 10. — The anxiety with which the operations along the Sereth River in Rumania are being watched here is partly balanced by hopeful interest in the Riga-Mitau region of Russia. Here, according to Petrograd accounts, the Russians are taking advantage of the frost, which has made possible a movement on the vast Tirul marshes and it is making substantial progress.

The operations seem to have been begun days ago, with a German attack toward Riga, but for some time they have appeared to be nothing more important than the usual affairs between outposts and artillery batteries. Two or three days ago, however, they began to develop in a manner indicating that the Russians had made preparations, which perhaps the German movement aimed at forestalling.

Capture 1,000 Prisoners.

"The Russians promptly replied to the German attack," says the Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent, "and, pushing steadily along the east bank of the River Aa captured triple positions from the enemy after hard fighting, and some 1,000 prisoners and sixteen guns. The movement still continues, and the Russians are within a dozen miles of Mitau, which appears to be their immediate objective.

Important Base Taken.

"There is no official confirmation of a statement current that this very important forward base of the enemy has been captured, nor are we allowed to know what forces are engaged in this region. It is the general opinion, however, that an important movement is in progress. Hard fighting has been in progress for three days already, and the balance of the success is largely with the Russian side in the operation, which admittedly is only beginning."

The Daily News' Petrograd correspondent says the Russians in the northwest corner of the Tirul swamp have reached a point four miles from the Tukkum-Mitau railroad and are steadily developing their success there, and also extending their operations further east.

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BLOW AT ITALY

find herself in 1917 the anvil for the German hammer.

Try to Secure Sereth.

"Meanwhile the present German design is obviously to secure the line of the Sereth, perhaps of the Pruth, and in any event the mouths of the Danube. Thereby the German line, so intolerably extended when Rumania came in, will be shortened to the least possible length. Many divisions can be restored to the general reserve, and von Hindenburg will be more free to use them where he will.

"The seizure of the lower Danube and the use of the river as a means of entrance into the Black Sea for German submarines would be an attractive program, affecting adversely not only the Russian campaign in Armenia, but also the other campaigns of the Allies in the eastern Mediterranean. We can hardly expect a winter campaign by Germany on the whole Russian front, but in May all the armies will be in movement, and Russia is not likely to exclude from her calculations the transfer of German weight to the left by rail and an advance on Petrograd in co-operation with the German navy."

The writer anticipates a sea attack by the navies of both the central powers. "If economic conditions," he concludes, "are as galling in Austria and Hungary as they seem to be, we must naturally expect before long a violent effort by their navies to break the blockade which is strangling them. If it comes it will be delivered with all their forces united, and with the last degree of energy. Nothing must turn our minds from the constant expectation of this act of despair."

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LONDON'S PROSPERITY

Seven Cities Share.

Seven representative cities in the Dominion of Canada, according to the investigations made by the merchandising research committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, just received here, were in the path of the unprecedented prosperity that swept North America in 1916. The report is printed as a part of the January number of Associated Advertising, published by the association.

The six representative lines covered by the investigators were department, grocery, clothing, hardware, drug and jewelry stores.

People had money to buy an increased amount of luxuries in 1916, in the face of higher prices for necessities—a sure sign of prosperity.

Canadians bought 15.3 per cent more jewelry in 1916 than in 1915.

In the Dominion the average increase in sales in all lines was 13.8 per cent above that of 1915. It is pointed out by the committee that the same economic conditions prevailing in the United States in 1916 existed in Canada, bringing about much the same results.

Manufacturers and jobbers asked more for their products and it is a notable fact, both in Canada and in the United States, that retail profits did not keep pace with the increase in sales. Net retail profits increased in Canada, in all lines, only 10.9 per cent over 1915, indicating that the retailer "split" with the public, and was therefore not greatly responsible for the increased cost of living.

Grocers Shared Up.

This is forcibly illustrated in the case of the grocer.

His sales showed an increase in the Dominion of 10.8 per cent over 1915, but his profits only increased 3.3 per cent. In some of the other lines (notably clothing and hardware) profits were more in keeping with the sales increase.

The report suggests that a retailer, in ordinary circumstances, ought to increase his net profits disproportionately as his sales increase, because there comes a time in the growth of sales when most of the expenses are cared for out of the gross profits on sales already made, so that nearly all the gross profits on sales above a given level become net profits.

The Canadian grocer, therefore, worked harder, sold more goods, ran more risk and was not paid for his trouble as well as a merchant should commonly expect. The clothier and hardware dealer came nearer to the usual profit rule. The hardware dealer, for example, increased his sales 25.5 per cent, and his total profits were 53.9 per cent more than the year before.

The report covers the month of November, regarded by the association as an index for the year, and compares November, 1916, with November, 1915. The cities represented in the report are: Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Victoria, London, New Westminster, and North Vancouver. With a few minor exceptions, increases in sales were noted in all lines.

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