

A novel advertising method was executed last week by the jewelry firm of Angus McFee. Consisting of the giving unconditionally of a silver plated teaspoon, the result so far exceeded their expectations, that reference to their ad. in this issue will interest many unavoidably disappointed.

Be sure and attend the Poultry Show to be held in the Armouries Belleville on Jan. 12, 13, and 14.

Sunday, Dec. 20th, Sidney Circuit. Weddings: 10.30, Sooria; 2.30, Stone Church 7.00.

HUGE SHIPMENT OF TURKEYS. Wagon load upon wagon load of rough-dressed turkeys hauled along to the city this morning from all parts of Hastings and Prince Edward.

L. O. L. ELECT OFFICERS. The election and installation of officers of L. O. L. No. 274 for the year 1915 was held at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening last, resulting as follows:

CUSTOMERS RECEIPTS FALL. The customs receipts at this port have dropped off this fall in the same proportion as in other parts of Canada.

Important Changes, Canadian Pacific Train Service Effective Dec. 13.

Eastbound. Train No. 20, "The Canadian" leaving Toronto 9.00 a.m., daily arriving Montreal 6.10 p.m.

Westbound. Train No. 19, "The Canadian" leaving Montreal 6.45 a.m. arriving Toronto 5.40 p.m.

\$100 REWARD. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages.

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The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. A. Connell, of Stirling, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Bick, of Ivanhoe, and the wedding march was played by Miss Alice Pollock, sister of the bride.

Friends and relatives were present from Kincairdine, Goderich, Kingston, Tweed, Campbellford, Burnham, Stirling and Rawdon.

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"Balyickard," Trent Road, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tetley Blackburn, was last evening the scene of the wedding of their daughter, Mary Selina, to Mr. William Horace Ludington.

Promptly at nine o'clock, the hour set for the ceremony the bridal party entered the dining-room, beautifully decorated with ferns, palms and chrysanthemums.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Randolph Bridgman, of Montreal, was groomsmen and Rev. Canon Beishish of St. Thomas church performed the nuptial ceremony.

About midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Ludington left on a wedding trip to Montreal, whence they will return to Belleville at the conclusion of their honeymoon before they leave for their new home in Vancouver, B. C.

There were many local guests present in addition to the following guests from outside places—Mr. and Mrs. Tracey Ludington, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robb, Mr. Bruce Robb, Mr. Chilton Robb, Mr. Edward Foley, Mr. Stanley Vipond and Mr. Randolph Bridgman.

OUR FIRST PRIZE COURT.

Triennial at Ottawa Orders Detention of German Ship Belina.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—For the first time in the history of the Dominion of Canada a prize court, an imperial tribunal exercising jurisdiction to time of war, was convened in Ottawa yesterday, with Mr. Justice Cassels of the Exchequer Court sitting as president.

The case before the court was one involving the seizure of the ship Belina by his Majesty's customs officers in the port of Quebec after the declaration of war between Great Britain and the German Empire.

After evidence had been given by the Customs collector at Quebec, Deputy Minister of Justice, James A. Macpherson, in a long and able speech, master of the ship, was called in behalf of the Portuguese claimant.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

It is officially denied in Vienna that Austria-Hungary has attempted to conclude a separate peace with Serbia.

The patriotic committee of the Kent County Council has decided to purchase a machine gun to be presented to the Militia Department.

Joseph Gerada, a former chef at the Hotel Belleville, has been killed in action in France, where he was serving with the French army.

WOULD OPPOSE KALSARY.

WASHERMAN. The Canadian writer and journalist, has written an "Open Letter to Santa Claus," suggesting that Canadian apples be placed in the stockings of children this Christmas, instead of oranges.

Under a new lighting order issued by the British Home Secretary, the streets of London will be even gloomier than before.

Ships May Escape Search. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, advised the State Department yesterday that the Government was willing to forego the exercise of its neutral search of vessels carrying cargo from American ports if the shipmasters would confer with the British consuls at the ports of departure and satisfy them as to the neutral character of their cargoes.

GERMANS MASSING

Russians Report New Bodies of Troops on Vistula.

RUSSIAN. The Russian press reports that the German army is concentrating large forces of the enemy are concentrating in the area adjacent to the river, near flow, the presence of several new bodies of troops.

SLAV ARMIES PROGRESS

Pierce Fighting is Reported in Central Battlefield in Poland, But Southern Actions are Less Intense and Germans are Weakening—Germans Advancing on the Carpathians.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 16.—The following official communication has been received from General Headquarters at the front:

"The fighting in the other regions along the whole stretch of the front has less intensity. A marked weakening of the enemy between Czenstochowa and Cracow is reported and in that region the Germans are completing their movements by railway towards the passes of the Carpathians."

"In western Galicia the battle is developing." According to The Army Messenger, the German attacks along the East Prussian front, which were conducted simultaneously with their offensive in Poland, failed on account of formidable fortifications which the Russians constructed in fields and forests paralleling the German lines.

The Grand Duke Nicholas records the fact without the slightest comment. The consensus of military opinion fully endorses his attitude of complete equanimity.

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LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Austrian army in Serbia has not recovered from the surprise which the Servians gave it. Just when they were thought to be beaten the Servians turned on the invaders and drove them westward and northward out of Serbian territory.

The London Daily News' correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs: "Enormous forces are massed on both sides of a definite position among the slopes and along the winding courses of streams between the Carpathians and Cracow. There also are movements on a considerable scale within the three chief Carpathian passes leading toward the valley of the San."

RULERS MEET TO-MORROW.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 16.—Via London.—The meeting of the kings of Norway, Sweden and Denmark at Malmo, Sweden, on Thursday at the initiative of King Gustav, will be the first conference of these three Scandinavian monarchs to discuss state affairs since the dissolution of the Duality between Norway and Sweden in 1905.

Clasped Babe's Dead Body. HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 16.—One of the most distressing cases of poverty discovered by charity workers came to light yesterday, when a woman, lying ill in a bundle of straw, found clasped her dead babe to her breast. The child had died of starvation.

Twelve Thousand Boys Enrol. BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Twelve thousand school boys between the ages of 15 and 17 have been enrolled as volunteer recruits in Berlin.

READY FOR ADVANCE.

General Activity is Witnessed Along the Allied Lines.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—All along the battle line from Flanders to the Vosges the allies began yesterday to move forward with the immediate object of driving the Germans out of Belgium.

According to information from a highly-placed personage in touch with the War Office, the Kaiser's troops, if this new movement be successful, should be thrown back on their second line in Belgium from Bruges to Courtrai, a distance of 20 miles, within three weeks.

The authority for the information concerning this most important development pointed out that yesterday's attack at Hollebeke is probably only one of the last feeling-out movements begun by Gen. Joffre about ten days ago.

The French first-line regiments needed far less time in which to re-organize than the early months of the war than Gen. Joffre had allotted to them, and the men of Kitchener's new army and territorial have shown themselves to be ready for the firing line months before Kitchener had intended to send them to France.

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UNIQUE BOOK OUT

King Albert's Plea For His People Ready For Public.

Hall Caine is Editor of Collection of Appeals Written by Notables From All Over the World—Premier Borden is a Contributor—250,000 Copies Make up the First Edition.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—King Albert's book will be issued to-day. Already more than a quarter of a million copies are in the hands of the booksellers.

Amongst the European contributors are: Premier Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Kitchener, Henry Bergson, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Hall Caine, Ambassador Jusserand, Rudyard Kipling, Alfred Noyes, Owen Seaman, Pierre Loti, Lord Reading, Earl Rosebery, Cardinal Bourne, the Archbishop of York, Israel Zangwill and William Watson.

Among the Americans are: Ex-President Taft, Cardinal Gibbons, Andrew Carnegie, Joseph Choate, former Ambassador to Great Britain; Lyman Abbott, Mrs. O. H. F. Belmont, Gertrude Atherton, G. Mont gomery Flagg, Margaret Deland, Winston Churchill, Charles D. Gibson, Howard Christy, William Dean Howells, Edith Wharton, Harrison Fisher, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Maxfield Parrish, E. H. Sothern and Jack London.

FIREMEN SAVED LIFE.

After Young Man's Heart Stopped Hospital Staff Called Fire Brigade. KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 16.—Michael Mulvehill, aged 20, owes his life to the pulmotor, worked by members of the city fire department.

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MONEY

Private money to loan on Mortgages on farms and city property at lowest rates of interest in terms to suit borrowers.

F. S. WALLBRIDGE, Barrister, &c. Corner Front and Bridge Sts., Belleville, over Dominion Bank.

FURS

Manufactured, Repaired, Re-dyed and Re-modelled at lowest prices.—MISS HAYES, over Burrows' office.

FARM FOR SALE

That desirable farm, belonging to the estate of the late Sidney L. Sharpe, east of 1st lot, 22 acres, containing 100 acres. Farm is in a fine state of cultivation.

TEACHER WANTED.

Teacher for S.S. No. 6, Ameliasburg holding first or second class professional certificate. Salary according to qualifications. Good neighborhood. A first-class equipped school. Applicant stating salary and qualifications to Howard G. Huff, Sec. Treas., Rosemore, Ont. d12-22,wtf.

D. J. FAIRFIELD, Licenced Auctioneer and Canadian Employment Agent for this District.

I wish to thank the farmers for the very liberal patronage in the past year and am still taking orders for the present year and will be at Standard Bank, every Saturday from 10 o'clock a.m. to 12 and from 1.30 p.m. till 3.30 p.m. and would advise farmers to apply early in order to secure help, as last year I was not able to supply the demand owing to orders given late. My address is 220 Colborne street. Any orders left with John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank will be promptly filled.

AUCTIONEERS.

D. J. FAIRFIELD, Licenced Auctioneer for the Counties of Hastings, Prince Edward, Ontario and Coteleur and Durham and Northumberland and also for the counties of Coteleur, Term. Liberal satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 464 at my expense. D. J. Fairfield, 225 Colman st. Belleville.

MILITARY NEWS OF THIS DISTRICT

Sergeant-Major Peppiatt, now acting as R.S.M. of the 22nd Battery, has accepted the offer of Lt.-Col. Rathburn to be the Brigade Sergt-Major of the 6th brigade which Lt.-Col. Rathburn will command in overseas service. Sergeant-Major Peppiatt has had much active and home service and has all the qualifications for the important position he has been offered. He served in South Africa throughout the most of the fighting and was for a long time Sergt-Major of "B" Battery R.C.H.A.

Major Rioran returned to Kingston Monday morning after a visit to his home at Belleville and Madoc. Major Rioran corrected the examinations of the 22nd Battery, course. The examination was conducted on Saturday.

Lt.-Col. Hughes has received an application from a father in England who is anxious to have his son enlist in the 21st Battalion. The Colonel regrets having to refuse the request of this patriotic father, as the 21st Battalion is already recruited to full strength.

A cough is often the forerunner of serious pulmonary affections, yet there is a simple cure within the reach of all in Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, an old-time and widely recognized remedy, which, if resorted to at the inception of a cold, will invariably give relief, and by overcoming the trouble, guard the system from any serious consequences. Price 25c. Mr. Howard W. Rathman, of the Bank of Montreal, Port Arthur, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rathman, for the holidays. W. C. Mikel, K.C., is in Ottawa today on business.