NO PANIC SHOWN ALONG THE COAST

Towns All Report Preparations Made For Any Subsequent Attacks.

SOME COOL CUSTOMERS

Commercial Traveller Stood On Hotel Porch, Smoking, Through Attack.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 17.—The news of the German raiders' arrival was promptly sent to the military authorities of all coast towns and prearranged steps were immediately taken everywhere, so as to be prepared in case a raid developed at other points.

For instance, the mayor of Tynemouth, on the North Sea, eight miles east-northeast of Newcastle, immediately ordered the gas supply turned off, directed the police to round up a large number of aliens and issued the following proclamation to the emergency committee:

"There is a rumor that a battle is progressing in the North Sea, and there is a possibility of a hostile attack on Tynemouth. The civil population is advised to remain indoors, but if the people wish to leave their dwellings they should proceed in the direction of Newcastle.

"There is no reason for undue alarm, and we strongly urge the population not to leave town, as notice will be promptly given if we consider this necessary."

No Panic Shown.

There is much speculation in London as to how far the German raid has succeeded in creating a feeling of uneasiness or panic in other coast towns.

One of the London newspapers telegraphed to the mayors of all coast towns,asking them what effect the news of the enemy's visit had had. All replies received so far indicate that no panic is felt. Among the replies are the following:

"Felixstowe—Complete arrangements have been made here for all eventualities. Business is going on as usual.

"Great Yarmouth—We have taken all necessary precautions to protect the inhabitants in the event of a bombardment here. The people are quite calm.

"Harwich—The city is calm and normal.

"Hull—The excitement over the raid soon subsided here. We have full confidence in the navy.

"Lowestoft—The raid has not affected our nerves. The emergency committee has taken every precaution. No attack is expected, but we are prepared for any contingency."

A number of refugees and travellers arrived in London from the bombarded towns during the night. Some of them showed signs of the raid in bandages covering minor injuries received.

Wounded By Shell.

Arthur Wood, manager of the Electric Light Company at Scarborough, had his head swathed with bandages to cover wounds where pieces of shell had struck him in two or three places. His son, who accompanied him, was also wounded in two places. The elder Wood said:

"I was standing in front of my house when a shell burst a few yards away and fragments ricochetted from a windowsill and hit both me and my son. I took my family to the cellar, where we bound up the wounds and remained there until all sounds of the bombardment had ceased. We then decided to leave town for a week.

"It is my impression that the damage to the fine houses along the waterfront is very heavy. The town has scarcely a windowpane left.

"At the first sound of the firing our soldiers were ordered into the trenches to prevent any attempts to land troops."

Smoked and Watched.

A commercial traveller who smoked a cigar on the porch of a hotel at Scarborough throughout the bombardment said:

"Although there was some excitement in the town, the attack was over so soon there was no panic. The guns engaged in the attack were evidently of small calibre, as the damage done by each shell was confined to a small area, while some of the shells merely cut clean small holes in buildings, passing on harmlessly.

"My hotel was struck by several shells, but nobody was injured. One shell wrecked two rooms, but fortunately neither of them was occupied."

Another passenger from Scarborough was a cool young housewife, who said:

"At daybreak I glanced out of my kitchen window and saw three warships lying quietly in the haze a mile or two offshore. It never occurred to me that they were anything but English ships, so I went quietly about my preparations for breakfast.

Shell Passed Her.

"About 8 o'clock I heard the sound of guns, but paid no particular notice. A few minutes later there came a shock—I cannot think of a better word for it. A shell had struck the house and passed straight through the room I was in.

"I was poaching eggs at the time. I looked up and saw great holes in the walls near the ceiling, indicating the course of the missile. I was puzzled for a moment, and then suddenly realized that the Germans were shelling Scarborough.

"I took the family to the cellar, where we remained for an hour, during which one more shell struck the roof and fell into the drawing-room, smashing up the furniture. Another shell plowed up our garden."

Like a Thunderstorm.

[Canadian Press.]

York, England, via London, Dec. 17.—Refugees from Scarborough were still arriving at York and Leeds at an early hour today, though the bombardment of Scarborough by German warships began at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and lasted but half an hour. Scarborough last evening had its streets filled with crowds, and even the moving picture houses were open, but all the people were discussing the attack in which five children, five women and seven men perished, and thirty were wounded and over a hundred houses were hit.

The attack was so sudden that the people at first believed the cannonading came from target practice, but they were soon undeceived. The bombardment was divided into two sections of fifteen minutes each, with an interval of five minutes between them. The second half was the more violent.

No Reply Shots.

One battleship and two cruisers did the firing, steaming northward after the bombardment. Not a shot was fired by the city, as there were no cannon.

Among the dramatic incidents was that in which one family of four was wiped out. The father died in a hospital, but his wife, son and nephew were killed outright. The home of the Right Hon. Russell Rea, member of Parliament for the district, was blown up, but the family escaped. A shell blew the chimney and part of the roof off the hospital. The patients were unharmed, although they were thrown into a panic. The shells were all explosive. A hotel, a church and many houses were hit.

Like a Thunderstorm.

The same squadron which shelled Scarborough bombarded Whitby later, an action which seemed to be the result of an afterthought.

During the bombardment of Scarborough there was great excitement, but calm soon prevailed again. The inhabitants likened the bombardment to a terrific thunderstorm, it appearing as though the Germans intended not to leave a house standing. The people were herded out of the lower part of the city, the poor quarter, by soldiers, as this section was a prominent target. Notices were published by the police, asking residents to report all unexploded shells which were found, and several were brought to police headquarters.

INSURANCE RATES REDUCED.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 17.—12:07 p.m.—The Government today announced further reductions in the premiums on marine insurance under the war risks insurance scheme. The rate on a single voyage is reduced from twenty to fifteen shillings, and on a round voyage of three months, the policy is reduced from forty to thirty shillings.

ST. ANGELA'S CLOSING

Clever Pupils Put On Splendid Entertainment at College Last Night.

The large number of relatives and friends who attended the closing exercises last night were justly proud of the pupils of St. Angelo's College, and thoroughly enjoyed the seasonable program presented. In addition to dainty playlets, several musical numbers were most creditably rendered, including an opening chorus, "Greetings," by the college students; a piano solo, "Winter," Miss Elaine Stevely; chorus, "The Merry Sleigh Bells," by the primary girls in tobogganing suits and carrying skates; instrumental duet, "Light of Heart," by Gertrude Manley and Elaine Stevely; Christmas carol, junior pupils; "Hide and Seek," played by little Philip Pocock, aged eight, who has only been studying three months, and received quite an ovation; piano duet, "Military March," by May and Josephine Catalano; piano, "Murmure du Vent," Miss Eleanor McPhillips; "Mazurka Caprice," Mary Catalano; and a pretty "Good-Night," by the junior pupils. All accompaniments were played by Mary Catalano.

Perhaps the most taking number of all was "Waiting for Santa,", by two little tots of five, Dorothy O'Neill and Katherine Givins.

"A Chatter of What They Want From the Good Old Saint," an allegorical play, "The House of the Heart," was followed with interest. The members of the cast were: Child, Rhoda Scanlan; Wisdom, Eleanor McPhillips; Purity, Marie Hennesy; Charity, Eleanor Scanlan; Humility, Hazel Ryan; Industry, Edna Chadwick; Cheerfulness, Mary Gallagher; Dame Gossip, Kathleen Jenkins; Vanity, Marjory Cox; Laziness, Mary McGregor; Dame Quarrelsome, Kathleen O'Hara; Grumble, Grace Harper; Envy, Mary Harding.

A very-much-enjoyed number was a sketch "Christmas Night," in which the following took part: Rosamond, Gertrude Manley; Frances, Constance Giffins; Eleanor, Katherine Givins; Angela, Mary Burns; Clare, Elaine Stevely; Dame Margaret, Kathleen Cowan; the Beggar, Helen Trudeil.

Wednesday's entertainment was given especially in honor of His Lordship Bishop Fallon and the Catholic clergy of the city. Bishop Fallon expressed his pleasure at the excellent intellectual and cultural training the girls are receiving. The entertainment was repeated this afternoon at 3, and also this evening at 7:45.

"POSSIBLY HERALD OF GREATER EVENTS"

Berlin Papers Jubilant Over Raid on English Coast.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, via Amsterdam and London, Dec. 17—9:30 a.m.—Concerning the shelling of Scarborough and Hartlepool, the Berliner Tageblatt says:

"Again, our naval forces, facing the danger of the scattered mines in the North Sea, shelled English fortified places.

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung expresses satisfaction with the attack, especially immediately after the naval battle off the Falkland Islands.

The Berlin Neuesten Nachrichten has this comment:

"This time it is not a daring cruiser trick with the transitory throwing of a bomb, but a regular bombardment of fortified places, which is a new voucher for the gallantry of the navy."

The Boersen Zeitung says the bombardment is possibly the herald of greater events.

CHEAP STORE RATE

New Hydro Price Will Mean Reduction for Heavy Users.

According to General Manager H. J. Glaubitz, of the public utilities commission, the new hydro rates, announced by the provincial commission yesterday, mean that all consumers who use more than 40 kilowatt hours per month will be given a special redu ed rate for the remainder. This means that special rates will be given to users of electric energy for stoves and other electrical appliances.

"We have no official report on the commission's new proposed rates," declared Mr. Glaubitz today. "All I can go on is what I have seen in the papers, but apparently the idea is to make a special rate for those who are using the 'juice' for stoves.

"Our new rates here are lower than those ordered by the commission. The domestic lighting rating is the lowest in the hydro-electric power circuit. Under these new charges of ours, which went into effect on the first of the month, we are selling hydro for 3 cents a hundred square feet, for service charge, and 2 cents a kilowatt hour for the energy. There is a discount of 10 per cent on both these charges, and a minimum service charge of 27 cents a month, and a maximum of 81 cents.

"When the new rate, for stove users, will go into effect is, of course, unknown here. Apparently, however, the commission has ordered it, and we will receive an official intimation at any time."

FOR OLD EMPLOYEES

Defends Superannuation Scheme, General-Manager of Public Utilities

In answer to a letter which appeared in The Advertiser, and which declared that the special superannuation scheme of the public utilities commission should apply to Messrs. Simmie and McLean, two of the veteran employees, General-Manager H. J. Glaubitz declared that it was for just such cases that the fund was intended.

"Our whole object was to take care of such men as these," said Mr. Glaubitz. "We believe that there should be something provided for the men who we are no longer justified in trusting with the care of valuable machinery. Mr. Simmie is still with us, and will, of course, come under the superannuation scheme when it goes into effect."

"What about Mr. McLean?" was asked.

"Well, that is another question," was the reply. "Mr. McLean is no longer with us."

"Will he come under the superannuation head?"

"That is up to the commission to decide, but I would naturally suppose that it will take some action."

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

BOARDERS WANTED — WARM rooms, all conveniences. 462 Dundas street. Phone 4419. 17c

TO LET—SEVEN-ROOMED, NEW brick cottage. Apply 1184 Laura street, East London. 17n

AUSTRIANS LOSE SHIP AND CADENTS

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 17.—4:44 p.m.—In a dispatch from Rome, the correspondent of the Central News says: "A Triest official has announced the blowing up of a mine and the sinking of the Austrian training ship Boothoven with the loss of the crew and all the cadets on board."

UNIFORM SYSTEM

G. T. R. Car Shops Men Meeting Here to Institute One.

Grand Trunk carshop superintendents and foremen, from Portland, Maine, to Chicago, Ill., assembled at the local carshops today to study the shop conditions here in their efforts to institute a uniform piece-work scale system for the men employed in the local institution.

These meetings are held once a month. The meeting, prior to the local one, was held in Montreal, and the next, the officials have decided, will be held in Chicago.

$75,000 FIGURE

London Electric Assessment Fixed at That by Court of Revision.

At a meeting of the court of revision last night the assessment of the London Electric Company was fixed at $75,000 after much discussion, in which Capt. T. J. Murphy was in favor of confirming the assessment at $110,000. The compromise was effected as the best possible solution, and in the event it is appealed by the company the city will fight to have the higher assessment confirmed.

The terms on the gravel roadways on William and Colborne streets were increased from three to six years, giving the residents a longer period in which to pay the taxes. W. M. Gray was allowed 80 per cent reduction on the vitrified brick pavement in front of his property, and 50 per cent reduction on the curb and gutter.

An exemption of 76 feet was allowed G. S. Weir on Oxford street, and all other taxes were confirmed. The court will hold another meeting on Friday night to consider exemptions on account of vacant property.

CONFIRMS RUMOR

First Contingent Man Says That It Will Move Almost Immediately.

Confirmation of the rumors that the first Canadian contingent will be on the firing line before long, is found in a letter received today by George Blackwell, of Bathurst street, from his son who left here with the Sixth Battery. The son informs his father that he had better not write until he receives the troop's new address.

"We are going to either France or Egypt, we don't which, but we are expecting to go at any minute," writes young Blackwell.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

London Resident for 88 Years.

Mrs. Minerva Emigh, aged 88 years, and a life-long resident of this city, died last night after a short illness at her home, 239 Egerton street. Mrs. Emigh was born in London in 1826. She was the wife of Henry Emigh, a dentist, who died in this city about fourteen years ago.

Mrs. Emigh was the daughter of Cyrus Sumner, who lived in London for many years. Surviving her are two sisters, both of this city: Mrs. M. McCulloch and Mrs. C. Sumner.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services at 2 o'clock will be conducted by Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, pastor of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian church.

Lived Here 35 Years.

John S. Boake, for 35 years a resident of London, died early this morning at his home, 72 Byron avenue. He had been ill for several months. Mr. Boake was well-known in this city; at one time he had been in the farm implement business, and later was a collector. He was a member of the Askin Street Methodist Church.

Mr. Boake was the son of John Boake, and was born in Canada near Toronto. Surviving him, are his wife, Mrs. Laura C. Boake, and two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Warner, of Toronto, and Miss Jessie Boake at home.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. W. M. Harvey, of the Askin Street Methodist Church, will conduct the services at 2:30 o'clock.

SOLDIERS GO INSANE

[Canadian Press.]

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—A new first-aid corps, consisting of nerve specialists for the treatment of soldiers who have become insane during battle, has been organized. The necessity for this form of treatment is growing as a result of the intensity of the nervous strain under which the soldiers are fighting. An instance in point is the case of a second lieutenant, who escaped unwounded from a fight in which there were only thirteen survivors out of 240 men. He is a mental wreck. It is said that there are many similar cases.

TEMPTATION FAILS

Carranza Men Cannot Induce Maytorenas to Fire.

Naco, Arizona, Dec. 17.—The Carranza garrison of Naco, Sonora, opened fire with artillery at daylight today on the entrenchments of the Maytorens besiegers. The evident effort to provoke a reply from Maytorena failed up to 9 o'clock.

Military observers on the American side, however, believed that Maytorena ultimately would be forced to renew the interchange of shots.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MORE DISCRIMINATION.

A St. Thomas reader writes as follows:

"Would call your attention to the price of reserved seats for the coming production of 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.' The lowest reserved price here is 35 cents, and in London 50 cents, as advertised in a St. Thomas and London paper respectively. A. J. Small must have it in for London theatre-goers. Yours truly, "OBSERVER."

The sum of 15 cents is not one to get excited about, but the principle of charging London theatre-goers more, even to the extent of one cent, than is charged the theatre-goers of other places is all wrong. The fact that the above letter was received is proof that theatre-goers regard the difference in price as discrimination against London, and the frequency with which prices are raised for London must impress those who support a theatre the profits of which go to Toronto.

As The Advertiser pointed out in advance of its appearance, Lawrance D'Orsay's show appeared in London at the $1.50 scale of prices, and in St. Thomas at the $1 scale of prices. Then the company left London and dropped its scale of prices again. London was simply jacked up because the theatre owner believed it would stand for it. "Mutt and Jeff" played London at a higher scale than they played Detroit. The latest instance is in connection with the attraction that appears tonight. Those who pay the lowest price for reserved seats will be paying 30 per cent higher than is charged for the same production when it appears in the favored little city to the south.

SEVENTY-FOUR KILLED

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civilian population in case of an attack. These measures are primarily to forestall any panic or congestion on the railroads and thoroughfares which might impede military movements.

Through wireless telegraphy Berlin promptly heard of the outcome of this visit of German cruisers to the English coast, and this morning a wireless message from the German capital, picked up here, repeated details of the attack as printed by their newspapers yesterday. Nothing has been added from German official sources.

A majority of the victims at Hartlepool were women and children. Fifteen schoolboys were killed by a single shell, only one boy in a group escaping. Ten persons were killed by the collapse of a building in which they had taken shelter.

One shell damaged a building five miles from shore.

Should Be Home.

Steaming at high speed the German raiders, barring mishap, should have reached their advance naval base off Heligoland some time after midnight last night, the trip requiring about fifteen hours. Thirty hours out of port on such a venture in mine-laden waters is a feat English papers do not belittle, and in his heart every Englishman hopes that it will be essayed again, and if necessary again, until the call is paid once too often.

It is presumed that behind the German cruisers strewed mines, so a fleet of trawlers is now engaged in the precarious task of sweeping.

Repairing Damage.

The towns attacked yesterday had resumed much of their normal appearance by today, except in the bereaved homes and in the hospitals, where the wounded were quartered. Reinforcements moved at hammering was heard as the damage was repaired.

The belief is general that the Germans in this expedition had the able assistance of spies. The remarkable secrecy with which the raid was executed is shown by the fact that not a single incoming vessel at any east coast port saw the German ships prior to their sudden appearance.

ALL GERMANS ARRESTED.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 17.—8:25 p.m.—All naturalized Germans in the seaport of Sunderland, a short distance north of the English coast towns which were bombarded by the Germans yesterday, were arrested over night, according to a dispatch published by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Strathroy Family Donates Century-Old Volume to Fund.

Written exactly 100 years ago, and treasured for many years in a Strathroy family, an old volume telling the story of the Battle of Waterloo and many other incidents of the Napoleonic wars, has been forwarded to Mrs. A. T. Edwards, treasurer of the Women's Canadian Club, to be sold for the Belgian relief fund. The donor is Miss Mary E. Campbell, of Strathroy, who writes that the book has been in her family since publication, and while valued as an heirloom, they are glad to part with it to aid the Belgians.

The book, which is leather-covered, is in excellent condition, although the leaves are yellowed with age. No author's name appears, but these words adorn the front page: "Britain's Triumph on the Plains of Waterloo, being a correct and circumstantial narrative of the memorable battle, with biological and characteristic anecdotes of the principal commanders."

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

Every city and town hall should have a bureau to encourage Made-in-Canada goods. Money spent by public officers for the good of the public should serve the good of the public by being invested in what makes work for Canadians. There are cases in this country of councils and boards of works turning down Canadian tenders even when they were lower than foreign tenders; or because they were a few dollars higher; or because they wanted to try experiments; or because they figured that the factories which paid taxes into their own civic treasury could afford to beat up business abroad. Happily, such cases are not now as frequent as they used to be. The civic employers and spenders of Canada as a whole, have got it strongly into their heads that it's far more important to have labor busy in factories and able to spend wages for Made-in-Canada goods, than to have labor tramping the streets looking for charity or work. It's better to have men busy on something that represents a fair investment of labor than busy on work that's done by a corporation just on purpose to keep men from being idle. A skilled mechanic may be able to handle a shovel on a piece of roadwork. But he won't do it as well as the man that's brought up on the shovel. His power to work depends on the things he does. When he's at a job that doesn't suit him he wastes his labor. The civic Government that doesn't help to keep labor busy in its own factories, or factories elsewhere in Canada, is neglecting a golden opportunity to help along a movement that keeps civic governments from having bad economic problems on their hands. Every municipal government in Canada should be a civic headquarters for the purchase of Made-in-Canada goods.

LOCAL NEWS

BURNED BY KETTLE.—Mrs. Hannah Pidd, 225 Grey street, had her arm severely burned by steam from a kettle while working around the stove.

FIRE IN COAL OFFICE.—At 2:15 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the coal office of Chantler Bros. 263 Bathurst street. The cause of the blaze is unknown. The damage will be light.

BANK CLEARING.—Bank clearings for the current week are reported to total $1,556,410. For the corresponding week lats year the figures amounted to $1,810,332.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.—M. H. O. Dr. D. G. MacNeill, of Arva, states that all the London Township smallpox patients are doing well and making good progress towards recovery, the epidemic being of a mild form.

BANQUETTING THE TEAM. — The board of governors of the Western University is giving a banquet tomorrow evening in honor of the victorious rugby team. Students of all departments are invited to attend.

NORMAL SCHOOL CLOSING.—The Normal School closes tomorrow morning for the holidays, and will not reopen until Tuesday, January 5. Of the 170 students, about 150 are from out-of-town points, for which they will leave during the day.

LIBERALS PLAY EUCHRE. — Many Liberals and their friends played progressive euchre in Hyman Hall last night. The weekly card contents are instrumental in securing many new members for the club.

CASE CONCLUDES TODAY. — The case of G. A. Waddell, contractor, who is suing Mrs. Emma Johnson for the balance he claims is due him on a contract for the construction of a house and shop, will be concluded before Judge Talbot Macbeth this afternoon.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Fox, of 108 Rectory street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elsie M. Fox, to Maurice J. Abbott, of this city. The wedding is to take place the latter part of this month.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.—Stereoptican pictures of the war in Belgium will be shown at the First Congregational Church tonight under the auspices of the Young People's Guild. These views were brought direct from the front and show the famous stairway at Liege and the public buildings at Louvain.

TO PRESENT CANTATA.—The children of Talbot Street Baptist Church Sunday School will present a cantata tonight, entitled, "Santa Claus' Prize; Who Wins It?" The Children have been carefully trained, and a delightful entertainment is promised. There will be a silver collection.

BIG MASS MEETING. — The big public mass meeting, under the auspices of London Britishers, will be held this evening in the Masonic Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. Many capable speakers will be heard, and topics of live interest will come up for discussion. A large attendance of citizens is looked for.

TO BE BURIED HERE.—Fred Blair, who died in Victoria Hospital from heart failure after an operation that was performed on him Tuesday, December 15, will be buried in this city. Superintendent T. H. Heard of Victoria Hospital, received a cable communication from his relatives in Scotland asking that Blair be buried in one of the local cemeteries.

AGAIN FRACTURES RIBS.—Rev. Mr. Hosking, pastor of the Methodist Church, St. Johns, who had almost recovered from a painful accident of a few weeks ago, when he broke his ribs, met with another unfortunate accident this week. While attempting to lift a heavy load, his ribs were again broken in the same place, and he is now confined to bed and suffering a great deal of pain.

SPEAKS TO WOMEN.—Egerton Street Church was filled with women yesterday afternoon to hear Patrick Morgan give an address on "Life in the Convent." Some women present took exception to some of the things said, but Mr. Morgan, in a quiet way, explained matters. The evening lecture proved very attractive, as the spacious auditorium was crowded with men.

SAFETY FIRST MEETING.—Chief Inspector Harry Coll, head of the Grand Trunk "Safety First" organization, is in London. At 5 o'clock today he will address the local "Safety First" Society in the Grand Trunk carshops' library. The safety first idea is being fostered by all big railways in an effort to minimize the number of avoidable accidents.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.—The program committee of the London Conference is meeting today in Wesley Hall to prepare business and make preliminary arrangements for the annual conference to be held in St. Marys in June. Seven or eight ministers and laymen from different points in the London district are in attendance at the committee meeting, which is presided over by the president of the conference, Rev. George N. Hazen.

WILL USE CRIMEAN BELTS.—The secretary of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., has received from a member of the Red Cross Society, Oil Springs, the pattern of the cholera belts used by the British soldiers in the Crimea. As they are much easier to adjust than the knitted belts, the Daughters of the Empire will use the pattern after the new year. Several Oil Springs boys at Salisbury are wearing the Crimea belts, and find them entirely satisfactory.

DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING.—The statement that the body of James Smith, the colored youth who died as a result of the double fatality at the Egerton street crossing on Monday night, was unclaimed, was due to a misunderstanding. Until yesterday it was held at the undertaking parlors of John Ferguson's Sons. At the father's request it was then taken to the rooms of Smith, Son & Clarke. The funeral was held from his aunt's home this afternoon.

CHEAP COAL COSTLY.—Cheap articles sometimes prove costly. It proved to be so in the case of two East End married women who were getting their coal from the Grand Trunk. Today they appeared in court on a theft charge. Two juveniles, who appeared with them, declared that the women had sent them out to gather coal along the tracks. Instead they had taken it from the chutes, claiming that a railway employee said they could have it. The women admitted their guilt, made restitution for the coal, and were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

WHO IS C. C. BROWN?—Bearing the address "Clarence C. Brown, London, Canada," a letter was received in the city today with the information that Mr. Brown's brother Tom was in the Crocker Street Hospital, Los Angeles, with tetanus (lockjaw) and asking that $500 be wired at once to defray the hospital expenses. The "Brown" to whom the letter was sent by the post-office has no brother "Tom," neither has he one in California. However, believing that there might be a "Clarence C. Brown" in the city, to whom the letter was sent, he brought it to The Advertiser office.

MOTHERS' CLUB BAZAAR.—The closing meeting of the Mothers' Club of Victoria School, held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, was of unusual interest, and was largely attended. The exhibition of sewing by the schoolgirls reflected great credit on their teacher, Miss Maybelle Stuart. In the evening a program was given consisting of orchestral numbers, solos by Miss McQueen, and a play, "The Shakespearean Club," presented by the young people of St. Matthew's Church. Rev. A. S. Cree gave a short talk on "The Christmas Spirit." Sixty dollars was realized, which will be devoted to charity.

FACES INSANITY CHARGE.—John Jopland, the mystery man, who two weeks ago walked into Victoria Hospital with a three-inch gash in his throat, and was remanded a week ago by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd on a vagrancy charge, will appear in court tomorrow to face a charge of insanity. Jopland has been acting strangely during his sojourn in the county jail, at times refusing to eat, and at other times he becomes sullen and refuses to speak. So far the man's identity remains as much a mystery as it was when he first stepped into Victoria Hospital. Inquiry as to his home or the whereabouts of his relatives brings the same answer, "I don't know."

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]

Chicago, Dec. 17.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Previous Close.
Wheat—					
Dec.	118⅝	*120⅛	118⅝	120⅛	118⅝
May	122⅝	123⅝	122¼	123½	122⅝
July	115⅞	116⅝	115¾	116⅝	115⅞
Corn—					
Dec.	62⅞	64	62¾	64	63
May	68⅝	70¼	68¼	70¼	69⅜
July	69⅞	70⅝	69⅞	70⅝	69⅞
Oats—					
Dec.	48¼	48½	48	48½	47¾
May	52	52⅝	51⅝	52⅝	51⅝

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]

Chicago, Dec. 17.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Previous Close.
Pork—					
Jan.	$18 32	18 40	18 32	18 40	18 30
May	18 75	18 87	18 70	18 87	18 77
Lard—					
Jan.	10 00	10 12	10 00	10 12	10 05
May	10 25	10 37	10 22	10 37	10 27
Ribs—					
Jan.	10 00	10 02	10 00	10 02	9 97
May	10 27	10 37	10 25	10 35	10 27

WHEAT OPTIONS.

[Reported by Logan & Bryan by special wire to H. C. Becher.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Wheat—Close—December, $1 18⅛; May, $1 23⅝; July, $1 25.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—Wheat—Close—December, $1 15½; May, $1 19⅝; July, $1 20½.

PARIS BOURSE.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Prices were firm on the bourse today. Three per cent rentes, 70 francs 25 centimes for cash. Exchange on London, 25 francs 17 centimes.

BAR SILVER.

London, Dec. 17.—Bar silver, 22⅞d per ounce.

MONEY AND DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Dec. 17.—Money, 1¼ per cent. Discount rates, short and three months, 2⅞ per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

J. M. Young, 3 London Loan building, reports fluctuations in New York stocks as follows:

New York, Dec. 17.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30.
Trunk Lines and Grangers—				
Baltimore & Ohio.	69½	70½	69½	69⅞
Erie, com.	22	22⅝	22	22⅛
Great Northern	115	115½	115	115½
New Haven	55⅝	..	..	..
N. Y. Central	82½	83	82½	83⅝
Rock Island	2¼	..	..	..
Rock Island, pfd.	3	2¼	2	2
St. Paul	90¼	90⅝	90¼	90⅝
Wabash, com.	¾	..	..	..
Wabash, pfd.	2	..	..	..
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝
Canadian Pacific	137⅝	..	..	..
Kan. & Tex., pfd.	30	..	..	..
Louis. & Nash.	125	..	..	..
Missouri Pacific	10	10¼	9⅞	9⅞
Northern Pacific	102	102⅛	102	102
Southern Pacific	85⅞	86⅛	85⅝	85⅝
Southern Ry.	16⅝	16⅞	16¼	16¼
Union Pacific	118⅝	119	118⅛	118¼
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio	44	44	43	43
Lehigh Valley	136	136½	135	135¼
Norfolk & West.	101½	..	..	..
Ontario & West.	21	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	107⅞	108	107½	108
Reading Railway	148	149	148	148⅝
"Traction Shares—				
Brooklyn Transit.	85½	86	85½	86
Interboro	12⅝	..	..	..
Industrial—				
Am. Beet Sugar	30	31¼	30	31⅛
American Can	26¼	26¼	26	26
American Car	46	46¼	45	45
American Sugar	107½	..	..	..
Amer. Smelters	58⅝	..	..	..
Central Leather	26¼	28⅛	26¼	28⅛
Col. Fuel & Iron	24¼	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas	119⅝	..	..	..
Vir. Chemical	21	..	..	..
Western Union	58⅝	58⅝	58	58⅛
Copper Shares—				
Amal. Copper	54	54⅝	54	54⅛
Anaconda Copper	26½	27	26½	26⅝
Tennessee Copper	32½	33	32½	33
Utah Copper	49¼	49⅝	49	49⅛
Chino Copper	34⅝	34½	34¼	34¼
Oil Shares—				
Am. Cotton Oil	40	40½	40	40⅛
Cal. Petroleum	16½	16½	15⅝	15⅝
Steel Shares—				
Bethlehem Steel	40¼	..	..	..
Beth. Steel, pfd.	84⅝	..	..	..
Pressed Steel Car	34⅝	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	50⅝	51½	50⅝	51⅛
U. S. Steel, pfd.	104½	104½	104⅛	104¼
Money, per cent.	3	3½	3	3½

Sales to noon were 48,700 shares.

PRODUCE.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Wheat—Spot was steady; No. 1 Manitoba, 10s 6d; No. 2, 10s 1¼d; No. 3, 9s 11d. Futures not quoted.

Corn—Spot dull; American mixed, new, 6s 11d. Futures steady; December, 6s 8¾d; January, 8s 1½d.

Flour—Winter patents, 36s 9d.

Hops (in London)—Pacific coast, £2 10s to £4.

Beef—Extra India mess, 160s.

Pork—Prime mess western, 110s.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 68s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, 62s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, 69s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 68s 6d; long clear middles, light, [illegible] to 34 lbs, 67s 6d; do, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, 66s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 66s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, 56s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, new and old, nominal; American refined, 57s.

Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, 78s 6d; do, colored, new, 79s.

Tallow—Prime city nominal, 34s 9d; Australian (in London), 33s 9d.

Rosin—Common, 10s.

Petroleum—Refined, 6¼d.

Linseed Oil—25s.

Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)—Spot, 27s.

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