

BOLSHEVIK RULE IN RUSSIA FAILS

Members of Constituent Assembly Defy Government Opposition to Maximalist Through Russia Grows

Social Revolutionists Refuse to Submit to Lenine and Trozky; Ukrainians Remain in Alliance With Cossacks Against Bolsheviki

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, Friday, Dec. 21.—M. Tchernoff, former minister of agriculture and Mme. Catherine Breshkovskaya and other Social Revolutionist members of the Constituent Assembly, have proclaimed their determination not to submit to Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trozky, but to convene the assembly and to endeavor through it to carry out a program of peace and land freedom.

The total number of members elected to the Constituent Assembly is now 368, but only 48 of these have been registered as members by the Bolsheviki.

PEASANTS' CONGRESS DIVIDED

London, Dec. 22.—The meagre news reports from Petrograd indicate a serious division in the Peasants' Congress, which has been in session for a fortnight in Petrograd. The right wing, led by M. Tchernoff, insists that all power shall be given to the Constituent Assembly, which will decide upon peace, the land question and other reforms, while the left is dominated by the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates. The latter take the position that the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates should be given authority above that of the Constituent Assembly. All has a slight majority.

Officers of the Baltic fleet have adopted a resolution protesting against the latest reform which places the supreme command of the fleet in the hands of the elected sailors and makes all posts elective. The resolution of the present declares that the reform, if carried out, will paralyze the fleet and prevent peace on a democratic basis, because if impotent Russia peace will be dictated by the imperialists of the enemy.

Bolsheviki Rule Failing. Opposition by the Ukrainians and the followers of General Kaledines to the Bolsheviki movement, together with an unconfirmed report that the Germans have rejected the peace proposals of the Bolsheviki delegates, continue to overshadow military operations in the European theatre. The chief of the alliance has been formed between the Ukrainians and the Don Cossacks gives credence to another rumor that the Ukrainian Rada has definitely notified the Bolsheviki commissioners that it will not reconsider its action in aiding the Kaledines force.

The German attacks in Alsace have been repulsed, according to the French war office. The chief of these attacks at Hartmanns-Werkkopf took the Germans into the first line French trenches. But in the engagement that followed they were driven out with heavy losses. At other points along the French front, artillery activity has been intermittent, except at Courieres wood in the Campagne region. Rheims has again been shelled by the Germans. In Flanders the Belgian war office reports artillery activity, though less intense because of fog.

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The first requirement of a good ad is a good product. Copy written with mental reservations kills confidence. The salesman is the only man who has to be cheerful 100 per cent. of the time.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The weather has turned much colder in Ontario and Quebec, while in the West it has been very little change in temperature. Forecasts. Fair and cold to-day. Sunday—Some local snow flurries, but generally fair, stationary or a little higher temperature.

VICTORY LOAN PRIZE ESSAYS IN THE COUNTY

Excellent Results From the Rural Pupils—The Prize Winners

The Victory Loan essay competition among pupils of the public schools of the county for prizes amounting to twenty-five dollars, offered by Messrs. Hope and A. K. Bunnell, who organized the Victory Loan campaign for this county, resulted as given below. For each of the five grades from the second form to the senior fourth, three prizes of \$2.50, \$1.50 and \$1 respectively are awarded. About 280 pupils, representing every municipality in the county, contributed essays, consequently the competition was keen. Naturally most of them followed more or less closely the lines of the literature of the campaign, but here and there a good deal of originality was shown and, needless to say, many schools that are not represented in the prize list, did good work. While the competition no doubt assisted in promoting the campaign for the loan, it also proved a valuable exercise in practical composition for the schools.

The following is the award of prizes:

- Senior Fourth—1, Ernest Buck, No. 5 E. Dumfries; 2, Florence McArter, Burford, P.S.; 3, Mary Sullivan, Cainsville. Junior Fourth—1, Agnes Morton, Glenmorris; 2, Nancy Askew, Grandview; 3, Myrtle Clement, No. 1 A. Brantford. Third—1, Madeline Martin, Burford P.S.; 2, Dorothy Bringle, Paris P.S.; 3, James Macauley, Glenmorris. Junior Third—1, George Alderson, Grandview; 2, Jean Edmondson, Paris P.S.; 3, Ida Briggs, Mt. Pleasant. Second—1, Dorothy Meadows, Mt. Vernon; 2, Gwendyth Pryce, Grandview; 3, David Armstrong, Paris P.S.

LEAVE FROM FRONT Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Marsh have received word from Branshott camp in England, of the arrival of their son Irvin, on six weeks' leave of absence from the trenches. Pte. Marsh has seen 14 months active service in France, going over in the first draft from the 125th battalion, and has so far escaped without a scratch.

Get Christmas Club Bag at Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne street.

SCENES FROM THE HALIFAX DISASTER



ONLY THE WALLS REMAIN, LIKE A CHURCH IN DEVASTATED BELGIUM. Five hundred of the congregation of St. Joseph's Church, seen at the right hand side of the picture, were killed and many injured while at mass. Yet, this church was situated about a mile from the place where the explosion took place.



SCENE DIRECTLY NORTH OF NORTH STREET STATION WITHIN HOUR OF ACCIDENT. Already crowds were beginning to survey the destruction wrought and some of it is apparent from the photograph. Telegraph poles have snapped off in the middle as by high explosive shells, their broken tops lying across the street on tracks. On the extreme left may be seen a squad of soldiers mobilizing, the officer turning round as if trying to figure out just where he means to start work.



ANOTHER VIEW OF RICHMOND PRINTING CO.'S BUILDING. This plant was situated on Old Campbell road and when it collapsed 30 girls and several men lost their lives. A wrecking party including a number of soldiers, are already beginning the seemingly hopeless task of shifting some of the debris in an effort to find the bodies.

FACTORYMEN CALLED THE MAYOR LAST NIGHT

Workmen's Branch of Patriotic Fund Association Demanded Proof That Soldiers' Wives Had Been Intimated

Complete endorsement of the action of the president and secretary thus far regarding the sweeping statement made by Mayor Bowly on election night when he alleged wholesale corruption in the administration of the patriotic fund, to a large gathering in the Liberal club rooms, was given by the factories patriotic league

at their meeting held in the public library last night. A deputa-tion from the executive of the fund waited on the league and explained the situation since the unqualified charge was made by His Worship on Monday night. A strong resolution was passed expressing approval of the course of action thus far pursued by the members of the executive in seeking to secure a

retraction from Mayor Bowly. The Factories Patriotic League have eight representatives on the executive of the fund, and the resolution expressed the belief and conviction of the league that politics was not a factor in the work of the fund. Such being the case, the league desired Mayor Bowly publicly to give evidence to the contrary, if such is in his possession or to publicly state that he did not infer that the officials of the fund had stooped to intimidation during the election, nor had used their office toward the furtherance of the cause of any candidate.

Ex-Mayor John Spence explained the situation since its development. The statement had been made on election night by Mayor Bowly in the Liberal Club room that pressure had been exerted on soldiers' wives to vote for W. B. Cockshutt. His statement on that occasion was a sweeping one, and intimated wholesale corruption, leaving of course, the inference that the threats came from the office of the patriotic fund. Mayor Bowly, at a subsequent day during the week, in conversation with Mr. Spence, had said that a woman "with tears streaming

down her face" had come into his office and claimed that she had been told in the office of the patriotic fund, that if she did not vote for Mr. Cockshutt that her patriotic allowance would be cut off.

The true circumstances, said Mr. Spence, were these: The woman had been refused her regular check when it came due, by Secretary Thompson, acting under instructions from the executive, until such time as certain conditions were remedied. The lady, doubtless angered at the refusal, had expressed her intention before leaving the office, of interviewing Mayor Bowly and having him take up the matter.

Mr. Spence explained that it was due the public of Brantford to know that in the administration of the fund, politics and religion were not considered. The slur and slander that had been made before a large public gathering, by a man occupying such a position as did His Worship, could not be allowed to go unchallenged.

The executive had written Mayor Bowly asking him either to cite a specific instance or to retract his statements. He had replied through the press, but not satisfactory, and had evaded the issue. He had claim-

FRENCHMAN WOULD FORM NEW UNION

Alderman of Quebec City Would Unite Quebec and Maritime Provinces NEW CONFEDERATION Proposal That Quebec Withdraw From Dominion Not Taken Seriously

By Courier Leased Wire

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Alderman Eugene Dussalt, who took such an active part in the anti-conscription demonstrations here last summer, gave notice at the meeting of the city council last night of a motion to petition the Quebec Legislature to form a new confederation between the Province of Quebec and the Maritime provinces. Mayor Lavigne, Alderman Collier and Alderman Flest endeavored to induce the youthful member of the council to withdraw his motion, but he refused to do so.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The Gazette does not regard seriously the proposal to separate Quebec from the other provinces. It says to-day editorially: "Mr. Francoeur, member for Lotbiniere, in the Legislative Assembly, has given notice of his intention to propose that Quebec should declare its readiness to secede from the confederation if, in the opinion of the other provinces, this province is an obstacle to the union and progress and development of Canada. Such a declaration requires little comment. It is the product of a narrow mind and others with narrow minds may be left to become excited over it. The wise and solid opinion of Quebec can be depended upon to treat it accordingly to its insignificance."

Laurier Not for Cabinet Montreal, Dec. 22.—With reference to the suggestion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier might be offered a place in the Union Government, and information from Ottawa that the offer is not likely to be made, The Gazette said to-day: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, in spite of his wrong policy and his defeat, was an outstanding figure during the campaign, and will not be a negligible figure in the future, is best in his old place as leader of the Opposition."

Laborites Kicking Ottawa, Dec. 22.—At the meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association this evening, Delegate McDowell expressed himself as very pessimistic regarding the future of the recently formed Independent Labor Party, owing to the lack of support it had received so far from the Labor movement. He stated that in spite of the gas and hot air which was "shot off" at the Trades and Labor Congress he thought from present indications the day was still very far distant when Labor would be represented on the floor of the House of Commons. That such a state of things existed was to the everlasting shame of organized labor. He thought it a crying shame that throughout Canada, during the last election, labor had not been able to send a single man to parliament.

ed that he "was never known to tell a lie." Mr. Spence did not think that the custodian of the council chamber was entitled "to have wrapped about his majestic figure the mantle of George Washington," but expressed the belief that he would be more at home with that of certain biblical characters not noted for veracity.

Mayor Bowly, pointed out Mr. Spence, by virtue of his office as Mayor of the city, was a member of the executive of the patriotic fund, but since the inception of the fund, although he received a notice of every meeting, had not attended one. If the fund were not properly administered, Mayor Bowly should know of it through his connection, and if he did not know, it was an indication that he was not discharging his duties. H. T. Watt also addressed the members. He assured them, that politics nor religion were no factors (Continued on page three)

SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. W. L. Hutton sailed for England this week to join her husband, Major W. L. Hutton.

Mrs. A. K. Bunnell was a visitor in Toronto recently, the guest of her son, Mr. Arthur Bunnell.

Mr. Stanley Montgomery of Winnipeg is spending the Christmas holidays at his home, 204 Nelson street.

Miss Manchester, of Buffalo, is spending the Yuletide season in the city the guest of Miss Gould, Church street.

Miss Stephanie Jones is home from Waterloo, spending the Christmas vacation at the parental home, Chestnut Avenue.

The Misses Dagmar and Valerie Jones of Toronto, will spend Christmas in the city, the guests of their aunt, Mrs. C. C. Fairchild, Brant Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Hanna are spending the Christmas season in Ottawa and vicinity, the guests of Mrs. Hanna's parents.

Mr. Walter Boddy will spend Xmas in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boddy, coming up from Dundas the first of the week.

Lieut. W. M. Iverson of Exhibition Camp, Toronto, is spending Christmas at the parental home.

Mrs. Robert K. Duncan and Miss Elsiebeth Duncan are in the city from Toronto, and will spend the Christmas season with Mrs. M. H. Robertson, Lorne Crescent.

Mrs. J. J. Hurley and Mr. Harvey Watt, Secretary of the Patriotic League will attend, by special invitation, the Xmas tree given by the Women's Patriotic League and Kith and Kin Societies of Paris, to-night. Mr. Harvey Watt acting as chairman during the evening.

Mr. Frank Convery, formerly an employe of The Courier, recently of Detroit, is spending Xmas in town, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Convery. "Frank" has decided to join the Canadian Flying Corps and has passed his examination in Toronto.

A very successful "Dolls of the Allies" bazaar was held by the Kitchener club in the Great War Veterans' Home last Saturday afternoon and evening, large crowds attending, and the very satisfactory sum of \$300 was realized for Brantford's wounded soldiers, enabling the

Kitchener club to pay for the automobile which was presented to the soldiers some time ago by them, and leaving a substantial balance for the wounded as well. The beautiful war bride, with her exquisite tresses, was won by Mrs. Vanstone, Charlotte street, while the dainty maid of honor was won by Mrs. Angus, Nelson street. The bridegroom and Sergeant O'Leary, which were disposed of on Monday night, brought in the sum of \$48. This organization of little girls and their big sisters are to be congratulated on the splendid work they have done. Since the war commenced, they have made over \$900 for the soldiers of Brantford.

The following from The Record-Herald refers to a little Chicago boy, Billie Remien, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Remien of 628 Addison street, is more than ambidextrous. He not only knits with both hands, but can sew verses to accompany his gifts for soldiers. He admits he's a boy and is proud, too, that he is the youngest member of the St. Elizabeth's Business Women's Home Auxiliary of the Red Cross. Billie has just finished knitting a sweater for a soldier. Accompanying it are his verses, as follows: Oh! Soldier Man, I'm just a kid, But I knit this sweater, honest I did. My name is Bill, I'm six years old. Put it on and don't be cold.

My mother taught me how to knit. So I am sure it will fit. And when you wear it in old France Just shoot the Germans in the pants.

The important appointment of leading soprano soloist at Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, has been given to Miss E. Marie Underhill, a recent and brilliant graduate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music and pupil of Miss Jean Williams. Miss Underhill has also been appointed as teacher of singing at the Brantford Academy, Toronto Saturday Night. Miss Underhill will sing at both services in Zion church to-morrow.

Pearl Steinhoff, L.T.C.M., a young contralto possessing a voice of unusually fine texture, gave a graduating recital at the Conservatory of Music on Dec. 5th, which revealed her as a young artiste of rare promise. She is a pupil of the well-known vocal instructor, M. M. Stevenson. She was assisted by Marjory E. Jones, a pleasing young violinist and a pupil of Mr. Brantford. The above extract from the Toronto Saturday Night refers to Miss Marjory Jones of this city.

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SHOP EARLY J. M. YOUNG & CO. CHRISTMAS STORE NEWS
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Children's Furs

White Thibet Setts, stole and muff at \$12.50, \$11.50 and \$7.50
Odd White Thibet Muffs, at \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50
White Kit Conly Setts, at \$12.50, \$7.50 and \$6.50
Taupe Kit Conly Setts, at \$11.50 and \$6.50

Furs for Ladies' and Misses

Red Fox Sett, large animal stole and pillow muff, at \$72.50
Taupe Lynx Sett, animal boa, ball muff at \$82.50
Sable Sett, dropped skins, stole and melon muff, at \$75.00
Natural Lynx Sett, animal stole, ball muff, at \$35.00
Black Coon Sett, animal stole, pillow muff, at \$50.00
Black Wolf Sett, animal stole, ball muff at \$36.50

Odd Muffs

Muskrat Muff, ball shape, dark skins, special at \$18.50
Black Wolf Muff, ball shape, special at \$25.00
Black Manchurian Wolf Muff, pillow shape, at \$13.50
Mink Muff, pillow style; at \$85.00, \$75.00 and \$50.00

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We have a complete assortment of Caramels, Coconut Crisp, Peanut Brittle, and all other pan candies. Fresh from the candy-room daily. You can't go wrong.

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Special Showing of Ladies' Silk Waists for Xmas

Just to hand, another shipment of ladies waists in Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine and stripe Habitu; hundreds of pretty styles to choose from and they come in elegant range of colors, etc., at \$8, \$7, \$5 to \$2.19

Gifts For the Boy--- the Kind He Likes

Boys' Ties 75c, 50c and 25c
Boys' Mocha Gloves \$1.50 and \$1.00
Boys' Wool Gloves \$1.00, 75c, 50c 35c
Boys' Handkerchiefs 25c, 20c 15c to 5c
Boys' Stocking, plain or heavy ribb, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c to 29c
Boys' Mufflers, plain or knitted; \$1.10, \$1.00, and 75c
Boys' Suspenders 25c

Silks for Xmas

Habitu Silk, 36 in. wide, a washable silk, \$1.25, \$1.00 to 59c
Black Duchess Satin, worth \$2.00; Special \$1.50
Silk Crepe de Chine, 40 in. wide; black and colors; special \$1.75
Satin Stripe Habitu Silks, 36 in. wide; elegant range of designs and colors; regular \$2.00; Special \$1.50

Gifts for Men

Mens' Sox in either wool or silk and wool mixtures, \$1.25 to 75c
Mens' Silk Ties \$1.00 to 25c
Mens' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs plain or initial, 50c, 40c, 30c, 25c
Mens' Suspenders, good strong make, 50c and 35c
Mens' Mocha Gloves, all sizes, \$5.00, \$4.00 to, pair \$1.50
Mens' Underwear in all the best makes; shirts and drawers to match, \$2.50 to, per garment 50c
Mens' Umbrellas, steel rod, choice range of handles, \$8.50 to \$1.25
Mens' Heavy Grey Wool Working Sox; at 40c, 50c, 60 and 75c

Parasols for Xmas

Ladies Parasols, silk and wool tops, steel rods, natural wood handles; trimmed with gilt or silver; variety of styles to choose from; also suit case parasols; prices \$8.00, \$7.00, \$6.00 to \$1.25

Buster Brown Umbrellas for Children's School Wear

We are showing some very smart Umbrellas, the Buster Brown style; for children's school wear at \$1.25

Gloves for Xmas

Ladies Heavy Weight Silk Gloves, in grey, white, black; \$1.65
Washable Cape Gloves, in tan and putty; all sizes; special at \$2.75
Best quality French Kid Gloves; in grey, tan, white and black, at \$2.75, \$2.50, \$2.25, \$2.00 and \$1.75
Ladies Wool Gloves, in white and grey and black; all sizes, 75c to 50c

Handkerchiefs for Xmas

Thousands of dainty Pure Linen Handkerchiefs in plain, others embroidered, corners and initial; some lace-trimmed, 3 and 6 in pretty Christmas box; at \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25 to, per box 75c

Dainty Neckwear

Christmas neck wear, in crepe, net, washable satin; a variety of styles, and comes in fancy gift box; at \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.00 to 75c

Linens for Xmas

Bath Towels at \$1.50 Each
Turkish Bath Mats, in blue, pink, and white and red; special at \$2.25 \$1.50 and, each

Embroid. Pillow Cases \$1.50 Pr.
Fine Embroid. Pillow Cases, hemstitched; with fine embro. patterns, at \$1.50 pair

Initialed Pillow Cases \$1.85 Pr.
Initialed Pillow Cases, with fancy embro. designs, all initials in stock, \$1.85 special, at pair

Turkish Towels, Extra Value at 49c Each
Fancy White Turkish Towels, in blue, pink, and gold stripes, 22x44 size; Special, each 49c

Huck Towels at 59c Pair
Fine White Huck Towels, blue or pink, fancy borders, large size; special 45c at, pair

Fancy Huck Towels 45c Pair
White Huck Towels, with fancy Damask ends, finished with hemstitch; special at pair 59c

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OFFICIAL RET

The following figures returns given by Sheriff tion:

Table with multiple columns and rows of numbers, likely representing election results or statistics. Includes sub-sections for 'Majority for Charles' and 'Majority for Wallace'.

NEWS OF NO

List of veical Prize at Poultry Show—Simcoe News

Write Simcoe Agent 311, or phone 356-3 all regarding delivery or other news items or news.

OFFICIAL RETURNS FOR NORFOLK

The following figures have been compiled from the official returns given by Sheriff Snider yesterday in his official declaration:

Table with columns for Township (Charlotteville, Houghton, Middleton, Townsend, South Walsingham, North Walsingham, Windham, Woodhouse, Simcoe, Port Dover, Waterford) and rows for individual wards (No. 1-6) and totals. Includes 'Majority for' information for each township.

mas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. McNally, Keyport, Ont.

Miss Maggie McKnight of the Hamilton Normal School reached home yesterday to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McKnight, of Windham.

Odd Ends of News. The installation of electric lights at the registry office was completed yesterday.

With all the thawing there are still a few piles of snow almost four feet high about town.

About the best-Laurierite canvassing argument that we have heard of was that of the fellow who told some soldiers' wives that unless they voted for Wallace their patriotic money would cease.

The author of this was a clever fellow. The local butchers have an unusually good Christmas stall of meat. Fowl are apparently scarce.

Turkeys are selling at 40c and some of the larger birds run up to \$12 or \$14. Some of us have seen yearling steers sold for less.

When one hears all this cry about how scarce farm help was last summer, he is reminded of the day and a half Punksy spent telephoning about the countryside to find harvest employment for a couple of clerks from Toronto who came out to work in their vacation on the farm.

Municipal Matters. The township political caucuses are now preparing the slate for the elections.

There was a Reform meeting in Windham Thursday evening, we believe, and the Conservatives will meet next Tuesday.

Charlotteville Liberals met at Walsh last night. We have not yet heard of any movement to oust the County Councilors on account of the adoption of the good roads project.

The Boys. We commend our delivery staff to such of our customers as have had a faithful and satisfactory service from the boys during the past year.

The little fellows have had their discouragements but like the rest of us—and by the way—a copy of The Courier as a Christmas gift to absent ones, a daily reminder of the donor for the period covered.

Specials at the Poultry Show. \$30.00 silver challenge cup for best collection, one variety of Wyandottes. H. A. Johnson, Simcoe, with whites.

\$25.00 challenge cup—Best ditto. Orpingtons—Thompson Bros., Pt. Dover.

\$25.00 challenge cup—Best ditto. Barred Rocks. Wm. Trinder, Woodhouse.

\$20.00 challenge cup—Best ditto. White Leghorns. Mrs. W. B. Tomlinson, Norfolk Heights Farm, Simcoe.

\$20.00 challenge cup—Best ditto. White Rocks. Wm. Trinder, Simcoe.

Bronze medal—R. I. Reds, collection. W. C. Everett.

\$20.00 challenge cup—Best collection colored Leghorns, one variety. Chas. Anderson, La Salette.

\$10.00 challenge cup—Best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, any variety. Plymouth Rocks. Wm. Trinder, with Barred.

No cup was lifted this year under the three-year regulation.

\$2 Cash Specials for Single Variety. \$2 Collection Anconas, one variety. Ira Scott.

Collection Campines, John Garland.

Collection Games, C. E. Hyde.

Collection Houdans, Geo. Amberger.

Collection Hamburgs, F. Newman.

Collection Minorcas, W. C. Everett.

Collection Polands, Carl Thompson.

Collection Bantams, C. E. Hyde.

Heaviest bird in show, Thompson Bros., Pt. Dover.

\$1.00 specials for male bird: Ancona, Ira Scott.

Companion, John Garland.

Campine, John Garland.

Houdan, Geo. Amberger.

Hamburg, Geo. Amberger.

Leghorn, C. Anderson.

Minorca, V. Everett.

Rock, Wm. Trinder.

Poland, C. A. Thompson.

Rhode Island Red, W. C. Everett.

Wyandotte, H. L. Johnson.

In the general show Wm. Trinder of Woodhouse was a good second in Barred Brown Leghorns.

George Estwell, of Simcoe, led in rose comb anconas.

C. E. Hyde, of Waterford, was to the front in golden laced wyandottes.

Wm. Trinder, of Woodhouse, had some of the best white rocks.

Brantford and Paris apparently did not care to go up against a collection containing so many birds that had led at the big shows. There is some complaint about the rough usage received by Norfolk birds at the hands of the cartage service in Brantford, and possibly that feature kept out some exhibits from the north, as it prevented many of our leading chickens fanciers from showing at Brantford at the last show.

Demonstration on Dressing. Miss Yates gave a demonstration of killing, plucking and dressing fowl to a goodly audience yesterday, and incidentally a lecture on war-time production and economy in meats.

presence of a brass band for an hour's programme each afternoon, to draw the crowd. The building is commodious and comfortable for the birds, and the patrons of the show, and we believe the financial aspect of the venture is not embarrassing.

Parcels have been received from the Lantville Women's Institute and from Langton.

The Mayors of Simcoe. One year ago we published a list of the Wardens of Norfolk. Through the courtesy of Town Clerk W. C. McCall, we are able to give our readers to-day a list of the names of the municipal heads of the county town, since it attained its status of a town.

For many years, the chief magistrate was known as 'The Town Reeve.' It was not until 1879 that the title 'Mayor' appeared.

(The asterisk indicates those still living.)

The Town Reeves. 1851-52—Nathan C. Ford. 1853—Duncan Clark. 1854-56—T. G. Wilson.

1857—Aquilla Walsh. 1858—William Wallace. 1859—Aquilla Walsh.

1860-64—William M. Wilson. 1865—George Jackson. 1866—William Wilson.

1867—David Tisdale. 1868-73—John Wilson, M.D. 1874—R. T. Livingston.

1875—John Scott. 1876-78—John Wilson, M.D. The Mayors. 1879—John Wilson, M.D.

1880-81—R. T. Livingston. 1882 (a)—Aquilla Walsh; (b) John Wilson, M.D.

1883—John Wilson, M.D. 1884—William Wallace. 1885-87—James Hays, M.D.

1888-90—Geo. H. Luscombe. 1891-92—J. Lorne Campbell. 1893-94—Alex. McCall.

1895-96—Edgerton Tisdale. 1897-98—Wm. Sutton. 1899-02—R. S. McGill.

1903-04—Chas. A. Austin. 1905-06—Robt. E. Gunton. 1907-08—A. T. Sibley.

1909—A. T. Sibley. 1910—Chas. A. Austin. 1911—A. T. Sibley.

1912-13—L. C. Gibson. 1914-17—Geo. Williamson.

We have no doubt that a perusal of the above list will recall pleasant memories for many of the older citizens of Simcoe. In the list above are the names of many men who stood out prominently in the public life beyond the horizon of the municipality.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Continued from page two. Miss Evelyn Secord is spending the Christmas holidays in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hollinrake and family of Toronto, will be Christmas visitors at the parental home, 42 Wellington St.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Thompson of Webster City, Iowa, arrived in the city this afternoon on an extended visit to Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. Harry James, 32 Cayuga Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Miss Caroline Wright of Aylmer, will spend Christmas day in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wright, Brant Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yeigh and Miss Marian Yeigh will spend the Christmas season in the city, the guests of Mrs. Hamilton, Waterloo street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Jukes Gordon and Mrs. Watson and family of Stratford, will spend Christmas in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Merritt and Miss Dorothy Merritt were in the city on Thursday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Waterous, on route for Stratford, where they are spending Christmas.

Mrs. E. W. van Allen and Miss Marjorie van Allen, Dufferin Ave., will spend Christmas in Toronto, the guests of Mr. E. Simms.

Captain Wm. Wallace, Chestnut Avenue, is spending the week-end at the parental home, coming up from the base hospital, where he is undergoing a course of treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Watt, Mrs. Webbing and Little son, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Seavie and children, Miss Sadie Seavie, and Mr. Reg. Seavie, will spend Christmas in Hamilton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phinn.

A cable, received in the city on Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sutherland, states that their son, Lieut. Logan Sutherland, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his recent serious accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkes of Montreal are expected in the city the first of the week to spend Christmas with Mr. Wilkes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkes, Champlain street.

The Misses Margaret Cockshutt and Maude Cockshutt have returned from MacDonald Hall, Guelph, and are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents.

Mrs. Gordon Jones and Little daughter, who have been the guests of Mrs. T. Harry Jones and family, returned to London to spend Christmas with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. German.

S. G. Read & Son Limited. Wish their patrons and the public generally a very Joyous Xmas and Prosperous New Year

Just a word about our business. We would advise our customers whether they wish to buy Sewing Machines, Pathophones, or the silver-toned Bell or Wright pianos, that they do so at once and save the advance in price. We insert copy of letter just received, dated Dec. 6, 1917.

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Mrs. Alan Robertson and Little son are spending the Christmas season in the city, the guests of Mrs. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roberts, Brant avenue.

The Rev. Mr. C. Paterson-Smythe and Mrs. Paterson-Smythe are expected in the city on Monday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Paterson-Smythe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roberts, Brant avenue.

Some twenty-five ladies gathered in the G.W.V. home on Friday to wrap the Christmas presents for the soldiers' children Christmas tree, which will be given under the auspices of the Women's Patriotic League and the Women's Institutes of this city and county. The Christmas tree will be in the Armories on Friday next, December 28th, at 6 o'clock, and all the soldiers' kiddies will be royally entertained.

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FACTORYMEN

Continued from Page One. in the administration of the fund, and was positive in his own mind that there was no truth in the statements made by Mayor Bowly. Such statements as were alleged regarding the cutting off of patriotic checks if the recipients did not vote for a certain candidate, might have been made by over zealous workers for one of the candidates but not with the sanction, authority or knowledge of the patriotic committee.

The Rev. Mr. Woodside inquired why Mayor Bowly, hearing the complaint of the soldiers' wife, had not immediately got into communication with the officials of the organization, and cleared up the misunderstanding. That would be the logical thing to do, he contended.

Peter Noble had investigated the case and had discovered that the threats had actually been made, not in the patriotic fund office, but by two other women, working in the interests of one of the candidates. The patriotic league was not concerned in any way.

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DIED. HUTTON—At Pleasant Ridge, on Friday, December 21st, George Elwood Hutton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hutton, aged 6 months, 26 days. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 1.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

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THE COURIER

Saturday, Dec. 22, 1917

THE SITUATION.

The news from Italy is much more heartening. General Diaz assumed the offensive between the Brenta and Piave Rivers and made seven assaults upon the Teutons. These were successful to the extent of regaining quite a lot of ground previously lost.

From Great Britain comes the announcement that it is the general feeling that the growing menace of the Germans on the Western front must be met by increased demands on the man power of the Allies.

It would seem to be evident that in Russia the Bolshevik Government is about to go the way of the Kerensky ditto. The Ukrainians are reported to have joined the Cossacks in opposition to the German peace proposals and it is said that Grand Duke Nicholas is once more looming up as a powerful figure.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council has just closed a very strenuous year and the members deserve to be heartily congratulated upon the amount of excellent work accomplished, chief among which must be classed the inauguration of the county roads system.

Mayor Booker at the meeting of the Board of Control this morning said that this city should follow the lead of Brantford and go on record regarding the disgraceful attitude of the pro-German element in Kitchener.

County Clerk Watts was the recipient of hearty commendations at the closing meeting, and he thoroughly deserved them.

A LAURER RUMOR SPEEDILY DENIED.

Somebody or other started the rumor that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was to be asked to become a member of the Union Government Cabinet.

The very suggestion was on the face of it, too grotesque for belief, and yet it seems to have found credence in certain quarters.

Laurier was asked by Sir Robert Borden to co-operate with him many months ago and emphatically declined to do so.

Under such circumstances, the statement is made that Sir Robert Borden and his associates have had no thought whatever of making the advance named, and it is altogether unlikely that Sir Wilfrid would accede if they did.

All these things, however, are likely to await the receipt of the overseas soldier vote, which will not be counted for some time yet.

THE CASE OF KITCHENER.

The change of name has evidently not in any sense changed the heart of the majority of the people in the Ontario city formerly known as "Berlin."

The vote and the sentiment was anti-Canadian and anti-British not alone in Kitchener itself, but also throughout the County of Waterloo.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Value. Includes Waterloo, Wellesley Township, Elmira, Waterloo Township, Woolwich Township, and Total.

Total 2333. The vote polled by Euler was 5,303 and that by his Unionist opponent, Weichel (former member), 2,914, so that the latter lost his deposit.

After the returns were in Euler, during the course of an interview, openly boasted that his supporters had "registered their objection to the conscription act."

Mr. Weichel, ex-M.P., seen at the same time, said: "Had the electors of North Waterloo a true conception of the position in which their representative was placed, and what a firm stand on all war legislation by their member meant to this riding, they would again be their representative."

"As I feel I did my duty for the riding as a British-Canadian I have no regrets. Having done my duty, even though that duty was misunderstood by a majority in North Waterloo, leaves me proud in the knowledge I was true to my country and myself."

"At the same time I feel a throb of sympathy for the good people in this constituency for the unfortunate position in which they are now placed."

Meanwhile the Brantford City Council has formally protested against the use of Kitchener's name in connection with any such community and other places have followed suit.

"Mayor Booker at the meeting of the Board of Control this morning said that this city should follow the lead of Brantford and go on record regarding the disgraceful attitude of the pro-German element in Kitchener."

The other controllers thought it would be unwise to take the action proposed by the Mayor, but agreed to pass a resolution endorsing any action the Government might take to deal with the disaffected element."

CITY ITEMS

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL. Twenty-eight patients received 321 days' treatment at the hospital during November, for which the city is liable. The account amounts to \$224.70.

POLICE COURT. One adjourned case is slated for the Police Court on Monday. There will be no sitting of the court on Christmas Day.

TEN BIRTHS. There were ten births in the hospital during November, six females and four males.

EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED. On Friday evening the Brantford Laundry Ltd. presented each one of their employees with a check for five dollars, and a letter expressing appreciation of their services.

BLAZE IN BOXES. Empty boxes piled in the basement of a house at 106 Waterloo street, became ignited at 7.15 last night. The blaze was noticed by the occupant of the house, J. Dawson, and the firemen were summoned. Little material loss resulted.

LEAVING FOR OVERSEAS. Militia headquarters' orders today instruct that when drafts are warned for overseas service, arrangements must be made that last leave is completed at least a week before the date of entraining, in order that final medical examination may be made immediately before the draft leaves camp.

MUNICIPAL COAL DEPOT. On Monday morning, from eight o'clock onward, Brantfordites will place all orders for coal through the central committee sitting in the City Hall.

The committee met last night and completed its organization. E. Lavery was elected chairman, and H. D. McIntyre secretary.

The application form to be signed by all ordering coal was approved. No one will be allowed to purchase more than a ton of fuel at a time, and no one will be allowed to buy unless the shortage ceases.

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Anglican.

Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector. Dec. 23rd—11 a.m. Sunday in Advent. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. "A War Christmas." 3 p.m. Sunday School and Bible classes.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. 10 a.m.—Sunday School. 11 a.m.—Rev. H. W. Stillman. 7 p.m.—Christmas service on Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m.

Congregational

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all from the Congregational church, corner of George and Wellington Sts. Rev. W. J. Thompson, minister.

Special Christmas services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning sermon, "The Story of Christmas." Evening sermon "The Splendor of Christmas."

Baptist

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor commences his eighth year, and desires every member and adherent to mark this milestone in the present pastorate by personal attendance.

Methodist. COLBORNE ST. METHODIST. Rev. Clark F. Logan, M.A., Pastor. 10.00 a.m.—Class meeting and Men's Brotherhood.

WELLINGTON STREET. Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Henderson, pastor. 10.00 a.m. Class and Junior League meetings. 11 a.m. public service.

ALEXANDRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. 11 a.m.—Rev. H. W. Stillman. 7 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible classes.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. 10.00 a.m.—Brotherhoods. 11.00 a.m.—Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick. Subject: "Wise Men." 2.45 p.m.—Sunday School. 7.00 p.m.—Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick. Subject: "The Unwelcome Guest."

PARK Baptist Church

11 a.m.—Christmas Service. 3 p.m.—Sunday School. 7 p.m.—Christmas Service. Service Christmas morning, 10.30.

BETHEL HALL

11 a.m.—Breaking of Bread. 3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes. 7 p.m.—Gospel service. Dr. T. H. Bier will (D.V.) speak.

The British Sailor's Relief Fund Committee

is appealing to the Patriotic public to support this worthy object. The following letter from a subscriber puts the cause concisely and pointedly:

"We appreciate the fact that we would not be able to do business except for the wonderful work of the British Navy and Marine, and take this opportunity of showing in a small way our appreciation."

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"The Father Revealed" A special Christmas Message 7 P.M.

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Chorus: "And the Glory of the Lord," solo and chorus. "O Thou that tellest," solo part taken by Miss Gladys Garvin; solo: "Night of Nights," (Vanderwater) Mr. G. N. Crooker; solo: "Rejoice Greatly," Mrs. H. E. Reaman; solo: "He shall feed His Flock," Miss Gladys Garvin; (b) Come Unto Him, Miss Agnes Butler; chorus: Hallelujah, G. C. White, organist and choir director.

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LOCAL. FOR RAILWAY BOARD. It was announced today that P. H. Secord would be a candidate for the Street Railway Commission. A FRAMED BRICK. Capt. Cornelius has just from Mrs. Hurst, of the Place Kith and Kin, a framed brick similar to those sold by society to raise funds for returned Soldiers' Home. CHRISTMAS TREE. The Marlboro St. Methodist Church, held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment night. The superintendent, Lamb, was in the chair. A program consisted of select orchestra, vocal and instrumental recitals and tableaux. Mrs. Miss Middlemiss told the Santa Claus in a very entertaining manner. A small gift of every nature was made to all the children a collection taken for returned Soldiers' Home. W. C. T. U. MET. The monthly meeting of C. T. U. was held at Mrs. Wheeland's, Palmerston. A Bible reading by Mrs. Ho was followed by earnest prayer. The superintendent, Lamb, was in the chair. A program consisted of select orchestra, vocal and instrumental recitals and tableaux. Mrs. Miss Middlemiss told the Santa Claus in a very entertaining manner. A small gift of every nature was made to all the children a collection taken for returned Soldiers' Home. CANADIAN CORPS. At a meeting of the Aero Canada a resolution was adopted by D. A. Cameron, Ponton, and calling upon the government to give serious attention to the question of a Canadian section of the King Corps, or a Canadian Air Corps, was adopted. The also suggested that the government should present Imperial government a suggestion training planes in Canada. The front of fighting planes for the front. Flight Lieut. E. T. Jones spoke interestingly of his experiences in England and in the work of Colonel Hamilton, who presided, in furtherance of aviation in Canada during recruits. A Merry Christmas to all our Friends and Patrons the wise of JARV OPTICAL CO. Consulting Optician. 52 Market Street. Phone 1293 for appointments.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

RAILWAY BOARD

It was announced to-day that Ald. H. Secord would be a candidate for the Street Railway Commission.

FRAMED BRICK

Capt. Cornelius has just received from Mrs. Hughes, of the Eagle Place Kith and Kin, a framed paper brick similar to those sold by the society to raise funds for the Returned Soldiers' Home. It will be hung in the home.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Marlboro St. Methodist Sunday School, held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment last night. The superintendent, Alex. Lamb, was in the chair, and the program consisted of selections by orchestra, vocal and instrumental music, recitals and tableaux by scholars. Miss Middlemiss told the story of Santa Claus in a very entertaining manner. A small gift of confectionery was made to all the scholars and a collection taken for Halifax sufferers amounted to \$13.

W. C. T. U. MET

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at Mrs. Charles Wheeland's, Palmerston avenue. A bible reading by Mrs. Robt. Read was followed by earnest prayer for our Empire, in this hour of trial. A collection for the Y. M. C. A. missionaries at the front was taken. Three of these are supported by the provincial W. C. T. U., and the next meeting will be to raise the annual offering of one dollar per member to supply soup and hot drinks for the boys as they leave the trenches. A very instructive paper was read showing conditions at the front and the need of these comforts.

CANADIAN CORPS

At a meeting of the Aero Club of Canada a resolution, moved and seconded by D. A. Cameron, and A. F. Ponton, and calling upon the Union government to give serious consideration to the question of establishing a Canadian section of the Royal Flying Corps, or a Canadian Flying Service, was adopted. The resolution also suggested that the Canadian government should present to the Imperial government a squadron of training planes in Canada or a squadron of fighting planes for service at the front. Flight Lieut. E. S. Boynton spoke interestingly of his experiences in England and in Turkey, and Major Fisher, R.F.C., alluded to the work of Colonel Hamilton Merritt, who presided, in furthering the cause of aviation in Canada and securing recruits.

EXPLANATION

On account of an embargo placed on freight shipments from the States into Canada, the Courier has not recently received its colored Saturday supplement. It is expected that the matter will be rectified shortly.

PRESENTATION

At the Wesley church parsonage, 46 Cayuga street, last night a pleasing event took place when the senior bible class presented their teacher, Mrs. (Rev.) Martin, with a gold bracelet wrist watch, accompanied by an address of appreciation.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Closing exercises were held in all the city schools yesterday. Interesting programmes were given by the pupils, consisting of Christmas songs, patriotic selections, readings, dialogues and addresses by the teachers of the different classes and the principals of the various schools.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A well attended and successful Christmas concert was given in Brant Church, near Cainsville on Friday night, under the auspices of the Sunday School. An entertaining program, consisting of musical numbers, dialogues and readings was given. An added feature was the Christmas tree. The Rev. Mr. Downs occupied the chair.

SNOW SHOVELLING

Changes in the regulations governing the clearing of snow from sidewalks fronting occupied and vacant houses and lands, have been made recently, and different provisions now prevail, according to City Solicitor Henderson, who has written the city council, asking for a conference with the Board of Works in order that this matter may be discussed.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

There was an excellent quality of produce shown at the Christmas market this morning. Fowls and meats were especially attractive but brought fancy prices. Turkeys sold for forty cents a pound; geese, from \$2.50 to \$3; ducks from \$1.50 to \$2; chickens thirty cents a pound. Butter and dairy products and vegetables remained stationary in price.

GOOD GUESS

The good judgment of Miss Mary Meggitt, 125 Albion street, enabled her to secure the four box seats for the Liane Domino, showing here on Christmas Day, offered by Manager Whittaker of the Grand Opera House to the lady who guessed nearest to the number of people in the house on Monday night. The actual number was 1637, while Miss Meggitt gave as her answer 1634, within three persons of the correct number. Another applicant, who was considerably wide of the mark, and handed in the answer 2,606, appended to her communication the conclusion, "Come across now with the tickets, you know I am never wrong." Manager Whittaker received over 160 replies to his offer.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of The Courier. Sir.—Statements have been made regarding my candidature for Mayor, to the effect that I was a new-comer in the city, that I have lived here less than three years, and that I have had only one year's municipal experience. May I be permitted to say that I was born in Brantford and have spent over twenty-four years of my life here. During the time I resided in Toronto I had eleven continuous years of municipal experience, during which time I occupied the position of chairman of the Board of Education, alderman and controller of that city, elected by the city at large.

I feel that by reason of my experience I can be of some service to my native city, and for that reason I have acceded to the request of many of my old friends to stand for Mayor.

Yours truly,
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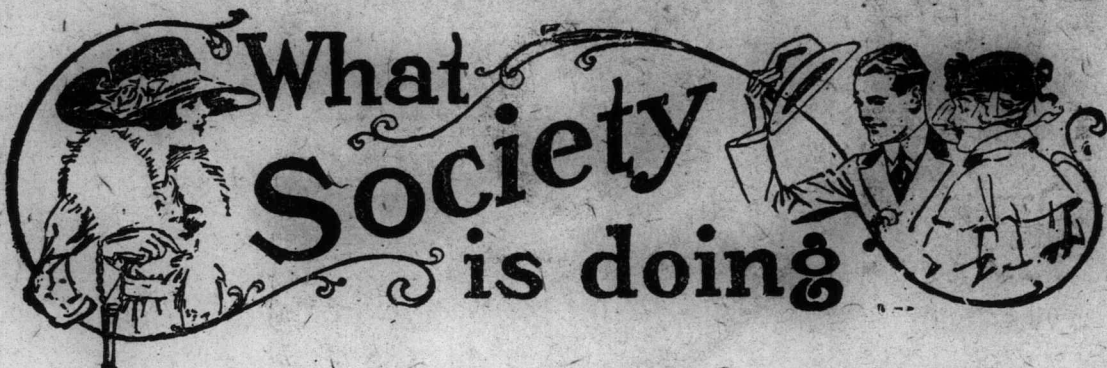
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Miss Gertrude McCoombe will spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilde and daughters are spending the Xmas season in Collingwood.

Capt. and Mrs. A. H. Boddy, are spending Xmas in Dunnville, the guests of Mrs. Ellis.

Miss Dorothy Leeming has returned from Chicago where she has been spending a few weeks.

Mr. W. H. Webling and Mr. A. S. Towers are spending Xmas in Atlantic City at the Hotel Chalfont.

Dr. A. S. Vogt will be a visitor in the city on Monday from Toronto, the guest of Mr. D. L. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Laing and family, are spending Xmas in London, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald.

Miss Grace Adams has returned from Toronto University, and is spending the Xmas season at the parental home, Northumberland St.

Mr. and Mrs. Ghen Ellis and little daughters are spending Xmas in Toronto the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Jr.

The Misses Margaret Bishop, Gwen Wilkes and Phyllis Cocksutt, have returned from the Bishop Strachan School for the Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurd and family of Sarnia, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkes for the Christmas season.

Mrs. Symington, of Sarnia, who has been the guest of Mrs. Wm. Watt, Brant Avenue, left on Wednesday for her home.

Mrs. Alex. Wood, of Montreal, is spending the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Preston, Dufferin Ave.

Mrs. Alfred Patterson, William street, was called to Washington last week owing to the serious illness of her mother who is residing there.

Miss Annie Fair has returned from

Hamilton, and is spending the vacation at the parental home, Park Avenue.

Miss Kathrine Harris is home from Chatham spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Harry Harris, Darling street.

Miss Marian Brewster, Miss Helen Ballantyne and the Misses Grace and Isabelle Verity, have returned from Branksome Hall, Toronto, for the Xmas-holidays.

Miss Millicent Verity has returned from MacDonald Hall, Guelph, and is spending the Xmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Verity.

Flight Lieut. Arthur Hardy, who was in town from Texas for a few days, left on Wednesday for Toronto, and will sail shortly for duty overseas.

Miss Roberts of New York City, spent the week in the city the guest of Mrs. Andrew Cleghorn, Albion street, prior to leaving for Toronto where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etches, of Toronto, will spend the Yuletide season in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Waterous, Eagle Avenue.

The Messrs. Ken and Tom Ruddy Whitaker and Howard arrived in the city yesterday from the Royal Military College, Kingston, and will spend the Christmas vacation at their homes.

Major Bishop, V.C., M.C., D.S.O., and Mrs. Bishop are staying with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burden, in Avenue road, Toronto.

Mrs. Walter Wilkes, who has been visiting in the city with relatives for the past month or two, left this week for New York where she will spend Christmas with Mrs. Walter Hatley.

Mr. W. F. Tisdale of the post office staff, leaves the first of the week to spend Xmas in Toronto, the guest of his nephew, Mr. Norman Bowman.

Mr. Watts returned from the Faculty of Education, Toronto, last Saturday and left the same day for St. Thomas, little Miss Winona Zairy accompanying him, where they will spend the Xmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Geighan.

Several informal little dinners and teas were given this week for Mrs. E. C. Ashton, who is leaving to-day for Montreal where she will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Hugh MacKenzie.

Mr. Andrew Hughes was in the city on Friday, leaving Friday evening for his home in Chicago. His little daughter, Miss Mary Hughes, accompanied him, and will spend the Christmas vacation in Chicago.

Cadet Lyman Gould is expected home from Deseronto for Christmas.

Mrs. Levi Secora and Miss Howell will spend Christmas Day in Hamilton, the guest of Mr. Fred Howell.

Mr. Hilton McKay, Brant avenue, will spend Christmas in Woodstock, the guest of his mother, Mrs. McKay.

Mrs. J. J. Hurley addressed a meeting of the Women's Institute in Echo Place on Thursday, the subject being, "Things Worth While."

"The Busy Bees" are holding a dance this evening at the home of Miss Sybil Duncan, Dufferin avenue.

Miss Kathleen Vaughan is expected in the city on Monday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. Vaughan, Lorne Crescent.

Mr. G. P. MacKenzie of Ottawa will be the guest of his aunt, Mrs. G. C. MacKenzie, William street, for the Christmas season.

The Messrs. Morton Robertson and Russell Sweet are spending the Christmas vacation at their homes, from Woodstock College.

Mr. George MacKenzie of Ottawa, spent the week end in the city with his parents, Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. MacKenzie, William St.

Cadet Reg. Houlding, Beverley Fairchild, Arthur Dunstan, Lieut. George Cocksutt, were in the city from Toronto last week-end.

Mr. Ed. Whitaker returned last Saturday from Toronto, where he has been spending a week or so as a guest at St. Andrews College, and was also the guest of Mr. Todd for a few days.

Miss Jessie Crompton returned on Saturday from Toronto, where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Coombs.

Miss Helen Oldham will spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oldham, coming up from Toronto the first of the week.

Miss Graco Leeming arrived in the city this week from New York, where she has been attending a Preparatory School.

Miss Enid Hatley has returned from Trinity University, and is spending the Xmas vacation at the parental home, Albion St.

Mrs. Cecil Ames and little son, arrived in the city last week and will spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkes. Mr. Cecil Ames is expected in the city the first of the week for Xmas.

Miss Winifred Watts returned from Trinity University last Saturday, and will spend the Xmas season with her father, Mr. A. E. Watts, William St.

Colonel and Mrs. A. J. Wilkes entertained at an informal dinner party last Saturday evening, in honor of the Colonel's birthday, at the Brantford Club. Covers were laid for sixteen.

Lieut. Ransome Wilkes was a

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week-end guest at the parental home, Hershman, and will also be in the city for Xmas.

Mr. Duncan Dempster is expected home from Camp Borden to-night to spend the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. D. Dempster, William street.

The little Misses Elizabeth and Joan Hedley, daughters of the Rev. Mr. C. Hedley, are spending the Christmas vacation with their grandparents, Archdeacon and Mrs. MacKenzie.

The death is recorded of Mr. Jos. Hobson, the noted civil engineer, aged 84. Many years ago he resided in Brantford. They are a well-known English family.

Mr. Cameron Wilson is home from "Woodberry Park," Virginia, and is spending the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. H. McK. Wilson, Dufferin avenue.

Lieut. S. March Phillips of the Tanks, killed, enlisted at the outbreak of the war in the British Columbia Horse. He served at Ypres. His Colonel writes: "He was one of the best tank commanders in the battalion." Lt. March Phillips was a son of Mr. and Mrs. March Phillips who many years ago resided in Brantford. They are a well-known English family.

For Mayor of Our City

After serving **three consecutive years** as an Alderman in Brantford, I have been urged by a large number of the electors to allow my name for nomination as **Mayor** for 1918.

For the last two years I have been **Chairman of Finance** and have accepted the responsibility which that office carries. Notwithstanding war conditions and the many financial calls, we are practically free from war debt and our **city's financial position to-day is second to none in Canada.**

I believe the three years training I have had as **Alderman** has so familiarized me with all the city's affairs that I am well qualified to serve the city as **Mayor.**

Will the **electors** of Brantford, please watch this space in **The Courier** and I will endeavor to impress upon you why our **citizens** should give more attention to **Civic matters** than they now do.

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U.S. DEMANDS TO KNOW OWNER OF STOCK YARDS

Federal Trade Commission Investigating Chicago Packing Houses

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Federal Trade Commission's investigation, begun to determine the ownership of the Chicago Stock Yards and railroad terminals, took an additional interest to-day with the announcement that the inquiry would touch every phase of the nation's meat supply. The Commission's recommendations are expected to form the basis for legislation to remedy the situation if such is found necessary.

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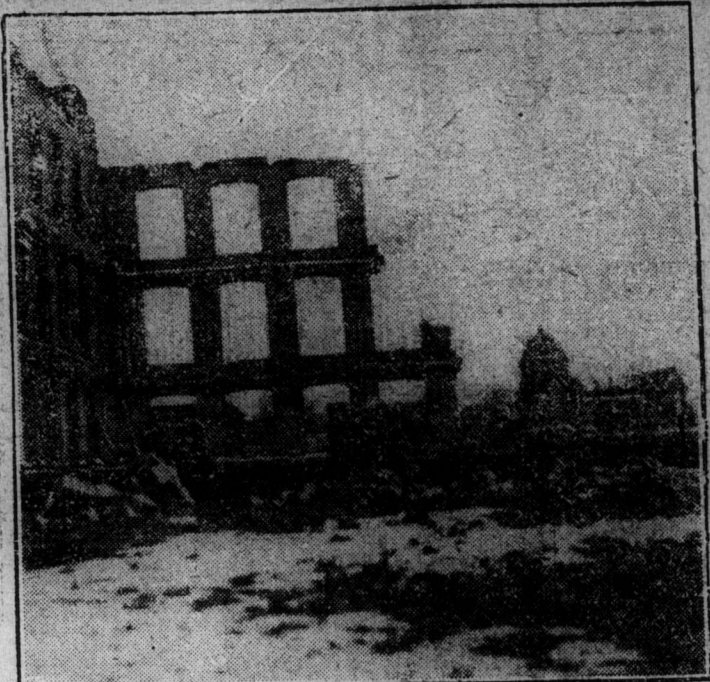
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HUN PROPAGANDA AMONG U.S. MINERS

Over 150 Pro-Germans Arrested in Illinois in Past Two Months

By Courier Leased Wire
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—More than 150 pro-German propagandists have been arrested during the last two months in Southern Illinois, where they have been active among coal miners, according to Government agents, who reported to headquarters here to-day.

According to the reports rumors of the activity of German propagandists came to federal officials late in the summer and Government agents were sent to the mining camps, the result being the arrest and detention of scores of persons who are charged with inciting riots and strikes among the miners.

ENTERTAINED VETERANS.

By Courier Leased Wire
New York, Dec. 21.—The officers of the Canadian Club of New York entertained last night at the Hotel Pittmore Brigadier-General Loomis of the Second brigade of Canadian overseas forces and Major H. W. Niviv of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, who arrived at an Atlantic port Tuesday. General Loomis left last night for Montreal and Major Niviv for another Canadian destination. Major Niviv will return to New York to attend a complimentary dinner to be tendered him by the Canadian Club of New York on January 14.

DINER RETURNED MEN.

By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, Dec. 21.—One thousand returned soldiers were given a Christmas dinner in the Windsor Hotel this evening by a ladies' committee, headed by Mrs. G. S. Hall, wife of Major Hall of the Military Hospital Commission. Major Hall presided. One of the speakers was Captain Duroit, a French hero, who wears the Legion d'Honneur, the Croix de Guerre and Croix Militaire, and another speaker was Lieut. Charles Flury, Legion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre.

SORRY OUTLOOK FOR CHRISTMAS.

To moderate the terrible meat shortage prevalent in the city of Brussels, and all the territory of Belgium occupied by the Germans, hog raising farms have been opened at Luna Parc, Zuen and Dilbeek. From 800 to 900 hogs are fed on potato peelings gathered from the private houses of the cities. But, whereas 1,000 pounds of potato peelings could be gathered the shortage of potatoes has reduced the daily collection to 150 pounds.

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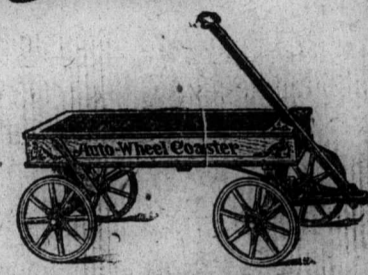
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By Courier Leased Wire
With the American army in France, Dec. 21.—The officers of the Russian army in France have volunteered as a body to give their services to the United States. The officers are desirous of continuing the battle against the Germans, notwithstanding the Russo-German peace negotiations. The ranking officer, who made the request that he and his subordinates be taken into the American service, guaranteed to vouch for every one accepted.

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Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway

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NOTES

No Sunday service on G. P. and H. Ry. Galt and north. Sunday service on L. E. and N. same as daily with exception of first cars in morning and cars scheduled to leave Brantford for north at 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Theatre

"THE LITTLE PRINCESS." Mary Pickford's picture, "The Little Princess," from the story by Frances Hodgson Burnett, which will be seen at the Brant on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"A CHILD OF THE WILD." June Caprice, the dainty little star of William Fox's "A Child of the Wild," swept the Southerners of their feet when she invaded the Southernland to make her latest picture.

"VENGEANCE AND THE WOMAN." In "Vengeance and the Woman" which is the story of a man's fight to save his wife from the clutches of a band of outlaws whom he had put behind prison bars.

"THE LILAC DOMINO." One of the greatest successes in musical productions which this city has ever known will be presented when "The Lilac Domino" comes to the Grand Opera House next Tuesday, Dec. 25th, Christmas afternoon and evening.

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PAULINE FREDERICK in "The Hungry Heart" Picture 5332 Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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"THE HUNGRY HEART." The exterior scenes in Pauline Frederick's latest Paramount production, "The Hungry Heart," from David Graham Phillips' novel, were taken on the huge estate at Lake George, New York, of R. C. Peabody, one of the most prominent New York City bankers, who is a personal friend of Miss Frederick's.

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Open Evenings.

FORMER PARISIAN DEAD IN BUFFALO

J. Y. Wood, Passed Away Suddenly—Cantata By School Children

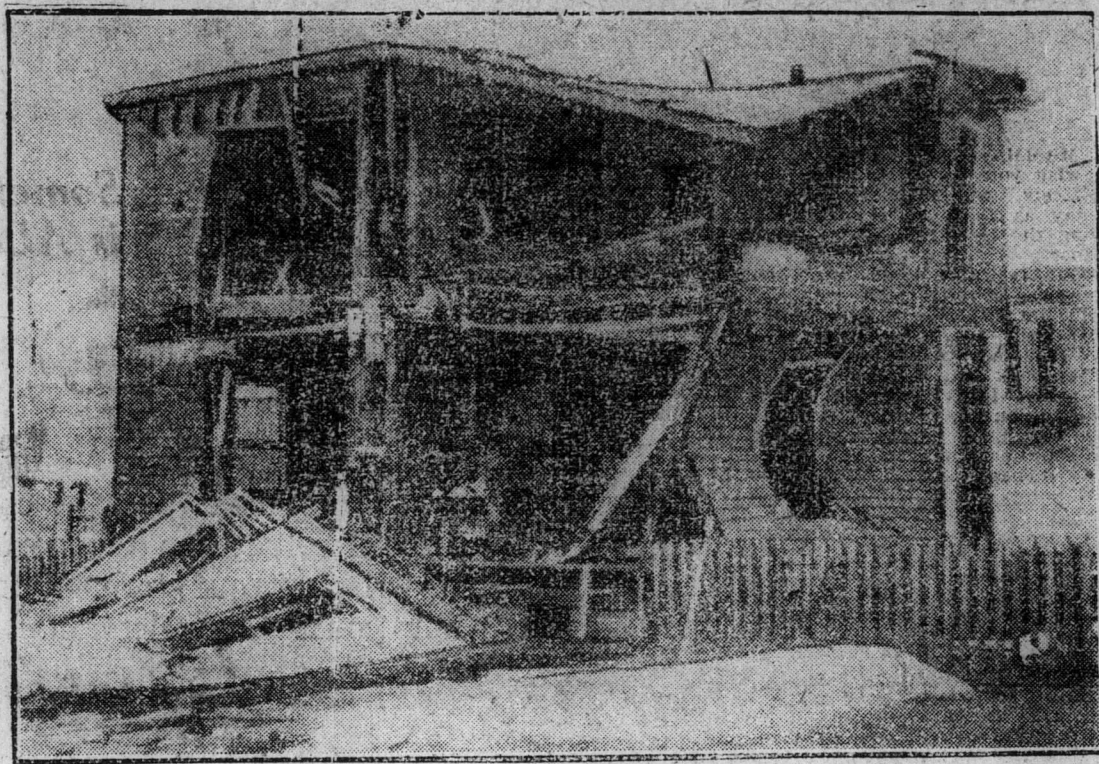
Paris, Dec. 21.—(From our own correspondent)—Word was received in town last evening of the death of J. Y. Wood, who died somewhat suddenly in Buffalo yesterday. Deceased was born and educated here. For a number of years he conducted a tailoring business on River street. About 20 years ago he moved to Brantford and then to Toronto, but lately had been residing in Buffalo. His wife pre-deceased him about eight years ago. The late Mr. Wood was 67 years old, and is survived by one son, Ralph, of Winnipeg. Deceased was highly esteemed by many in this community who will regret to hear of his sudden demise. The remains will be brought here for interment.

Last evening the auditorium of the Central school was crowded to its utmost capacity when the scholars put on the cantata entitled "The Real Santa Claus," which is deserving of every praise in the way each performed their parts. Much praise is due the principal, Mr. Moss and the teachers, which showed the time and close attention they had given the children in the preparation of their various parts. The children also had entered into the performance with every earnestness, thus showing their love to work for the Red Cross, as the proceeds were for that good work.

The lists of characters were: "John," A. Telfer; "Laura," Kitty Adamson; "Robert," R. Dickson; "Anna," Jean Logie; "Tom," L. Macdonald; "Horace," H. Langton; "Mollie," a poor girl who loves everybody; G. Wilson; "Prof. Rig-Wig," (who forgets everything but his troubles); F. Teasdale; "tramp," (who afterwards turns out to be Santa Claus in disguise); G. A. Veigel; "Santa Claus," (who teaches the boys and girls a lesson.

There were also choruses of Cooks, Football Boys, Flower Girls, Soldier Boys and Girls, in addition to a full chorus of children. Between the acts the following numbers were well given by the scholars: Recitation,

SCENES FROM HALIFAX DISASTER



TWO AND A HALF MILES FROM EXPLOSION. The entire side of this frame house has been blown out, though by a curious freak the blast only seemed to tear away the corner, leaving two of the walls intact.

Kipling's "If," by M. Heddle; duet, G. Wallace and J. Duncan; dialogue, "Your Country Needs You," four boys; recitation, "Somebody's Coming," M. Black; recitation, "Double," by M. Forest; chorus, "Holes in my Stockings," by 16 little girls; recitation, "A Letter to Santa," E. Baker; instrumental, J. Sykes; recitation, (Can. Can.) D. Gray; trio, R. Lawton, H. Sayce, K. Tinknell; instrumental, J. Ebeey; recitation, C. Cassidy; instrumental, K. Bonner.

Two boys of Upper Town will be summoned by Chief Rutherford for a charge of drunkenness and theft, they having lifted a parcel of Christmas cheer from the Dominion express wagon.

Last evening, acting on advice from Hamilton, Chief Rutherford arrested a young woman by the name of Mrs. Osborne on a charge of bigamy. The matter was before the magistrate this morning, and Mrs. Osborne was taken to Hamilton by one of the plain clothes police from that city this afternoon.

Last evening the pupils of the separate school held their annual Christmas tree and concert. There was a good attendance and the pupils presented the cantata "The Miracle of Christmas," which was well carried out. Santa Claus was present and presented each of the scholars with a Christmas gift.

WATERFORD NEWS

(From our own correspondent.) Monday was a lively day around town. Sleighs were going hither and thither to get the voters. Some of the women even were very much in evidence. When the ballots were counted after the polls closed, it was found that down in the town, Wallace, the Liberal candidate, had a majority of thirty-one, and on Bunk-

er Hill, a majority of sixty-two. A special L. E. and M. car had been chartered to leave Simcoe at 11.30 p.m. to bring the crowd back from Simcoe. A large number took advantage of the car and attended the show, skating rink, or heard the Christmas returns. Some women were so hilarious over the good news that they paraded the town and woke people up after the car came back with their shouting, and the rattling of the tin pans. One would have thought that some newly married couple were being charivariad.

Miss Nina Begley left on Tuesday for her home at Blythe to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mr. R. D. Gibson was unable to teach his class at the public school on Monday and Tuesday, owing to illness.

A number of Miss Amelia Mason's older acquaintances gave her a variety shower last week.

The Anglican Church held their annual bazaar and chicken pie supper last week. The proceeds realized from it were very good, even if the day was stormy. Besides having the regular sale of fancy work, they also had a "white elephant," and odds and ends out of the homes were sold at this booth.

Mr. A. E. Henry of Bridgeburg, is a guest of Mr. F. G. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Beemer left on Wednesday to spend two or three months at Detroit, Mich., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Flumerfelt, of Porterville, Sask., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sayles, left on Thursday for New York to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wheeler.

Mr. Herbert Joyce of Detroit, Mich., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. James Joyce.

Horse Bit Child's Nose.

Mr. W. E. Brewer had his horses at the M.C.R. station on Wednesday

afternoon, and not wishing to leave the horses alone while he went into the station, asked his son, Oscar, to watch them. While Mr. Brewer was gone, Oscar stands at their heads and looks into face of one of the horses. It is thought that the horse suspected him of blowing into its face, or of his teasing him in some way, as it made a grab for him and hit off the end of his nose. Medical aid was immediately summoned.

Oscar is feeling fairly good and was able to go to Brantford on Thursday for further treatment. His many friends hope it will not be serious.

The milder weather is taking the snow away. By the looks of things we will have a green Christmas.

Miss Elsie Rider and Mr. Lora Shaw were married on Wednesday from the home of Mrs. Theresa Mace. Rev. E. R. Pich officiated. Congratulations to them.

The Misses Gertrude and May Robinson, have returned home after spending several weeks in Toronto.

Mrs. Surbina Matthews has recently received two cablegrams supporting England, by her son, saying he would be home soon. He apparently could not send them as the following letter from him was just received by his mother:

Dear Mother and Sister: I got your letters of Nov. 28, 1917. I got your letters of Oct. 4th-11th. I got three in one mail, but in separate parcels. I suppose they were sent a week apart. I had a parcel from Mrs. Crabb. They sent me two nice towels. I had a parcel from Mrs. Crabb. They sent a big cake of Colgate's bath soap, a face cloth, a bar of maple sugar and gum. I see where the patriotic league and the churches are sending parcels to all Waterford boys. Mrs. Farqu-

har wrote and said she was sending me another for Christmas. I'm going to send her and Mrs. Crabb a souvenir, something like the one I sent you. I'm sending Dr. John Messer's wife one too; he sent me the \$5 you know; it exchanged for 28 francs. I sent you a parcel of 10 francs. I intend sending home more souvenirs. I can't send expensive ones to any one; that's one of yours was 5 francs, and all who have sent me parcels I should send them something. Mrs. Crabb and Mrs. Farquhar both have sent me three or four parcels. I expect she will send one for Xmas, and they are not sent ones. Just like the one you sent last; that was a dandy. I got most of my Rexall's left, but I have taken all of the Dr. Chase's, and they did me a lot of good. I feel like new. How did you like the souvenir I sent you? I'm glad you've ones because I thought mother came first; but the handkerchiefs were nice. They were 30c. each here or 1-2 francs. If I get any money sent from you folks or Harry, I'll send home more like the one I sent mother. I thought they were cheap; you'd do well to get one like that for a dollar in Canada. I was in the line four several days. I suppose I'll get parcels by the dozen for Xmas. But you can't imagine how nice it is to have one waiting for you when you get out of the line. As soon as I got out, I got the one from Mrs. Crabb. Usually when I go in the line I take in some biscuits or canned fruits. We were very well fed last time. We got fried bacon and hot tea with bread; we got tea three times a day. I am well and enjoying good health. I will now close just for supper. After having a good eat I will proceed. I am enjoying still the great blessings of God. I tell you it fills one with great joy and gladness to see the great bless-

ings of God. And the more I'm in the army, the more I am convinced that God answers prayers, and that we are blessed, not myself alone in person; but the battalions as well. It seems as if their efforts are always successful. I always take what precautions I can against shrapnel, but it is ridiculous how so much stuff will burst up above and around where there's no many men and not one casualty. I spent several days in the line this last time, and all the time of it was raining, fish tails, grenades, machine gun bullets, snipers' bullets, and other musical things come over, and no one is touched. There were no heavy shells came over that I noticed. At the time we've been around the lines I've never felt that I was going to get hurt. I have had a very successful time of it so far.

When you send me another parcel, don't forget to put in more of the pills; don't send me any gum or ozo; I'd rather have chocolates, maple sugar or cakes. I am alright and feeling fine; trusting in the Lord always for my future. He looks after that. I can always trust Him for my care. He fills me with joy and gladness. He makes it sunshine through the storm. Well, I must close, wishing all God's blessings and your prayers answered.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. MATTHEW,
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SIDE TALKS

By RUTH CAMERON

"LOST AND FOUND" AGAIN.

Never was there a better response to a column of lost and found advertisements (have you ever noticed by the way, that in these columns there are always five losts to one found. Whatever does become of those other four articles?) than there was to my last batch of lost poems and stories.

Every single one was found. Some several times over.

Everybody is Much Thanked. I have thanked all the friends that I could by mail. Will the rest please consider themselves thanked as usual. Also will the lady who so kindly copied out the music and verses of "The Faded Coat of Blue" please not think me most ungrateful. Her address in some way became separated from the music and I couldn't write her (and speaking of such losses, a very lovely letter friend wrote me an unusually interesting letter about enjoying my talks and telling me how the engineer threw the papers off a train to her and I can't find it. If she reads this I wish she would write again.)

Some of the finders also had losts to advertise.
A Story She Read As A Child
"I have a story I would like to find if possible," writes one such. "It is about a wealthy family who lost their money. In order to get a start again they moved into the country. I believe with the old."

ALEX. GETS NO BONUS.
By Courier Leased Wire
New York, Dec. 21.—Grover Alexander, former star pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, recently sold to the Chicago Nationals with a cash of \$50,000, will receive no part of the purchase money, according to President William Baker of the Philadelphia club.

"If Alexander wants any bonus he must look for it from President Weeghman of Chicago," said Baker here last night. "I see no reason why we should turn any of the money received for Alexander over to that player. As a matter of fact there is no need of Alexander signing a new contract with Chicago. We have assigned his contract, which covers the seasons of 1918 and 1919 over to the Chicago club. By the provisions of the new contracts signed by players last spring, they agreed to go to whatever club they are sent whether major or minor, at the same or smaller salary."

NO INCREASED INTEREST.
By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 21.—Published reports that the third liberty loan

folks. The way the children, as well as the grown folks, worked together to make the best of it, impressed me as a child. Would I like to get my matured viewpoint. I remember the children fixing a play house in the barn, using all sorts of old cast-offs. In one part there was something about a fire, I believe, where the older boy played the part of hero.

"Only A Lock of Her Hair."
"I wish some of your numerous readers could tell me," writes another, "where to find the words and music of a song I found in an old Pierson magazine thirty years ago. Title, 'Only a lock of her hair.' All I can remember is, 'Only a lock of her hair Only the flowers she wore Years have I treasured them where Others shall see them no more.' 'When a child,' writes 'a constant reader,' I used to sing: 'The rose that all are praising Is not the rose for me, Too many eyes are gazing Upon the costly tree. But there's a rose in yonder glen That shuns the gaze of other men For me their praise resigning Oh, that's the rose for me. I cannot remember the rest and if anyone could, would like to have it.'"

would be for \$8,000,000,000 at 4-1/2 per cent interest, one-half per cent above the rate on the second loan, were demanded to-day by Secretary McAdoo in a formal statement.

QUEBEC TO WITHDRAW?
By Courier Leased Wire
Quebec, Dec. 21.—The willingness of Quebec to retire from the confederation of Canadian provinces is expressed in a motion introduced in the Legislative Assembly to-day by J. N. Francaux, deputy for Lotbiniere. The motion will be debated on January 8.

The motion introduced by Mr. Francaux is as follows: "That this House is of the opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federation pact of 1867 if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is believed that the said province is an obstacle to the union and progress and development of Canada."

Unimpeachable.—If you were to see the unequalled volume of unimpeachable testimony in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, you would regard yourself for so long delaying to take this effective medicine for that blood disease from which you are suffering.

Good Night Stories

By Elizabeth

DOTTY LEARNS HOW TO MAKE MAMMA'S BED RIGHT.
"I wish you'd learn to make the bed nicely," called Dotty's mamma one day as Dotty, after carelessly drawing the covers up, ran out of the door.

As far as Dotty could see the ground was covered with snow. "Oh Mother Goose is shaking her feather bed," laughed Dotty, as a snow flake fell on her coat sleeve. "They look like tiny snow fairies," mused Dotty, and she watched the one on her sleeve. Surely it was a tiny Snow Fairy standing there smiling at her.

"I just happened to hear you mention Mother Goose's name," said the Snow Fairy.

Dotty told her she was sure any one who could shake a bed as hard as Mother Goose was a hard worker. "You must know how to make a lovely bed." "I can't make a bed neatly, mother says," laughed Dotty. "Mother Goose can, and I'm sure she'll let you watch her," replied Snow Fairy. "Jump on your sled, and the fairy waved a wand over Dotty's head. "This will give you fairy sight," she laughed. "Sure enough, when the next snow flakes floated toward her Dotty saw they were tiny Snow Fairies. "Why, the whole world is full of them," cried Dotty, looking above her head.

Then Dotty looked down as her sled gave a jerk, and then two prancing snow-white horses were harnessed. Off she was whisked through the air surrounded by the little snow people.

At a great pace they went until they reached a great big cloud castle. There Snow Fairy hopped out and knocked on the door. "I can't entertain visitors," called a squeaky voice from behind the door. "I'm busy making my bed," exclaimed Dotty. "Please let me in, Mother Goose."

Mother Goose opened the door and Dotty and Snow Fairy entered a great big room.

In the centre stood a bed large enough to hold a million Snow Fairies, and at the head the little old woman leaned over it, pounding and punching the feather mattress.

ty's memory. She finished with a final shake that blew Dotty off her feet and out of the door, and Dotty tumbled through miles of space until she landed right on top of a big pile of snow in her own back yard. She brushed the snow from her clothes and ran into the house. "Mamma, have you ever heard this song? Now listen:

First you shake it this way, Then you shake it that, Shake it well, as I say, It will always be flat.

"What are you talking about?" laughed mamma, and Dotty told her about seeing Mother Goose make her feather bed.

Next morning Dotty made her mamma's bed very carefully, just as she had seen Mother Goose make hers. Mamma declared she had never seen a bed better made in all her life.

SUNDAY MIXED IT WITH PRO-GERMAN

Evangelist Had Bettena of Scrap on Tabernacle Platform

By Courier Leased Wire.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Before a screaming, yelling audience of thousands of men and women at the Tabernacle last night, Billy Sunday, when nearing the close of his revival here, fought a fast and furious fist fight with a German sympathizer on the platform. While the exchange of blows was about even, Billy had decidedly the better of the argument before the crowd near the platform separated the contestants. His attack came just after the evangelist had begun a vigorous attack on the Germans and their allies in this war.

He had just said that he "didn't think God would be on the side of a dirty bunch that would stand aside and see a Turk outrage a woman." At this point there came cries of "look out" and "stop him" and H. W. Beuterbaugh, a carpenter, of 119 South Prior street, pushed by Sunday workers, who were trying to keep him off the platform, and advanced threateningly on the evangelist.

Turning to see the cause of the interruption, Sunday crouched like a prizefighter and looking like a ring general, launched an attack on the intruder. Billy led for the face and missed and the stranger, who outweighed Billy fifty pounds at least, landed a glancing blow on the face. Then Billy countered with a heavy wallop to the chest, and the crowd was on the platform and tore the fighters apart.

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THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY

The Treaty of Paris in 1815 left Austria once more master of Northern Italy. But the Italians, who for fifteen years had lived under the more enlightened rule of the French, were, from the first, restive under the hated yoke. In Southern Italy the Austrians had reinstated Ferdinand of Naples, and it was in his dominions that actual opposition first began. A society, calling themselves the Carbonari, was there formed, whose aim was the freeing of Italy from foreign dominion, and this society rapidly attained to considerable power. Its ramifications extended into Lombardy and Venetia, and liberal ideas very soon secured an important hold on the popular mind.

From among the people themselves sprang leaders of thought, who moulded the national mind to the conception of Italian freedom and unity. Mazzini, the chief of these, founded the party of Young Italy to whose banners flocked the more earnest and more noble-minded of the populace.

In these early stages, Count Cavour, by his writings in *Il Risorgimento*, began that work which subsequently entitled him to be called the *Machiavelli* of Italy. But in order to act as a visible head, something further was necessary, and for this purpose the patriots turned to Carlo Alberto, King of Piedmont.

The opportunity came with the wave of popular unrest that swept over Europe in 1848. Metternich, the Austrian Foreign Minister, and inveterate enemy of Italian freedom, was overthrown by its violence and fled from Vienna. Upon his fall the policy of Austria became somewhat less oppressive, but it was now too late. The Austrian troops were suddenly expelled from Milan by popular revolt, and at the signal the rest of Northern Italy, previously prepared as it had been by the revolutionaries, rose in sympathy. The Austrians were driven out of every town except the four fortresses of Peschiera, Verona, Legnago, and Mantua, that formed the Italy of the "Quadrilateral," the symbol of Austrian military power in Italy, and Piedmont declared war.

But the Austrians, unversed in war, allowed their enthusiasm to overcome their judgment, and many fatal errors were the result. Eventually Radetzky, the Austrian commander, was obliged to withdraw from the battle of Novara, on March 23rd, 1849, and Carlo Alberto, broken and dispirited by the reverse, abdicated in favor of his son, Victor Emmanuel.

The following years saw the activities of Mazzini and Garibaldi in Rome, and the participation of Piedmont in the Crimean War. The latter was due to the advice of Cavour, who wished to establish his country in the eyes of the nations and to exercise its army in modern war.

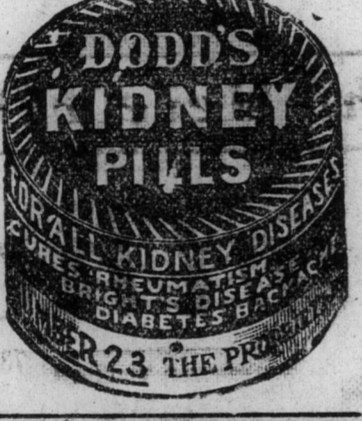
In 1859 Austria in her turn attacked Piedmont, with the object of bringing this westernmost province of Italy under her sway. But Napoleon III, who had belonged to the Carbonari himself in his youth, and who since his attempted assassination by Orsini had leaned more and more towards the cause of Italian liberation, threw France into the scale against Austria. The allies won the battles of Magenta and

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Dairy Products	
Butter, creamery	0 50
Butter	0 50
Cheese, per lb	0 28
Eggs	0 60
Honey, comb	0 30
Honey, per lb	1 15
Honey, per lb	2 25
Grain	
Dried Hay	13 00
Hay	13 00
Oats	0 70
Rye	1 60
Straw, baled	7 00
Wheat	2 10
Barley	1 00
Vegetables	
Beans, quart	0 25
Cabbage, dozen	0 50
Cabbage, head	0 05
Carrots, basket	0 40
Onions, basket	0 40
Celery	0 05
Onions, bushel	1 00
Onions, bag	1 50
Parasols, basket	0 20
Potatoes, bus.	1 50
Potatoes, basket	0 65
Potatoes, bag	2 50
Turnips, bushel	0 40
Meats	
Bacon, back trim	0 48
Bacon, back	0 45
Beef, boiling, lb	0 15
Beef heart, each	0 25
Beef, roast, lb	0 16
Beef, hinds	0 17
Chickens, dressed	0 75
Ducks	0 25
Geese	0 30
Chickens, live	0 75
French carcasses	0 21
Fresh pork	0 25
Hogs, live	0 17
Beef kidneys, lb	0 15
Pork kidneys	0 18
Lamb	0 30
Sausages, beef	0 20
Sausages, pork	0 28
Smoked shoulder, lb	0 35
Veal, lb	0 25
Veal, carcass	0 25
Fish	
Halibut, steak, lb	0 20
Kippered herring, pr.	0 10
Salmon trout, lb	0 20
Salmon, sea	0 25
Mixed fish	0 10
Herring, fresh	0 10
Whitefish, lb	0 20
Haddock	0 15
Fillet	0 20
Pickered, blue	0 15
Pickered, yellow	0 20

KINDERGARTEN CLOSED.
The closing for Christmas vacation at Miss Paterson's private Kindergarten, 184 Market street, took place on Friday. A prettily decorated Christmas tree was enjoyed by the children, being covered with gifts of their own making for their parents. Christmas songs and games were the entertaining features and brought to a close an affair enjoyed by all present.

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BOILED
Boiled Ox Tongue a la Flamonde

ENTREE
Chicken Cutlet, Allemande Sauce
Corn Fritter, Millefeurs Sauce

ROAST
Young Veal with Dressing
Christmas Turkey, Cranberry Jelly

VEGETABLES
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes Succatash Green Peas

DESSERT
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APPEAL COURT

The following are cases decided at the sitting of the appeal court under the Military Service act at the court house:

E. Woodley, 148 Wellington St. city, exemption disallowed.

D. R. Mustard, 391 Colborne St. city, conditional exemption.

C. McDonald, 14 St. George St. conditional exemption.

J. E. Stephenson, 92 Alice St. city, exemption disallowed.

H. Plant, R.R. No. 4, Brantford, exempted until April 1, 1918.

R. T. Lee, 89 Albion street, city, exempted till May 15, 1918.

Thodore Hamilton, Echo Place, exempted till May 1, 1918.

C. A. Greenwood, Park road, exempted till he ceases to be a farmer.

D. C. Green, Harrisburg, exemption allowed so long as he continues to be a farmer.

C. H. Mason, Harrisburg, exemption disallowed.

A. J. Perrin, Colborne and Murray streets, Brantford, allowed, long as he continues in train service.

Frederick O'Connor, 114 Darling street, city, exemption allowed temporarily.

Charles Arthur Erwin, Port Dover, telegrapher, Grand Trunk, allowed while in railway service.

John Robertson, Simcoe, agent, telegrapher, allowed while in railway service.

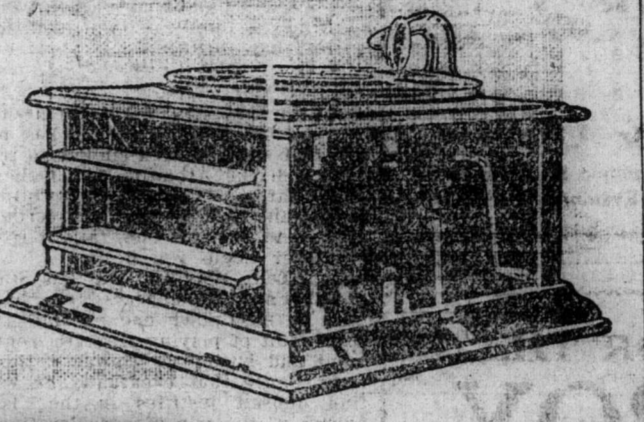
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Walter Hardcastle, brakeman, Bridgeburg; appeal allowed while in railway service.

R. T. Lee, 89 Albion street, city, exempted till May 15, 1918.

Arthur Lynch, brakeman, G. T. R., Bridgeburg; allowed while in railway service.

Alexander Campbell, brakeman, G. T. R., Bridgeburg; allowed while in railway service.

Joseph Flanagan, brakeman, Bridgeburg, G. T. R.; allowed while in railway service.

Henry Starling, brakeman, G. T. R.; allowed while in railway service.

Albert Warden, conductor, G. T. R., Bridgeburg; allowed while in railway service.

Frank Willoughby Nicolls, 180 Chatham street, architect; disallowed.

Charles McDonald, 14 St. George street, machinist; granted while engaged in heavy war machinery work.

COAL CEMENT
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Four teams rolled in the two-men team tournament at the Assembly Alley last night. Steve was high man with 533. The score:

McGaw 159 153 166-488
Beatty 131 171 187-489

937
Kingdon 157 150 127-434
Gibbs 102 157 176-435

869
Williams 129 121 135-385
Stevens 200 142 191-533

318
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