

CANADIAN TROOPS ACHIEVE BRILLIANT FEAT ON SOMME

Make Daring Charge and Take Trenches and Many Prisoners Near Arras

SWISS PEACE NOTE RENEWS INTEREST IN WILSON'S APPEAL

Inopportune and Ill Advised Intervention by Neutrals, Say Some, Others - Call For Courteous Treatment

Their Accomplishment Marks New Phase in Trench Warfare--Entire Battalion of German Infantry Captured, and Many More are Killed

London, Dec. 24.—Interest in the receipt of President Wilson's note remains unabated. Newspaper discussion was renewed to-day with a new impetus administered by the issue of the Swiss note with its disclosure of a Swiss-American consultation weeks ago, and by long cable despatches recording the discussions and criticisms in America.

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 26.—North of Arras certain Canadian troops have just accomplished what the British officers delineate marks a new phase in modern trench warfare. In a raid, which, however, was much more than a raid, they succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry. They took 59 prisoners, including one non-commissioned officer, and estimated that they killed 150 Germans in dugouts which were blown to atoms after their occupants refused to surrender. The Canadian losses were extremely slight.

LIST OF THE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES QUALIFIED

Fight in Every Case With the Exception of Hydro Commissioner—Two Acclamations in Brantford Township

FOR MAYOR G. A. Ward, J. W. Bowley. FOR WATER COMMISSIONERS. A. G. Montgomery, Peter Noble, Chas. A. Waterous. FOR RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS W. R. Turbull, A. Ballantyne. HYDRO COMMISSION GEORGE WEDLAKE (Acc.)

Armistice Urged by Max Harden, Socialist

Germany, However, Says Noted Berlin Writer, Will Not Submit to "Obligations"

London, Dec. 26.—An armistice should be declared, says Maximilian Harden, who writes as follows in Die Zukunft: "Whence, I ask, shall the money come to wipe out the war loans, to pay for the reconstruction of the land, for the rebuilding of destroyed cities and villages, for supplies, for the decent maintenance of the crippled, the helpless, the widows, the orphan?"

BUT H. C. OF L. SPEEDS UP JUST THE SAME.



The Pup—"Now I've Gotcha."

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Dec. 26.—A pronounced area of high pressure is centered over the Ottawa valley, while a fairly important disturbance covers the lake region to the west of the Mississippi valley. Cold weather prevails in nearly all parts of the Dominion. Local snow falls have occurred in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

AUSTRIA CANNOT ENDURE LONG

Roumanian King Points Out Weakness of the Dual Monarchy

CAESARISM MUST BE LAID LOW

Before Lasting and Satisfactory Peace May Safely be Concluded

NAVAL BATTLE IN OTRANTO

French and Italian Warships Take Part in Fight Against Austrians

CONFERENCE FOR PEACE WANTED BY GERMANY

Note in Reply to Wilson's Peace Overtures is Handed to German Ambassador—Meeting of Belligerents is Suggested

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Germany proposes an immediate meeting of belligerent delegates to discuss peace. Berlin, Dec. 26.—via Sayville.—Germany and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, today replied to the note of President Wilson in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting.

FERVOR AND HOPE REIGN IN ALSACE

Christmas Celebrated With Feeling of Growing Security

Height Retaken by Roumanians

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—British Admiralty, per wireless press, via London)—Recapture by Roumanian forces of one of the heights they recently lost in the fighting along the Moldavian front is announced to-day by the war office.

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Wounded Soldiers Celebrate Christmas

Happy Time During Festivities Is Provided For Patients in Canadian Hospitals in England.

London, Dec. 25.—Interviewed this morning, Lieut.-Col. Sponagle, commanding the Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Hillingdon House, Uxbridge, said there had been a soft fall of snow during the night, and from the hospital windows the white-clad trees looked almost like Canada. The staff and patients are entering heartily into the Christmas festivities. As only 10 per cent. of the men had leave, that meant that the majority of the patients were spending their Christmas in their wards, which were gaily decorated with holly and mistletoe. These large Christmas trees in the main building from the estate of Lord Hillingdon were laden with gifts for Canadian convalescents, including a bag of candy and a personal greeting card for each from the Duchess of Connaught. Mrs. Astor also sent a gift for each patient, and Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Astor's sister, is going over tonight to sing and oversee the distribution of presents from the trees. The air is tense with expectancy, as a rumor has gone the round that a real, live Santa Claus is arriving at the wretched hour.

Nor have those responsible for the arrangements forgotten the solemn side of Christmas. Last evening a sacred concert was given in the hospital and today services, appropriate to the occasion, are being conducted by Very Rev. Dean of Ontario Major Starr, at the Daughters of the Empire Hospital for Canadian officers, overlooking Hyde Park. The day is having its full share of merriment. Matron Miss Tremaine, of Toronto, whom the officers always speak of with a personal pride as the King's nurse, has made every plan for the happiness and comfort of those who remain within doors, though all well enough are allowed to visit friends, if they so desire.

There is a beautiful Christmas tree in the ward and there, this afternoon, will assemble medical officers, visiting physicians and their wives and a distinguished guest will be Lady Byng, Col. and Mrs. A. E. Gooderham, of Toronto, the good fairies who out-

ted this hospital, have been asked to distribute gifts from the tree, which include a present for each of the patients and staff from the Daughters of the Empire.

Last night after sandmen had been around and all good soldiers were snoring somebody placed a bulging stocking beside each patient's bed. The socks were obtained through the Canadian Red Cross and were all made and sent over here by kind women and girls of Canada. The soldiers' joy was great when on exploring the depths of the stockings this morning, they were found to contain friendly and sometimes sentimental little billets doux inserted by their makers. These doubtless will be repeated to in good time, but in the meantime said the colonel, all hands of the officers staff and patients send Christmas greetings and thanks to the friends in Canada. Four hundred pounds of Turkey is now roasting in big ovens. These turkeys were paid for, said the M.C., out of Canadian Red Cross funds.

Colonel Sponagle added that plum puddings galore had been donated by the Daily Telegraph. Mr. A. N. Gilbey had contributed as his bit and that of others, bottles of ginger ale.

Mrs. Blacker and other Canadians from Balize are going to Exbridge this afternoon to assist in the entertainment of the convalescents. From the programme outlined by the Colonel it looks like a day fairly full of jollification.

At Perkins Bull Hospital, Putney, 100 Canadian officers, 25 Canadian nurses and 20 private friends had a royal time with a Christmas tree, provided and a dance arranged.

Wilson Scored by the Dean of Westminster

Aims of Allies Righteously Different, He Points Out; As Far From Teuton Ideals as East From West

London, Dec. 25.—The Dean of Westminster, the Right Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, preaching in the Abbey today, said: "It is our resolve, God helping us, to overthrow military brigandage in Europe, to rescue the liberties and homes of the desolated countries, to obtain for these people reparation for their wrongs, and for humanity lasting securities against a recurrence of aggressive violence and crime."

"It is true that the president of the United States, after two years of study of the question, and innumerable notes, seems to believe the objective of the two groups of belligerents is the same. He knows Germany refused arbitration, declined a conference, and rejected every overture to prevent war. He knows that his own countrymen have poured money like water to assist the destitute and outraged remnants of the little Belgian people, whose treaty rights were violated, and whose frontiers were invaded before war was declared. He knows of the infractions of the Hague conventions, which the American people have studiously promoted."

"He knows all the details of the organized atrocities reported on in strict inquiries. He knows of the sinking of unarmed ships like the Lusitania and Arabia, without warning. He knows of the execution of Capt. Fryatt, of the nocturnal deportations of Belgians and French into slavery. He knows of German connivance at Armenian massacres; and yet he is of the opinion that the nations who are leagued to disarm this evil demoniac of national militarism have the same object in view as the perpetrators of these crimes."

"It must be President Wilson has either in a fit of mental aberration sent the wrong note, or has entirely misapprehended the European situation."

"These things are black and vile. The very thought of them on Christmas Day makes one shudder. Does anyone suppose that peace would be honorable which regarded the assassins and the defenders of humanity as having in view the same ends? What kind of unity of aim do you expect between rapines and abominable deeds of the flesh or torn lambs? Peace on the basis of such a hypothesis would be only an armistice, giving an exhausted foe a needed interval for recuperation before renewing his insatiable passion for the hegemony of the world, and the destruction of his rivals with a savage war."

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STEAMER SENDS CALL FOR HELP

Maryland Reported Sinking 36 Miles Southeast of New York Harbor

New York, Dec. 25.—The steamship Maryland was reported sinking late tonight about 360 miles east southeast of New York. A wireless message picked up here said that the engine room was rapidly being flooded, and asked that aid be sent to the vessel immediately.

Two steamships named Maryland are listed in the Maritime register. One of these is a British vessel of 2,962 tons, and the other is an American ship of 1,892 tons. The latter was last reported leaving Philadelphia on December 2 for Liverpool or London.

Obituary

Mrs. Irwin.

The death took place on Christmas Day, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Whitham, 107 Clarence St., of Mary Jane Murray, widow of the late Charles F. Irwin. Deceased was born in Armagh, Ireland, Aug. 22nd, 1830. Coming to this country when a child, the greater part of her life was spent on a farm in the vicinity of Harrisburg, where she was beloved and respected for her kindness of heart and her sterling integrity of character. The late Mrs. Irwin was the mother of nine children, seven of whom survive, Charles, of Puslinch Township, Joseph, of Galt, Arthur, South Bend, Ind.; Alfred, Tucson, Arizona; William, Buffalo, and Mrs. Whitham, with whom she has resided during the past fifteen years. Two children predeceased her, John, of Galt, and Mrs. Boucher of Toronto. One sister also survives, Mrs. Geo. Buck, of Wellington St.

Laid to Rest

Mrs. Apigian.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Apigian took place Sunday afternoon at 1.30 p.m., December 24th from Mr. Beckley's undertaking parlors to Grace Church, where the service was held by Rev. Patterson-Smyth, and from there to Greenwood cemetery where she was laid to rest. Many beloved friends were present. She left behind her a sorrowing husband and four small children.

The Cunard Line announce the appointment of William Phillips, of Montreal, as their Canadian representative.

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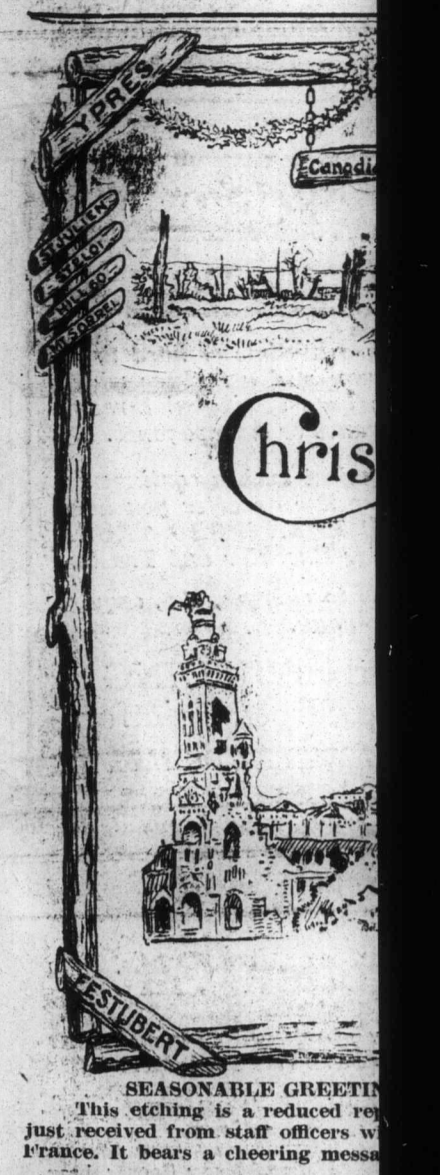
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Each unit of the regiment is these four "specialists." Each drilled and trained in the work other groups, so that the bayonet man can jump into the place of Grenadier or a Fusilier and Grenadier in turn can make him a voltigeur and fight as well with the bayonet as with the hand grenade.

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REASONABLE GREETINGS FROM THE FRONT. This etching is a reduced reproduction of a Christmas greetings card just received from staff officers with the 2nd Canadian Division in France. It bears a cheering message from the boys at the front.

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Shell holes, which form the chief protection of infantry advancing to attack a trench, offer little protection against grenades. The Fusiliers, hidden themselves, can shoot up into the air. The Fusiliers are supported by the Mitrailleurs.

Should the enemy pass the zone of death, the men with the hand grenades are waiting to sweep their ranks at a distance of thirty to forty yards, and finally, should the attackers reach the trench, the bayonets are there to receive them.

ITALY CALLS UP CLASS OF 1898

Military Activity Not Affected by Rumors of Peace in the Air

Rome, Dec. 25.—via Paris, Dec. 26.—The feeling of peace in the air has not affected in the slightest measure Italy's military activity. The new class, those born in 1898, has been called to report to the colors January 1, which will considerably increase the contingents available for the front, while 2,500 factories are running day and night, turning out arms and munitions.

From the peaks of Trentino to the shores of the Adriatic, Christmas passed in vigilant watching, varied in some spots by sudden attacks notwithstanding fearful weather conditions. Snow in the mountains is fifteen feet deep.

To Remove Dandruff

Get a 25-cent bottle of Dandruff Remover at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. By morning most, if not all, of this awful scourge will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff; stop scalp itching and falling hair.

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Beacon, ribs	0 33 to 0 35
Beef, per lb.	0 10 to 0 20
Beef, hind	0 14 to 0 16
Turkeys, lb.	35 00 to 40
Geese	1 75 to 3 00
Chickens, each	90 to 1 20
Chickens, lb.	16 to 17
Dry salt pork	0 18 to 0 20
Dressed pork	0 18 to 0 20
Kidney	0 10 to 0 12
Lamb	0 23 to 0 30
Live Hogs	20 80 to 19 80
Smoked shoulders	0 18 to 0 00
VEGETABLES	
Beans, quart	0 08 to 0 10
Beans, 3 bunches	0 10 to 0 00
Peas, quart	2 20 to 30 cents
Carrots, basket	0 25 to 0 50
Cauliflower	0 10 to 0 25
Peas, quart	0 10 to 0 25
Cabbage, each	0 10 to 0 25
Onions, doz.	0 50 to 0 60
Potatoes, basket	0 50 to 0 60
Potatoes, bushel	0 75 to 0 90
Potatoes, bag	2 35 to 2 35
Turnips, bushel	0 60 to 0 60
Pumpkins	0 15 to 0 20
Lettuces	10 80 to 10 80
Parley, bunch	0 05 to 0 00
FISH	
Halibut, lb.	0 20 to 0 00
Kipper, herring	0 12 to 0 13
Perch	0 12 to 0 00
Salmon, trout	0 17 to 0 00
Whitefish, lb.	0 18 to 0 18
DAIRY PRODUCTS	
Butter, creamery, per lb.	0 48 to 0 50
Butter, dairy, per lb.	0 45 to 0 48
Eggs, per doz.	0 00 to 0 00
Ice, comb, clover	0 25 to 0 00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Cattle, receipts 11,000 market strong. Native beef cattle, \$7.20 to \$11.75. Western steers, \$9.25 to \$10 stockers and feeders, \$7.20 to \$8.15; cow and heifers, \$4.20 to \$10; calves, \$8.25 to \$11.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 46,000; market strong. 5 to 10 cents higher; light, \$9.60 to \$10.30; mixed, \$9.50 to \$10.55; heavy, \$10 to \$10.15; pigs, \$7.50 to \$9.20; bulk of sales, \$10 to \$10.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market steady; Wethers, \$9.00 to \$10.00; lambs, native, \$11.25 to \$13.45.

TORONTO MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards today were 189 cattle, 5 calves, 643 hogs, 91 sheep, 4 turkeys, and 4 chickens.

Export cattle, choice \$8.75 to \$9.25; butcher cattle, choice \$7.50 to \$8.40; medium, \$7.00 to \$7.75; common, \$6.00 to \$6.50; butchers cows, choice \$6.75 to \$7.25; medium \$6.25 to \$6.50; canners \$4.00 to \$4.25; bulls \$5.00 to \$7.50; feeding steers \$6.25 to \$6.75; stockers, \$5.50; milkers, choice, each \$50 to \$100; springers \$50 to \$100; sheep, ewes \$8.95 to \$9.50; bucks and culls \$3.00 to \$8.25; lambs, \$12.25 to \$13.00; hogs, fed and watered, \$11.75; calves \$5.00 to \$12.50.

EAST BUFFALO MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire.

East Buffalo, Dec. 26.—Cattle, receipts, 1,600; slow; shipping steers, \$8 to \$11.25; butchers, \$6.50 to \$9.25; heifers, \$6.25 to \$8; cows, \$4 to \$7.50; bulls, \$5.25 to \$8; stockers and feeders, \$5.25 to \$7.50; fresh cows and springers firm, \$5 to \$11.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 800; active \$4.50 to \$14.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; fairly active; heavy, \$10.90 to \$11; mixed, \$10.85 to \$10.95; young, \$10.00 to \$10.50; pigs, \$9.75 to \$10.00; roughs, \$9.50 to \$9.75; stags, \$7.50 to \$8.25.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 8,000; fairly active; lambs, \$8.50 to \$12.50; yearlings, \$7.00 to \$11.50; wethers, \$9.25 to \$9.50; ewes, \$4.50 to \$8.50; mixed sheep, \$8.75 to \$9.00.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 139.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moon and Dorothy are spending the holiday in Barley, the guests of Mrs. Roy Brown.

Mrs. M. F. Thompson and Helen, of Buffalo, and Major Hines of Brantford, are in the city over the holiday season.

Mr. Gordon Anderson, of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is spending the holiday at the parental home on Murray street.

Mr. Alfred Harding, of Flint, Michigan, formerly of this city, is in the city over the holiday.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

Clouds of War Did Not Blot Out the Happiness of the Event

In the memories of all Brantfordites, Christmas Day, 1916, was one that will be retained as the happiest in their recollection. In spite of the pall of gloom cast over a great many of the homes, caused by the absence of a member of the family circle, general happiness reigned. The seriousness of the situation placed more than ordinary sincerity in the conventional "Merry Christmas" and added a feeling in the hearty handshake that accompanied the greeting.

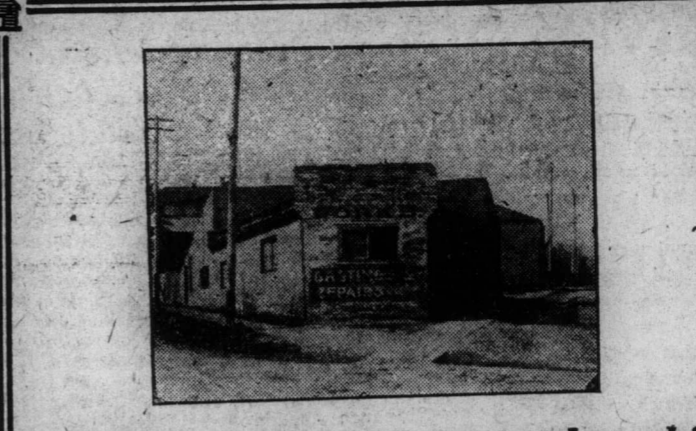
There were many elements that entered into the success of the day, chief of which was the presence on the streets and in the homes, of so many men in khaki, not only those who had returned from the front, but also the boys of the 215th, most of whom were freed for the occasion to spend the holiday with their families and friends.

The joyful time was presaged by the magnitude of business done by the merchants of the city, preceding the holiday, in an amount unparalleled in the history of Brantford. For some time back the local stores have enjoyed a free trade, the slogan, "Do your Christmas shopping early" having been obeyed by those who were purchasing with the view of sending their dainties and comforts to the boys overseas. General is the opinion of merchants handling every line of goods, that never before have they experienced such a Christmas rush. The stores of Schlegel were entirely banished from the hearts of the people yesterday if such existed before, the best evidences of this being the invitations, given through Major Saldier, O. C. of the 215th battalion, to the soldiers of that unit whose homes are at a distance, to have their Christmas dinner at the tables of the generous people who so kindly offered their homes. The soldiers, and their hosts were unanimous in declaring that the experience was well worth repeating.

The streets were thronged throughout the day, a large number of former Brantfordites being home for the holiday at the parental fireside. The theatres all played to capacity houses, the attractions all being of stellar merit. The Alfred Hardy was opened (in the evening) for the first time this season and a big crowd were present to enjoy the pleasures of this form of entertainment.

In the various institutions throughout the city, some special marks of favor were paid to the marks of favor were paid to the usual recipients of gifts from their friends. Special services were conducted in the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches.

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Tuesday, December 26th, 1916.

THE SITUATION

Since the last issue of the Courier, there have been various rumors afloat. One is that the Huns are now preparing for a big campaign on all fronts in the Spring, and the enforced labor of women in the production of war material will release four million additional men for active service. The latter statement may be taken with a very large sized grain of salt. That the German people are suffering, and that discontent is becoming rampant throughout the land is certain. Another statement is that Germany is seeking control of the Danube, in order to seek a way to the Black Sea for her submarines.
The Canadian troops have been doing some splendid work and the British have been making effective calls on enemy trenches.

On the part of all the Allied nations, soldiers included, there is the one feeling that Germany's alleged peace offer is not worthy of consideration, and matters will have to be fought through to the one desired and necessary finish.

THE MAYORALTY

The Courier is supporting Ald. Ward for the Mayoralty for two reasons. In the first place this paper does not believe that any man should set up a dictatorship at the City Hall, such as that inaugurated by Mr. Bowly. Any Chief Magistrate should co-operate and consult with his associates. They are elected to look after the city's interests just as much as he is and the best and most efficient way in which desirable results can be obtained is by co-ordination of effort. The present occupant of the post has proved himself altogether too prone to score off his own bat to the exclusion of those who have a right to be considered. That spirit is not such as should characterise the conduct of any Mayor and it savors altogether too much of dictatorship to be endorsed by any Democratic community. As before stated, the claim that Mr. Bowly should have a second term by courtesy, doesn't hold valid in his case. He has been Mayor previously and the three terms such as he has already enjoyed during his life time, constitutes enough for any one citizen, as a matter of act one too much.

In the second place, Ald. Ward is entitled to the recognition which he is seeking at the hands of his fellow citizens. He has for years freely given of his services in connection with municipal matters and as Chairman of the Board of Works, he has amply demonstrated that he possesses first class executive ability. He is also a representative of the large industrial class of this community, having worked his way up from the ranks in the printing business and enjoying a foremost position as a member of the Typographical Union. There can be no doubt that his occupancy of the chair make for a safe and business-like administration of affairs and that he would be co-operate with his associates to the general advantage of the municipality.

AN INCREDIBLE CONTEST

The municipal fight in Kitchener is turning on the retention of the old name of Berlin. That seems to be incredible, but it is nevertheless true. The two sides are known as the "British League" and the "Citizens League," the members of the latter desiring to have the place continue under the sobriquet of the German capital. The first skirmish took place two weeks ago, when the two sides had over six hundred appeals before the Court of Revision in connection with the Voters' List. In this regard, the Court of General Sessions, (and very properly so, too) refused to naturalize aliens of enemy birth. This has served to add fuel to the flames.

Ald. Gross, the Mayoralty candidate of the "Citizens League," said in his nomination address:—
"I am out to please the people of the City of Berlin. Legally, we are called Kitchener, but in my heart it is still Berlin."
That in brief breathes the feeling of a bunch of them in that municipality. At heart they are still for Berlin, and in violation of the freedom which they enjoy under the Union Jack, they openly and brazenly say so. If they talked that way in the Fatherland, with regard to any place

called "London," they would have their backs to a wall and be looking down rifle barrels in less time than it takes to tell it.

The people of the rest of the Dominion have so far been very tolerant in this matter, but if the agitators imagine that they are going to ram a name down the throats of the rest of us without material reprisal, they are most consumedly mistaken. Said name stands for wantonly broken pledges, the despoliation and ravishing of Belgium for no reason except war lust, and the enslavement of its brave people, the cold blooded murder of women and children, and in general for deeds of diabolism, which would put even the King of Darkness to the blush.

Those who favor its continuance as the name in designation of a Canadian community, should be dealt with accordingly, and that too without any "extenuating circumstances" nonsense.

Personals

MR. STANLEY MONTGOMERY leaves this evening to spend a few days in New York.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES L. FELTON of Tonawanda, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Felton, Jr., of Hamilton, spent Christmas at the parental home 176 Marlboro St.

MR. FRANK CLARK, No. 5229, C. Coy., is now returning to Windsor, after spending Christmas at home in Brantford.

MISS GLADYS I. BURNS, of Stratton, Pa., is spending the holidays with her mother, having completed her course of training at Dr. Reed Burns Hospital. At the recent State Board examinations held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Miss Burns was successful in obtaining her degree of B. N.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM DOBIE, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Birk and daughter, Miss Bessie Williamson, Miss Kathleen Williamson, all of Toronto, were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Dufferin T. Williamson, Dufferin Ave.

MR. CHAS. F. JAMES, of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting relatives and friends in this city. Mr. James was one of the passengers who had such a narrow escape on the boat "Congress" that was burnt last September in the Pacific Ocean, coming from Los Angeles to Seattle, Wash.

One of the prettiest of little children's parties was held on Saturday evening last, when Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mowat, Hamilton Road, held a Christmas treat for their "little" son, Alex. Over 20 tots, averaging five years of age, were entertained with games, supper and a Christmas tree, from which a real live Santa Claus distributed presents.

Serious Fire Was Averted

What would have undoubtedly, but for the timely action of Superintendent Storey, resulted in a conflagration of serious proportions, was a fire that occurred in the House of Refuge on Sunday afternoon at about three o'clock. The fire originated in the partitions between the floors in the second story of the building, and had already gained some headway, when Mr. Storey secured a hose and played water upon the blaze, keeping it under control until the arrival of the firemen.

The firemen tore away a section of the plaster from the walls, and after a strenuous fight, were successful in extinguishing the flames by the use of chemicals. The firemen stated that the damage was slight compared with that which would have been the case had not Mr. Storey taken the prompt action that was responsible for keeping the blaze under control until the arrival of assistance.

"PEACE IN THE TIMES OF WAR"

Inspiring Service at Alexandra Presbyterian Church on Sunday

Captain George A. Macdonald, Chaplain to the Northern Fusiliers, who are preparing for their departure overseas, delivered a most inspiring Christmas message in Alexandra church on Sunday morning, taking for his theme "Peace in time of War," founded on the words, "Peace on earth and good will toward men." Points emphasized, were 1st. National peace. Our forefathers came to this land to establish a new citadel of strength. To the British Empire and in all their hardships they lived their humble lives in peace. Had it not been for their courage, resourcefulness and iron constitutions, they never could have endured these privations. If these, our forefathers, were able to speak to-day, they would summon us to take up arms against the enemy that threatens our national peace; our domestic peace. The German horde has struck a blow, not only at our national life, but also our domestic life. The Prussian fist banging at our doors would, if allowed to carry its threats into action, make our family life intolerable. The duty of the Christian people who have heard the first

Holiday Season One of Business Activity

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Mr. C. A. Ramsay said: "The holiday business was by far the largest ever experienced by the company. It was, of course, expected that it would be larger, both on account of natural growth of the business from year to year, and because of the continued increase in volume of stocks. However, the most sanguine estimates and expectations have been exceeded."

J. M. YOUNG AND CO.
Mr. Hall, speaking of the rush of business during Christmas week and on Saturday, was emphatic. Never before had the volume of business in this city ever seen. A good deal of the business was, of course, due to the fact that work was plentiful and wages good, but he also felt that much new business came to the city this year as the result of the opening of the Lake Erie and Northern.

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Mr. Olgive summed up the holiday business in the one word—magnificent. "Undoubtedly," he said, "it was the best holiday business the city ever saw." A good deal of the business was, of course, due to the fact that work was plentiful and wages good, but he also felt that much new business came to the city this year as the result of the opening of the Lake Erie and Northern.

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JOS. BROADBENT
Mr. Broadbent has been in business for a good many years, but he states that undoubtedly the volume this year was greater than Brantford had ever before seen.

PURSEL AND SON
Mr. T. Purse says that had any one told him the volume of business would reach the point it did, he would have laughed. It had amazed him.

HULLER BROS.
Being in such a large premises, with larger stocks, we naturally expected a larger amount of business.

LETTER FROM MR. MONTGOMERY.
Brantford, Dec. 26, 1916.

To Editor of Courier and General Public who desire a Healthy City: I advocate mechanical filtering as the simplest measure to purify water and keep it pure and free from the menace of typhoid.

Next year will be one of vital importance in the affairs of the Water Commission, the most important being the City from its relations to health, factories, fires as well as general use of water.

Barring accidents any commission, whether how inexperienced could furnish water for fires and factories but procuring a sufficient supply and purifying same by filtration requires constant experienced attention.

By serving several years on this board I have gained considerable practical knowledge, attending conventions of the water commission, visiting water works plants in other cities, and inspecting filtering plants and the purifying of other water systems. For these reasons believe it is in the best interests of the city that I should have another term on this board, I have the time to devote to the work and desire to see the pure water supplied at the least cost, for health is purchasable only with pure water. The ambition of my 20 years service in the city will end satisfactorily to myself when I can point to the fact of assisting to produce this result. I am at your service. Will you help me with your vote?

A. G. MONTGOMERY.

Christmas carol. "Peace on earth," venture all for the preservation of peace in our homes. 2nd: The peace of God. The Empire may be shaken King's crowns may crumble to the dust and many homes will be broken as this unholy carnival of lives, blood and tears advances over the earth, but the peace of God cannot be taken from the heart that responds to the call of humanity, which is the call of God, for I am persuaded that things present, nor things to come, peril nor the sword, can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Captain Macdonald is a former pastor of Alexandra church, and the congregation are justly proud of him in enlisting for King and Country. The Rev. Mr. McClintock's evening theme was, "Has Christianity made any progress compared to the privileges present, compared to those in past years. Our institutions, homes and the stand of Great Britain for the cause of humanity, justify us that Christianity has not failed."

Pte. G. R. De Lamoy, of Tillsborough, who enlisted with the 71st Battalion, is in a hospital at Lancashire, England, with a wound in the right leg, and suffering from trench foot.

Withdrawals from municipal affairs and uncertainty whether to be a candidate or not is going to lead to one of the most exciting town elections Brantford has had in many years.

than in former years. We were overwhelmed however, and unfortunately could not set all the heels we needed.

JAS. L. SUTHERLAND.
The largest Christmas business we have ever had—in fact the business during the whole year will equal, if not surpass the big business of 1913.

J. W. BURGESSES.
It was impossible to get sufficient help to wait on all the business that came. Assuredly, this was a big business season.

T. J. MINNES AND CO.
People are warming up to electrical needs as never before. Whether it was because of lots of good and good wages, or whatever the cause, we have never before seen the demand so large.

R. T. WHITLOCK AND CO.
"With so many men in uniform, it seemed doubtful if records could be broken by business returns this year. But they were. Never were we so busy."

HOWIE'S.
For over a month, we had been very busy, and many articles had been put by for customers, but last week broke all records.

S. G. READ AND SON.
During the past year, the entire business has been at least 2-1/2 times better than during the year previous, while the holiday trade has been exceptionally good. Conditions point to a revival of the good business enjoyed heretofore in Brantford, and particularly so in a real estate.

H. J. SMITH AND CO.
"For a month past," says Mr. Smith, our business has been much larger than any other year—but last week undoubtedly capped the climax. Never before has holiday business been so large.

GRAFFON AND CO.
Mr. Conway, who is the local manager for this firm, could not resist the temptation to discuss over the immense holiday business. It was a dandy.

EFFICIENCY WITH ECONOMY AND AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF PURE WATER.

To The Electors: In coming before you as a nominee for the Board of Water Commissioners, I have seriously considered the importance of the work that lies before this department of our civic organization. I fully realize that an adequate supply of pure water for all our uses is vital to the health and prosperity of the city, and that the first duty of your Commissioners is to secure this and to lay the foundation for a system that may from time to time be easy and economically extended to meet increasing demands.

The experience of the past year or two has shown that the demand now overtakes the supply of naturally filtered and purified water, therefore it has become necessary to supplement such supply with water from unsatisfactory sources, and in order that public health may not be endangered a temporary and dangerous method of chemical purification has to be resorted to.

To overcome this difficulty new supplies must be sought or a new system for purification and filtration adopted.

It has also been brought to public attention that our present equipment is incapable of guaranteeing to all the wards of the city the supply to which they are entitled. The entire pumping plant requires the most careful overhauling and improvements in this direction should be made at the earliest possible moment. These points are of first importance. The problems involved are of an engineering nature and the solutions must be carefully worked out along the best and at the same time most economic lines.

As a citizen with engineering education and experience I feel that my qualifications are such as to enable me to deal with such questions intelligently, and in this way

to render some service to the community to which I belong. It will be impossible for me to make a personal canvass owing to pressure of work at the present time, but should I receive your endorsement, it will be my earnest endeavor to serve the city impartially and to the best of my ability.
C. A. WATERGOS,
December 26th, 1916.

OBITUARY

There passed away on Christmas Day, an old and respected citizen of Brantford, in the person of Mary Ann Barry, who resided alone with her brother, Mr. John Barry, at 105 Albion St. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning to St. Basil's church, where services will be conducted; interment will take place in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The death occurred on Saturday of Cecille Borlino, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Borlino, 296 Murray St. The funeral took place on Sunday to St. Mary's church, where the last rites were observed by the Rev. Father Padden. Interment took place in St. Joseph's cemetery.

At Grace Church yesterday afternoon, before a very representative congregation of masons and friends of the family, the Rev. Archdeacon Mackenzie at the funeral service of the late Mr. J. P. Morrison, formerly a well known resident of Brantford, paid a very warm tribute to the deceased. The pastor particularly dwelt upon the filial devotion of Mr. Morrison to his father-in-law, and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend who, during the last few years of their life had been a great care. Rarely in his long ministerial career had he met with such devoted attention to wife and dear ones, as that displayed by their late friend, and he desired to place that heartfelt tribute on his casket.

The Rev. Paterson-Smyth said in the service, which was of a most impressive character. While attempting to board a moving train at Tweed, Sanford Thompson, of Arden, was thrown beneath the car and had his thumb and two fingers crushed upon the rail.

Miss Julia Gerard, of Windsor, has left for overseas to engage in Red Cross work. She will meet her sister, Miss Nellie Gerard, in England, and spend Christmas with her. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Ginrich, Waterloo township, celebrated their golden wedding recently at the oldest homestead in Preston, and upon which the first white child was born in the county.

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LOCAL

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ALL INVITED.
In connection with the Christmas tree to be held to-morrow evening for the children of the members of the 21st battalion, the office desirous of emphasizing the fact that all friends of the soldier welcome and heartily invited present.

XMAS GREETINGS
Christmas greetings were read yesterday from general to general by Major Snider, Officer Commanding the 12th Battalion. The telegram contained an extract from the Christmas greeting of His Majesty, the King, to soldiers and sailors: "I send soldiers and sailors, hearty wishes for Christmas."

PRESENTATION.
A most pleasing event after morning service at Alex church on Sunday, was a presentation by the choir to Mrs. G. Cromar, the efficient organist and leader. The gift comprised a class vase of handsome design with beautiful marbles. A complimentary note was read by George Ton. Mrs. Cromar expressed her appreciation to the choir for their useful and pretty gift, kindly remembrance of her.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BASIL'S.
Six masses were said on Christmas Day at St. Basil's church. Rev. Dean Brady, Rev. Burke and Rev. Father Murray, taking part in the services. Music was rendered by the choir at the midnight mass, the adult choir at the High Mass, 10:30. The customary repairs of the manger and crib, Bethlehem stable wherein the our was born, was erected up side altar, and will remain until after New Year Day, which time it may be visited by the congregation.

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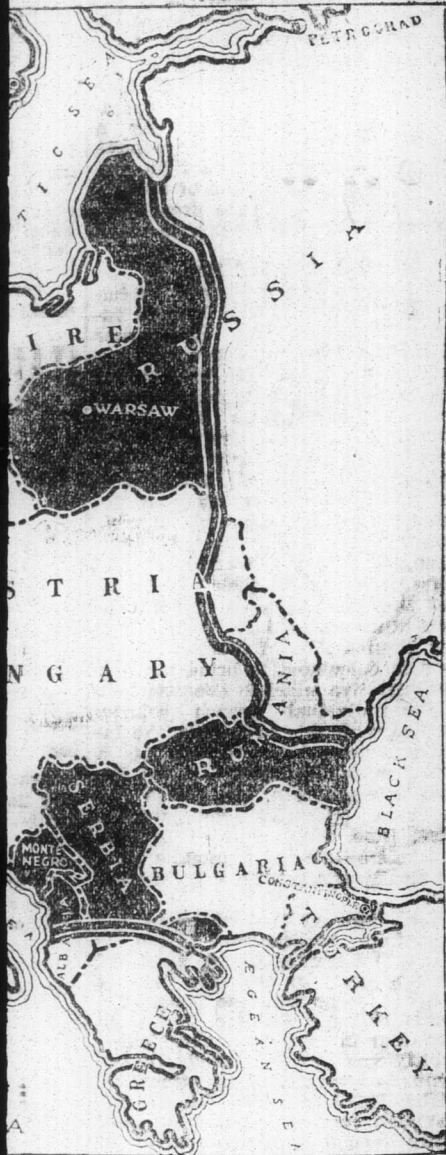
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CHRISTMAS AT ST. BASIL'S. Six masses were said on Christmas Day at St. Basil's church, Very Rev. Dean Brady, Rev. Father Burke and Rev. Father Murray taking part in the services.

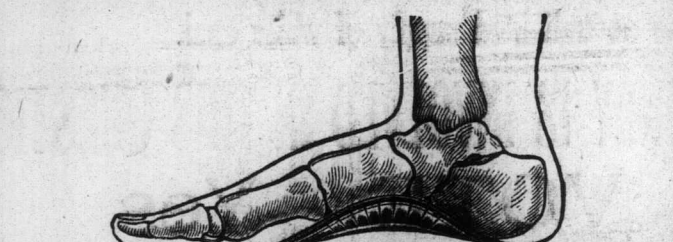
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Chas. A. Jarvis 52 MARKET ST. Manufacturing Optician. Both phones for appointments.

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For Tired, Aching Feet

We would suggest an ARCH SUPPORT properly adjusted—which will give comfort such as you have never known before.

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NEWS OF NORFOLK SOLDIER'S AID COMMISSION

(From our own correspondent) Simcoe, Dec. 25.—When the slate was scoured at nine o'clock on Saturday night, there was still a vacancy in the council, and Geo. J. McKie, in whose favour H. A. Carter withdrew his nomination to the reevehip, and who sat in the clerk's office up to the last minute, got up and left the place without qualifying.

The members who qualified and are elected, are Mayor, Geo. Williamson; Deputy-Reeve, A. E. Slater; Councillors: Roger Cropp, Geo. Doughty, Augustus Jaques, S. L. Krompart and T. B. Laurier.

215TH ENJOYED CHRISTMAS. Majority of the Battalion Is Still on Four Days' Leave

Other Notes. Christmas Tree For Soldiers' Children Promises to be a Success. A deserted appearance was presented at the Armories to-day, most of the men being absent on Christmas leave, which does not terminate until Wednesday night.

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COMING EVENTS

ROBERT CLARKE (from Toronto) and his family of blockheads, Ventriquist, Comedian; you'll laugh from start to finish. ST. LABRE'S Church, basement, Wednesday, December 27th, 8 p.m. Adults, 25c; children 10c.

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Elderdown Lounging Robes, in cardinal, pink and greys; prettily trimmed with large collar and cuffs. Fancy girdle. Price... \$6.00. Velour Robes, floral or Indian designs, in many soft shades, including mauve, dove, openhagen, dutch blue, rose red, satin trimmings and girdles.

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Music and Drama

At the Brant Holiday crowds were the order of the day at the Brant theatre yesterday, record houses being obtained at both afternoon and evening performances, and all being unanimous in their enthusiastic pronouncement of the program presented as being "the best ever."

Died

GUILFOYL—In. Arr. Monday, Dec. 25, Mrs. F. Guilfoyl, the remains will be laid to rest Wednesday, Dec. 27, from 10 A.M. to Mt. Hope Cemetery, at 2 p.m.

We Wish You All a MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Mayoralty Election.

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for J. W. Bowlby as Mayor of Brantford for 1917. In submitting my name for an extension of my term of office, I do so because of the highly important and unflattering public business in which I flatter myself by thinking I could be of service to the community.

J. W. BOWLBY

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 1.

TO THE ELECTORS.— I solicit your vote and influence for re-election for Alderman. After two years I feel that I can better assist in the administration of civic affairs. I find it will be impossible to call on you personally, but ask the same generous support as accorded me in 1913 and 1914.

THOMAS QUINLAN

FOR ALDERMAN Ward One

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:— Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for Alderman for Ward One. I will endeavor to serve the city's interests to the best of my ability. Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Fred C. Harp

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 1.

S. A. Jones
K. C.

FOR ALDERMAN

ALDERMAN For Ward One.

To the Electors.— Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

ALLAN VAREY

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 2.

TO THE ELECTORS:— I again solicit your vote and influence as alderman for Ward Two. Thanking you for past kindnesses and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jos. H. Minshall

For Alderman, 1917 WARD No 2

Your Vote and Influence Solicited for

J. H. Hall

of John H. Hall & Sons, Ltd.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward Two

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.— Again I solicit your vote and influence as Alderman for the year 1917, promising to watch carefully the best interests of each and every part of the city, if elected. Wishing you the season's compliments.

J. E. HESS

VOTE FOR

JOHN J. KELLY

—as—

ALDERMAN

Ward 2

Prompt, Economical, Progressive Methods in City Affairs.

My best efforts will be for the opening of the St. Paul subway Street-car service to the Hill section.

YOUR RESPECTFULLY,

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 2.

STEPHEN

Cayless

I ask your Support "Be just and fear Not"

For Alderman, 1917. Ward 3.

Your Vote and Influence Solicited

W. A. Hollinrake

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 4.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:— TO THE ELECTORS.— I am again in the field for aldermanic honors and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Trusting that my record of the past two years meets with your approval and hoping for a continuance of your support, I am, Yours truly

W. H. Freeborn

Electors Ward Four LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.— Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

ALD. W. J. MELLEN

for Ward Four, for the year of 1917.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 5.

TO THE ELECTORS:— I solicit your vote and influence for re-election for 1917. After one year's experience I feel that I can better assist in the administration of civic affairs. I find it will be utterly impossible to call on you personally, but ask the same generous support accorded me last year.

DR. W. D. WILEY

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:— Again this year I solicit your vote and influence. For two years I have been your representative and if my course has been satisfactory to you, I will be pleased to have your support. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

GEO. L. JENNINGS

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 5.

Fellow Citizens:— I solicit your vote, and if elected, I will work for progressive municipal government, efficiency with economy, and municipal ownership of all public services. I have no private interest to serve, but stand at all times for the public good.

H. J. Symons

I pledge my best efforts towards securing improved market conditions. An improved waterworks system, ensuring a water supply more ample and pure than at present furnished. A continuance of my efforts in the furtherance of the St. Pauls Avenue subway matter. An essential step in the extension of the street railway service over Terrace Hill.

A policy of economical administration in all departments. Wishing you, ladies and gentlemen, the compliments of the season. Believe me, faithfully yours,

A. COULBECK

Board of Education. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.— Having had six years' experience as a member of Brantford School Board, I again offer myself for re-election. Should you feel that my experience is in any way valuable, I would appreciate your vote and influence.

Wishing you the Season's Compliments,

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 2.

JOHN A. MARQUIS

I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Education. If you choose to elect me, I shall continue to do my utmost to further matters educational in our city.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

I. S. Armstrong

TO THE ELECTORS

Again this year I solicit your vote and influence for the office of School Trustee.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 4.

MORGAN E. HARRIS

requests your votes and if elected promises his best services.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 4.

WALTER J. BRAGG

Ladies and Gentlemen:— Once again I solicit your vote and influence. That I will watch and work, if elected, you may be assured. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 5.

C. A. Waterous

Has Withdrawn His Name

MR. WARREN TURNBULL

Since nomination, finds that he will be unable to stand, and has sent in his resignation. His name will be on the ballot, but as he has resigned he requests his friends NOT to vote for him.

FOR Councillor Brantford Township

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Councillor. After serving one year, I feel that I may work even more advantageously than ever, if elected. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

John R. Summerhays

Burford Township RE-ELECT

D. R. Hamilton

As Councillor

Board of Education. TO THE ELECTORS.— As a mark of your continued confidence, I once more solicit your vote and influence for a second term.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward Four

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD FOUR,

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence as Alderman for Ward Four, for the coming year. Should I be elected I will devote my time and attention towards the interest of the ratepayers of Ward Four and the city in general. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I beg to remain,

Yours for lower taxes,

JOHN T. SLOAN,

127 Chatham St.

For Mayor

To the Electors of the City of Brantford:

Ladies and Gentlemen:— I respectfully solicit your vote and influence in the coming municipal elections. An experience of seven years on the School Board and City Council, during which time I have honestly endeavored to be a true friend of the people, probably entitles my candidacy to some consideration.

I pledge my best efforts towards securing improved market conditions. An improved waterworks system, ensuring a water supply more ample and pure than at present furnished. A continuance of my efforts in the furtherance of the St. Pauls Avenue subway matter. An essential step in the extension of the street railway service over Terrace Hill.

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FOR ALDERMAN Ward 3.

ALDERMAN

If elected, I will continue to give my best services in the interest of the city's welfare.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 3.

JNO. S. DOWLING

ALDERMANIC DUTIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AND SCRUPULOUSLY ATTENDED TO, SHOULD THE ELECTORS OF WARD 3 LAY THE OBLIGATION UPON

JAS. J. HURLEY

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 4.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER

Having been particularly requested to allow my name to stand for election to the position of Water Commissioner, I have consented to do so and respectfully solicit the support of the electors.

FOR ALDERMAN Ward 5.

FOR COUNCILLOR BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Councillor. After serving one year, I feel that I may work even more advantageously than ever, if elected. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

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For Railway Commission.

To the Electors:

I earnestly solicit your vote and influence for re-election as Commissioner. After several years of valuable electric railway experience I will be able to give greater assistance in the extension and operation of our municipal railway system. Time will not permit of a personal canvas. By this means I ask the continuance of your confidence and support.

Walter R. Turnbull

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. H. HAMMOND

To the Electors of Brantford:

In presenting myself for election to the Board of Education, I do so feeling that living as we do under democratic institutions, I, in common with others, have duties as a citizen which I must at least be willing to perform. Frequently in the past, friends have urged me to take up these duties. Up to the present, the demands of business have prevented me from doing so. Having spent a number of years as a teacher of both public and high school work, and possessing first-hand knowledge of our educational system, I believe that as a member of the board of education, I could be of real service.

Since leaving the teaching profession, I have followed with deep interest, the educational affairs of our province, and more particularly those of the city of Brantford. Our city has in the past been well served by its trustee boards. Brantford possesses splendid school buildings with the best of equipment and an excellent staff of teachers. Too much credit cannot be given to the ratepayers of Brantford for providing our magnificent educational equipment.

Nevertheless, there is one respect in which I am convinced improvement could be made. Some speeding-up of the school work should be accomplished. This is especially desirable in view of the fact that so many of the children leave school when they reach the age of fourteen. It is the opinion of many who have followed this matter closely, that larger number should pass the entrance before reaching this age.

I regard it as a great misfortune and handicap to any boy or girl to start out in life with anything less than the knowledge and mental training represented by the Entrance Examination. In my opinion, this is the birth-right of every boy and girl in Brantford. This phase of the public school work should be given special attention by the new covered and removed as far as possible.

I would appreciate your vote and any other assistance you may be pleased to give me, and if elected I shall give the best that is in me to the Educational Affairs of our city. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Yours truly,

W. H. HAMMOND.

JNO. W.

English

I again solicit your vote and influence as Alderman for Ward 2. Wishing you the compliments of the Season.

An added expenditure of \$17,000.00 is required for "the maintenance, construction and completion of the Panama canal," according to Col. Chester Harding, U.S.A. governor of the canal zone. The tolls for the month of November amounted to \$450,000, an amount in excess of the cost of operation.

DETROIT is faced with a power famine on account of coal shortage and railway embargo on freight. Appeals are being made to conserve electricity by cutting out electric signs and all useless displays. One hundred thousand men would be thrown out of employment if the factories close down.

DETROIT milk dealers refused demands of Michigan producers that they pay \$1 more per hundred pound of milk. The price asked by the producers is \$3 per hundred pounds, this being an increase of \$1 over the present rate of \$2; and \$1.32 over the average rate for the year.

Solomon Trache was robbed near Koshiqua, Pa., of \$645 by four robbers, and bound and gagged was left to freeze to death in the snow. The men wore woodcutters. Trache was badly beaten up by his assailants, but managed to loosen his bonds and make his way to the nearest house.

FRANCE (via London), Dec. 25.— From a staff correspondent of "The Associated Press"—Christmas has sent a throng of good cheer to all the British armies in the battle lines of France, and wherever a British soldier ate his Christmas dinner today whether in the front fire trenches or in the secluded security of the reserve camps, enthusiastic toasts were offered to King and Empire and to the coming New Year, which British confidently believe will bring victory to the allied cause.

The soldiers from overseas, the Canadians, New Zealanders, the South Africans, drank somewhat wistfully to the folks at home, but soon shook away any tendency to homesickness in the sturdy work of war, for war grim and determined went forward today as relentlessly as yesterday and as it will tomorrow. Guns Boar On.

The Christmas carols, which rose up from all parts of the world, were not far-reaching enough this year to muffle the roar of angry guns or shut out the unceasing song of flying shells.

It was a Christmas of bounteous plenty along the front lines, for the soldiers in the field were joyously immune from the three-course dinners prescribed for the British Isles. Each individual company or the vast army organization had a jolly Christmas spread and there was much rivalry in the elaborateness of the camp menus.

The members of the various companies pooled their assets, both edible and monetary, and the canteens of all French shops, which persisted and prosper in the war zone, were called on for all their sweets and delicacies. Mess halls were splendidly decorated, many in paper flowers, made by the soldiers themselves, many of the flowers being worked into Christmas mottoes.

Bands Play At various places along the line bands visited the mess halls, giving concerts for the soldiers. The Young Men's Christian Association, an other organizations arranged countless entertainments and special programmes prevailed in the mess halls and soldier theatres, most of the latter being battered French bazars, with shell holes barricaded against the wintry blasts and the noises of battle waging not far away.

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As Alderman, Ward 5
Business Methods in Civic Management

Yes VOTE Yes

On The Hydro Question

VOTE to keep power prices in the hands of the municipalities.

VOTE to keep Hydro out of politics.

VOTE to allow Adam Beck to go on with his work.

VOTE to give Ontario an unlimited supply of white coal.

NO OUTLAY OF MONEY IS INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION

Yes VOTE Yes

ARE you in favor of having the municipality develop or acquire from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario whatever works may be required for the supply of electric energy or power in addition to such electric power as is already being obtained under the existing contract with the Hydro Power Commission of Ontario? YES.

Yes VOTE Yes



ALDERMAN FOR WARD FOUR

JOHN T. SLOAN,
127 Chatham St.

Hearty Cheer For Soldiers at the Front

Christmas Carol Did Not Muffle Roar of Angry Guns in France, But it Was a Christmas of Plenty for the Allied Armies

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The members of the various companies pooled their assets, both edible and monetary, and the cantines and small French shops, which persist and prosper in the war zone, were splendidly decorated, in many instances with holly and mistletoe and paper flowers, made by the soldiers themselves. In the flowers being worked into Christmas mottos.

At various places along the lines bands visited the mess halls, giving concerts for the soldiers. The Young Men's Christian Association and other organizations arranged countless entertainments and special programmes prevailed in the mess halls, and the latter being battered French barns, with shell holes barricaded against the wintry blasts and the noises of battle waging not far away.

Every British soldier had his individual plum pudding, this particularly indispensable item of the Christmas bill of fare having been looked after by the London newspapers, which raised in the neighborhood of \$500,000 for their purchase.

Where conditions permitted as of the men as possible were remembered in the mid-ditches of the Somme and in other sectors Christmas dinner, steaming hot, was carried up through the communication trenches, sometimes under the pelting of shells, to the men held by duty at the outposts of war.

Some of the men serving the big guns chatted satirical greetings on the shells before firing them. "It's the dead shell and doesn't explode," explained a gunner, "Brother Boccia can read what we think of him. On the other hand, if it does its duty, he'll know without reading."

This third Christmas of the British armies in France was vastly different from its two predecessors, especially the first, when only a pitiful handful of the original expeditionary force was left to form a thin khaki line against the gray clad enemy. The field army was then so small that King George personally sent a Christmas package to everyone. The multiplication of this army of tens of thousands into a present force of so many millions has somewhat altered the situation.

The news of President Wilson's peace note had percolated throughout the army by today, but it cannot be said to have been favorably received. While it can truthfully be said that officers and men alike realize the hardships of the coming year, all appear eager for a new offensive in the spring and say they can make that offensive decisive.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Christmas greetings to Canadian soldiers at the front and training in England or at convalescent homes or hospitals there were conveyed by Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Parley, the Prime Minister and the Canadian expeditionary force in England.

"On behalf of the Canadian people I send Christmas greetings to the Canadian expeditionary force in England and earnestly wish that their efforts during the coming year may be crowned with the highest success. Those who are now completing their training in England may soon be called to the front, where their record will be as splendid and inspiring as that of the Canadians now in the battle-line. The Canadian people are resolved to spare no effort and shrink from no sacrifice to support the cause for which you have taken up arms on behalf of your country."

To General Byng, head of the Canadians in France, the Premier sent this message: "On behalf of the Canadian people I send to you and to all the Canadian expeditionary force in France Christmas greetings and earnest wishes that in the coming year the highest success may crown their efforts."

COMPULSORY SERVICE

Urged by Sir Sam
Late Minister of Militia Speaks at Recruiting Meeting in His Home Town—Failure of National Service Commission

Lindsay, Dec. 25.—On Christmas Eve General Sir Sam Hughes, before a large audience in his home town, Lindsay, under the auspices of the Citizens' Recruiting League for Victoria and Hamilton, came out strongly in favor of immediate universal military training for the defense of Canada and compulsory overseas service.

In his remarks Sir Sam made reference to the admitted failure of the National Service Commission, to the fact that four months' valuable time had already been lost, and further, that the commission had not been ready to begin its work before even the returns would be ready; in short, it would mean a year before the commission could begin its work. However, wood had been done in interesting the Canadian public, within six weeks from the acceptance of Canada's offer, 33,000 men were sent from points within 1,000 miles of the front, were clothed, were trained and marching to the steamers for Europe, said the speaker. These men have proven themselves second to no soldiers in the world. They are a truly democratic, citizen-soldier army.

"The nations are at war, and action, prompt and decisive, must be the mandate," said General Hughes. Militia Act sufficient.

Following more particularly the lines of his Toronto Empire Club and Metropolitan Church speeches, as well as his letter of October to Sir Robert Borden, all favoring compulsory service, General Hughes, now unfettered by the rules of office, denigrated the immediate calling out of all single men from 18 to 45 years of age and not accounted under the law, for active service training, under the Canadian Militia Act for the defence of Canada.

This, he stated, can be done under the Act as it now stands. To remove doubt regarding overseas service, the Militia Act should be so amended that the Canadian overseas could be sent by Canada to assist in the great cause of human liberty.

The ex-Minister also gave a summary of the German pre-war preparations and of the non-preparedness of the allies. The aims and aspirations of Germany were also touched on, as well as descriptions of Valenciennes, the sailing of the fleet, the trenches, the soldiers and the various aspects of the war. But the feature of the evening was his declaration that several hundred dollars valued after being convicted of having fed the animals on dead horses, friends here, for compulsory training



USE IS EVERYTHING—EVEN IN ZEPPELIN RAIDS. This splendid photograph of a group of people gazing upwards at Zeppelin hovering overhead, was taken in the heart of London. It shows well the amazing sang-froid of the British, who, despite the horrors of these monster air structures, only rarely show any interest and not fear is visible on the countenance of these people.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Sent by King George to Sailors and Soldiers Also to the Sick and the Wounded

London, December 23.—"I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you, for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unflinching cheeriness. Another Christmas has come around and we are still at war. But the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you."

"George, L.I." Also the following cable to the sick and wounded: "At this Christmaseve the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas, and many happier years to come."

"George R.I." Although it has been customary to allow the mayors of St. Thomas to have a second term by acclamation, Dr. F. B. Bennett, chairman of the Board of Education, will oppose Mayor Trott.

The Woodstock jury in the case of Alex. Green's charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Constable Moore in a motor accident, found the accused "guilty with a recommendation for mercy."

Morley Vass, farmer living in London Township, was fined \$25 and costs and had a herd of swine valued at several hundred dollars seized after being convicted of having fed the animals on dead horses, friends here, for compulsory training

or concerning his colleagues, whatever. No Fear About Quebec

Interviewed after his address, asked how Quebec Province would accept his plans Sir Sam replied quickly. "As I pointed out in my remarks to-night, if the British fleet should suffer disaster and Germany become dominant on the sea, there is nothing to prevent von Hindenburg from landing an army on our eastern coast next spring and practically without serious opposition, crossing to the Pacific, leaving a trail akin to that in Belgium, France and Poland behind him."

"I firmly believe and have reason for the belief," said Sir Sam, "that Quebec Province, in common with all other parts of Canada will loyally respond to the call to arms for universal training at once, and that compulsory overseas service will follow as a matter of course. The people realize how absurd it would be to permit the paying of taxes to be voluntary. So in such a great crisis compulsory service is the only fair plan."

Sir Sam's speech is greatly appreciated here as being a masterly and fearless solution of the recruiting problem.

THE GAS PLEBISCITE

To the Editor Courier: In the local papers last week I noticed a statement credited to one of our aldermen that there was a prospect of getting artificial gas from Hamilton and selling it at 45 cents; and also an explanation that if the

gas plebiscite was endorsed in Brantford it did not necessarily mean that the municipal plant would have to be built.

The ratepayers should go slow in this matter. Personally, I think there is no chance of getting artificial gas from Hamilton delivered and sold in Brantford for the price quoted. I know something about the gas situation in Hamilton. The proposal there to build a gas coke plant was held up largely because the company insisted on the right to charge a maximum price of 65 cents. It has the right, under its present charter, to charge 90 cents a thousand for artificial gas. That is not a very promising outlook for 45 cent gas in Brantford from that source.

As to the plebiscite, we all know that while the pre-election talk is that plebiscites are not binding, a final verdict is often accepted as a mandate from the people to go ahead and spend their money. Personally, I am opposed to the expenditure of one dollar on unnecessary work at this time. Thrift is the cry from one end of the empire to the other to-day.

Britain needs every man and dollar to win the war, and economy in everything should be our policy. The calls for patriotic purposes have been great, and will be greater still, and they will doubtless continue to be cheerfully met. But for this very reason, the burden on the small taxpayer should not be unnecessarily increased. Let us win the war and settle our own troubles afterwards.

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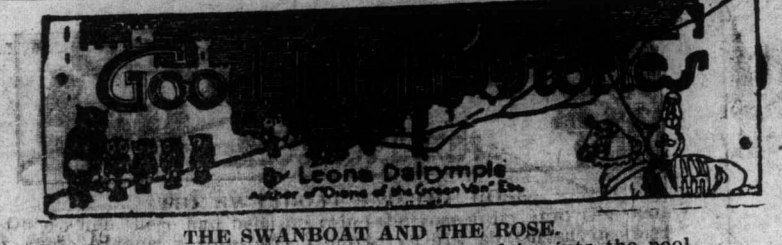
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THE SWANBOAT AND THE ROSE.
Once when there had been no rain for ever so long a rose-fairy came down to the edge of a pool and lay there, weak and drooping. A swan who lived there and ferried elves and fairies about on his back floated up and spoke to her.
"Come," said he kindly, "let me sail you about on the quiet pool. You are weak and drooping and the wind will be refreshing. Come."
So the little asexual fairy climbed aboard, the swanboat and sat there sadly, while he sailed about the quiet pool. The wind came, fresh and cool, but still the little fairy drooped. The swan, who speaks the language of all bees and birds and beasts and flowers, whispered in swan-talk to the swanboat.
"Most of all, my graceful feathered friend, she needs moisture that she may carry it back to the rose in the pool. Upset her in the pool!"
But the swanboat, who was kind, shook his head.
"No," he said, "I cannot do that. It would frighten her and never, never would she forgive me."
"As you will," said the Wind and went on his way, and the swanboat, twisting his lovely curved neck, saw that the rose fairy just went on a-drooping.
"Sometimes," mused the swan, "to be cruel is to be kind. I will upset her in the pool."
And with that he spread his lovely wings, lurched and splashed! went to the council.
There were no other nominations.
In every municipality in the county except Simcoe there was held today a public mass meeting for the discussion of municipal matters. A meeting may be held here to discuss the Hydro bill about to be submitted but the general business of the year passes from year to year without note or comment.
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NEWS OF NORFOLK
Geo. Williamson Mayor of Simcoe by Acclamation for the Fourth Time in Succession
Many Acclamations Throughout the County
(From our own correspondent) Simcoe, Dec. 23. Nominations passed off quietly yesterday Mayor Geo. Williamson was the only nomination for the mayoralty. For the Reeveship H. A. Carter and Geo. J. McKee were named, but the former withdrew. A. E. Slater was passed up to the deputy reeveship after serving one year in the council. Though twelve names were put in nomination for the council, it is expected that the slate will probably be filled without an election. The names for the council are: R. Cropp, Geo. Doughty, Wm. Gilbertson, Geo. Heath, Gus Jaques, Bruce Johnston,

S. L. Kronpart, T. E. Langford, Chas. Martin, Chas. Misner, H. Scribner, L. Sharp.
Charlottetown, an acclamation—Reeve, Harry Lawrence; Deputy-Reeve, Art McKeown. Council, Alex. Hutchinson, Will Roney, E. F. Montgomery.
Only One Change in Townsend.
Herschel Glover takes the place of J. H. Overholt and otherwise there is no change. Reeve, Elliot Hyde, Deputy Reeve, James Welsh; Councilors, W. J. Schuyler, Wm. Woodley and Herschel Glover. Windham Will Have No Contest.
Reeve, Theo. Cunningham; Deputy-Reeve, H. Kellum; Councilors, Fred Woolley, A. Slaght, Wm. Haviland, all by acclamation. The only change is H. Kellum's elevation to the second seat from the council, to take the place of Jas. Crane, resigned, and the addition of Mr. Haviland to fill the vacancy in the council.
South Walsingham Sara "Peace."
Reay Fick dropped out of the S. Walsingham council and Joseph Parker takes his place, otherwise there is no change, and Reeve Joseph Crumlin has walk over. He deserved it.
Fight in North Walsingham
It looks like a three-cornered

fight for the reeveship in North Walsingham. Reeve McDowell, has been Warden, and some think that having received the highest possible municipal honours he should retire. But Malcolm enjoys a little brush, and at latest reports, Mr. McDowell's refusal to grant indulgence to syndicate property in the matter of road work and taxes seems to be the cause of the opposition.
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STATE CONTROL OF LIQUOR TRADE
Radical Measure for a Dry Britain is receiving consideration
PUBLIC HOUSES
To be Managed by Board of Control at First of Year
London, Dec. 25.—The measure of the new government for the control of food will be preceded by one for the entire control of the liquor trade.
It has already been announced that the government will after January 1 take over all the patent whiskey distilled in Scotland, and limit the portion allowed to be distilled by malt distillers, but in all probability the consumption of spirits will in due course be entirely voted, except for medicinal purposes, and only certain quantities and quantities of beer permitted to be sold in public houses.
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"Why did you laugh when I that?" accused Molly. "I did said the Wants-to-be-critic, I said. 'What's the difference?' ed Molly.
"All the difference in the world said the Cynic. And he was a smile and a laugh are as different in character as a kitten and a cat. Cats aren't just kitten grown up. And neither is a smile grown up.
Smiles, when they are not mechanical, almost invariably note a pleasant, friendly state of mind. Laughs do not.
Laughs May Express Many Emotions
There are many kinds of laughs and they express a range of emotions as wide as human experience. We are apt to associate happiness with laughter, but it is not the concomitant of pleasure or happiness.
The happiest people do not laugh. They smile. Their hearts up with an inner radiance perhaps in the great moment, they themselves "nearer still team than laughter."
The Nervous Laugh Like the Mechanical Smile
I spoke of the mechanical as it has the counterpart in the nervous laugh, that most foolish habit, nervous people permit themselves fall into. In young girls, it is the form of giggles, which we give, as we forgive many things, in older people it becomes nervous, cackle, an empty shell, real mirth.
Could anything be more exasperating than a mocking, superior laugh which is first cousin to sneer. I once lived in a house with a man who had a habit of laughing that way at his wife, and though was none of my business, I had work to keep my temper. The sneer used to launch to expression—a hard, disagreeable laugh that made you want to throw something at him.
A Famous Laugh
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TWO DESTROYERS SUNK IN COLLISION

Official Announcement of Admiralty, Over 50 Lives Lost

London, Dec. 25.—The Admiralty announces that two destroyers were sunk in a collision in the North Sea on December 21 during very bad weather. Six officers and 49 men were lost.

Two Hamilton coal dealers were in the Police Court to answer to a charge of delivering coal without having first weighed it on the city scales. Defendants complained that the city had refused to install sufficient scales.

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By Anabel Worthington.

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The overblouse suggests the jumper idea and for novelty has the pockets placed just where they look best and where the girl likes to have them; heading of wool embosey is distinctive for embellishment. The low cut front of the overblouse shows to advantage the under waist, which is finished at the neck with a very fetching frill and the "ruff cuts" to match are as much appeal. The closing is at the back and a snapless gathered skirt completes the frock. The separate overblouse slips on over the head.

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Rippling Rhyme

CHRISTMAS BELLS
 Oh, Christmas bells, your music swells, upon the buoyant winter breeze. I dry my tears and shed my years, when I hear happy sounds like these. I'm gray and bent, an ancient gent, who may not see another spring; my knees are sprung, but I feel young, when Christmas bells begin to ring. I'd give no hoot for that galoot, who doesn't feel the Christmas glow, who doesn't sing when joy bells ring, and turn some handspindles in the snow. Oh, Christmas bells, your music spells forgetfulness of workday cares; a little while we sing and smile, and dance around like circus bears. A little while the grief and guile, the grind of life, forgotten are; our hearts are thawed, we walk abroad, and sing of Bethlehem afar. A little while we cease to pile more punks upon our stacks of brass; the soul for lifts, we hand out gifts, instead of trying to amass. Oh, Christmas bells, your music dwells forever in the old man's mind, recalls the truth of honest youth, the days he's left so far behind.

Waterloo County Council took no action re a grant to the British Sailors' Fund, but did present Warden Paul Sluder with a cane.

Seven of the nine officers who resigned their commissions in the 118th Battalion last September have been notified to report at Halifax next month to accompany a draft overseas.

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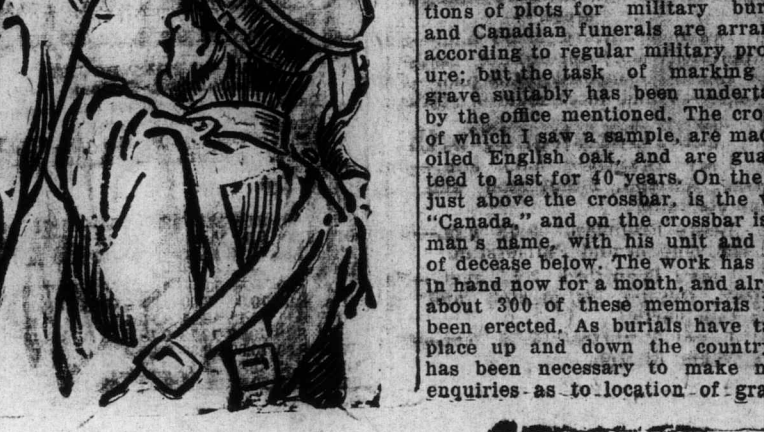
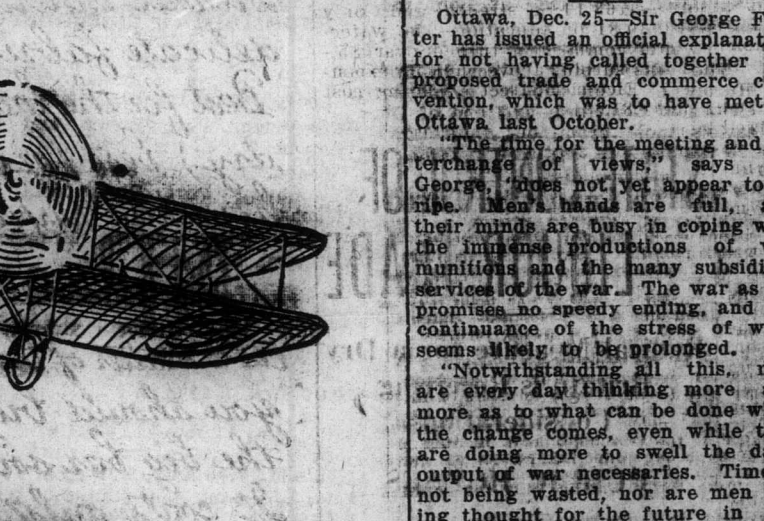
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SIR GEORGE FOSTER

Tells Why He Has Not Called Trade Convention

Hands and Minds Too Busy With the War

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Sir George Foster has issued an official explanation for not having called together the proposed trade and commerce convention, which was to have met in Ottawa last October.

"The time for the meeting and in fact the time for the meeting of Sir George, does not yet appear to be ripe. Men's hands are full, and their minds are busy in coping with the immense production of war munitions and the many subsidiary services of the war. The war as yet promises no speedy ending, and the continuance of the stress of work seems likely to be prolonged.

"Notwithstanding all this, men are every day thinking more and more as to what can be done when the change comes, even while they are doing more to swell the daily output of war necessities. Time is not being wasted, nor are men losing thought for the future in the sever business work of the present. Rather, it is the fact that as time passes the vision widens, the mists are gradually lifting, clearness is succeeding to doubt, and all the while the discipline and skill being developed, and the enlarged adaptation of labor, in continually widening circles to the finer processes of production, are fitting us for future and changed conditions.

"Meanwhile," Sir George says, "we have called our aid, and are proceeding to attack the lines of unpreparedness from another quarter." He then proceeded to outline the purposes of the new Commission on Industrial and Technical Research.

CROSSES MARK THE GRAVES

Of Canadian Soldiers in England, Made of English Oak

London, Dec. 24.—The identification and marking of every grave of a Canadian soldier who dies in England from wounds, disease or accident is being undertaken by the staff of the Adjutant-General of the Canadians in London. Men who die in England are at least to have the honor of having their last resting place marked by the erection of the small but permanent wooden crosses which in cemeteries of Flanders and France. These memorials are only of a temporary character, but at the present time they undoubtedly count as more worthy tokens of respect than the costly productions of stone masons.

As far as possible, cemeteries in England are making special reservations of plots for extraordinary burials, and Canadian funerals are arranged according to regular military procedure, but the task of marking the grave suitably has been undertaken by the office in London. The crosses, of which I saw a sample, are made of oiled English oak, and are guaranteed to last for 40 years. On the top, just above the crossbar, is the word "Canada," and on the crossbar is the man's name, with his unit and date of decease below. The work has been in hand now for a month, and already about 200 of these memorials have been erected. As burials have taken place up and down the country, it has been necessary to make many enquiries as to location of graves;

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