



A New Lay-Out For Spring

We are starting our New Spring Business under a new system, just like you will do when you lay off the old suit and don the new one. Our old system was a good one and served us well, same as your old suit did but now we have a brand new system in our stores that spells for bigger and better business. You might not notice anything different when you come in because it's not a change that affects the stores' personnel in any way. Our new system will help you because it means better service (and that's something we were always proud of), a wider scope in the merchandise selections, better facilities for made-to-measure garments, if you prefer them, and a splendid Men's Furnishing Section.

We have started on a new business year after closing one of the most successful in our history. We aim to make this year the best of all, that's one reason why we have changed the whole of our system. We are not cheery when we say we are a big firm because we have made ourselves big by doing things just a little bit bigger and better every year. We realize that you are watching us, that your eye is upon us and by the same token it's your eye we want to catch with our nifty clothing for men, young men and boys. Every one of our Salesmen has a suggestive mind. He can and will gladly help you with suggestions as to the proper clothes to buy, and, by the way, there is a heap of difference between suggesting and urging isn't there? The latter is never indulged in by anyone in our store, that's why so many people tell us they like to deal here. Perhaps it's because we have realized that our store is our day time home and we throw open our doors to you with all the good will and welcome we can put into words and sincerely hope you will soon visit our big clothing home to see the new Spring garments.

OAK HALL, Clothiers

Cor. Yonge & Adelaide Streets

Store Open Every Saturday Night Till 10 o'Clock

J. C. Coombes
MANAGER.

OFFICERS DISCUSS WORK OF HOSPITALS

Equipment Necessary for Over Four Thousand Beds in This District.

LESS THAN HALF NOW

Question of Taking Over Military Hospitals and Stores Discussed.

Questions concerning the taking over by the military of the Military Hospitals Commission's hospitals, barracks and equipment were gone into at Toronto headquarters yesterday by Col. W. Hallick, director of stores, and Col. E. E. Clarke, director-general of supply and transport, who came from Ottawa for that purpose.

It was pointed out as one of the necessary arrangements that sufficient equipment should be carried to meet the needs of 4,000 hospital beds, which will be the ultimate establishment. At present there are 1,800 beds.

Plans for the Toronto district mechanical transport to have thirty ambulances were formulated. The Ottawa authorities were asked for six ambulances with side cars and six with stretchers for emergency work. To enable those to run Col. Clarke will ask for the formation of a mechanical transport sub-depot and also new accommodation in Toronto in the way of garages, so that the new mechanical transport can properly handle its problems.

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RECITAL OF DANCING

Younger Girls of Physical Training School Provide Interesting Program to Large Audience at Foresters' Hall.

Fathers, mothers, and lots of all sizes gathered in overflowing numbers at Foresters' Hall last night at the recital of dancing given by the younger girls of the Somers school of physical training, Miss Verna Watson appearing in a series of special dances.

A bright Russian dance opened the program, followed by a number of group figures, in each of which the little ones showed grace and skill. In the second group the "Rose Ring" was particularly attractive, and in the nursery rhymes and characters Bo Peep, Little Jack Horner and the Three Blind Mice and others all added to the fun of the evening. Features particularly well done were the Flower Polka, in which little Edna Fraser danced gracefully while she threw carnations from her basket to the audience. Miss Verna Watson appeared in the "Moon Dance" and in the closing number, "On to Victory," in which she appeared as a knight in armor with flag in hand and sword drawn to protect it, was a charming closing tableau.

ALLEGED FURNITURE THEFT.

Alleged to have stolen a quantity of furniture from Ke'ih Gluckin, Ann Trebilcock, 177 Simcoe street, was arrested by Detective McConnell last night.

DECIDE ON GRANT TO HELP STRIKERS

Trades and Labor Council Hears Deputation From Weston.

TAXATION OF LAND

Consideration Given to Case of an Edmonton Letter-Carrier.

Frank Barber, representing the Single Tax Association of Ontario, who asked the Trades and Labor Council at last evening's session at the Labor Temple for its influence at Queen's Park for legislation for the heavy taxation or confiscation of all non-producing land in and around the towns and cities of the province, stated that the only effective way of helping the allied cause was that of producing food, and therefore that of taxing land as a means of forcing production from it. Continuing, Mr. Barber stated that while it might be true that the workingman with 50 acres would be taxed and the multi-millionaire with a mansion might not be taxed under the single-tax system, a deeper understanding of the situation would show that the millionaire by paying exorbitant prices for his suits, overcoats and food would really be paying a considerable portion on the purchases back to the land, since the foods and the fleeces and other materials used in the manufacture of cloths came primarily from the land.

Delegate R. H. Cox stated that the government had a lien on the labor man. Why then, he asked, should any lien be considered on his land? Delegate R. J. Stevenson asked the assembly to be sane for once, and not to approach the legislature on matters which it never would consider.

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could not be pardoned, he should certainly ask that he be pardoned. Delegate Bancroft's suggestion, as an amendment, was carried.

T. A. Stevenson, W. Brown, W. J. Storey, R. J. Stevenson, P. C. Crilken, A. Conn, W. Stockdale, J. Young, J. Ralph, D. Bick and James T. Gunn were elected to the Labor Day committee on matters which it never would consider.

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The Germans have increased their forces in France and Belgium by thirty divisions over the number maintained there last year. This reinforcement probably has for its purpose the counteracting of the strength to be brought into the field by the United States. Britain, France and Italy combined have larger forces than Germany and Austria-Hungary together. The allies have carefully withheld any discussion of information about their expected offensive, but it is believed that signs of its approach will soon be seen. As the French, who began their 1917 offensive with unsatisfactory results, in the middle of April, complained that, by reason of the earliness of the season they suffered serious handicaps in moving up the artillery and in consolidating the captured ground, it is expected in some well-informed quarters that the allies will delay their great stroke until about the first of May. The prospects of a German offensive have become small on the western front; the suggestion is now that the enemy will undertake an offensive against the allied armies north of Salonica.

The allies, however, have large forces in the Balkans, with the Greek army in process of mobilization and training. If the Germans choose this theatre of the war for an offensive, they will probably use Bulgarians and the Turks for the hardest fighting, but the allies have strengthened their defence and are ready to make the enemy attack so costly as to be not worth the sacrifice. The allies, meanwhile, may not wait for the enemy to attack them, but may proceed to attack him in conjunction with the main allied offensive. It was for the purpose of consolidating the offensive powers of the allies that the supreme war council has sprung into being at Versailles. With Rumania out of the war, the enemy secures the release of about 11 divisions, but some of these will proceed to Odessa. If the allies undertake a Balkan offensive and succeed, they

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can rest their right flank securely on the neutral territory of Rumania.

The Germans, despite earlier reports of a receding of their advanced guards in Russia, have penetrated to within 88 miles of Petrograd and have occupied an advance of 32 miles since the signing of the peace. It is the evacuation of Petrograd that is bothering the enemy. He wants to seize and military stores which the Russians are removing. The population, meanwhile, is calm. Many believe that they would as soon live under German Government as under their own government. The dominance of Germany over them would at least remove the necessity of sometimes having to think for themselves. These advanced guards of slavery are striving to force the German yoke upon their country and to make use of the central position of Moscow for the installation of their destructive theories. The world is wondering what they will do when the Japanese intervene.

Finland has joined Rumania and the Ukraine in making peace with Germany. Before the signing of this treaty the Bolsheviks virtually recognized Finland's independence and agreed to withdraw from the country. This was in order to facilitate the German settlement. The Bolsheviks in deserting and making war against Rumania, virtually compelled her to surrender and thus furnish another strong piece of evidence that they are controlled from Berlin. The cession of Dobruja and the Russian provinces between the Black Sea and the Caspian, including the ports of Constanza and Bakoum, will give the enemy, if he is allowed to keep his territory, an alternative route to India and the far east, to replace the loss of the Bagdad route. The Petrograd majority Socialists, meanwhile, have decided to recommend that the Russian congress of Socialists accept the German terms. They are giving their advice in the form of a plea for the revolution and an alarming diagnosis of the malady afflicting the Russian army. They now say that it will not fight.

LET OUR EXPERTS ATTEND TO YOUR PLUMBING

The practical experience and expert knowledge of the men we send to look after your work has been the means of saving householders and owners of plants and warehouses substantial sums of money in the work we do. There are no "bunglers" in Shannon's employ. Every man we send out is a thoroughly experienced and reliable man, capable of undertaking any work no matter how important it is. Shannon's service has been tested and tried this winter as never before, and has given 100% service in every instance. We answer calls by motor cars to all parts of the city.

SHANNON THE PLUMBER

Park 738-739

Dr. R. McP. Turner, who has been in St. Michael's Hospital suffering from the effects of blood poisoning, is at last able to leave his bed and walk around a little. The hospital authorities state he will soon be able to leave the institution. It will be necessary to remove the little finger of his hand.

Dr. Turner has been under police supervision since his admittance to the hospital as he is being held on an abortion charge.

SCHOOL PUPILS INCREASE

More Than Two Thousand More For February.

Chief Inspector Cowley's report of the public school enrolment for February shows a total of 64,659, against a total of 62,496, an increase of 2,163. The daily average attendance was 85 per cent. The discipline reports show a total of 696 for corporal punishment.

FACES SERIOUS CHARGE.

Harry Prafwenna, 309 1/2 West Queen street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Military Officer Kerr of the morality department, on a charge of indecency. The complainant is a young girl aged 17.

A Remarkable Indigestion Remedy

Owing to the wonderfully successful reports of dyspeptic and indigestion sufferers from indigestion, gastritis, acidity, etc., have been using the old-fashioned stomachic and indigestion remedy prepared by mixing 1 1/2 ounces of bismuth carbonate and 1 ounce of magnesia carbonate, many leading druggists now keep this remarkable remedy put up ready for use under the name of Bi-nesia in convenient packages, each of which contains a binding guarantee contract of satisfaction or money back. No claim is made that Bi-nesia is any better than the mixture your druggist can prepare from the above formula, but dyspeptics and stomach sufferers who wish to convince themselves of its marvelous merits without risking a cent, should go to the nearest druggist today and get a bottle of Bi-nesia. The kind that's guaranteed.

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