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GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANNOUNCES OFFER OF PEACE MADE TO ALLIES THROUGH NEUTRALS CONSTANTINE ORDERS ARMY MOBILIZED

Neutrals Asked To Hand Peace Terms to Allies

Germany and Her Allies Announce They Are Ready At Once To Enter Into Peace Negotiations.

U. S., SPAIN AND SWISS ARE ASKED TO ACT

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Via Sayville wireless. — Germany and her allies today proposed to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

The propositions which they will bring forward are, according to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace.

The Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian Governments are making similar proposals. These offers have been transmitted also to the Vatican.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Via Sayville wireless.—The following announcement was given out today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency:

"The chancellor this morning received one after another the representatives of the United States of America and Spain and Switzerland, that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note will be read today in the Reichstag by the chancellor.

"In the note the four allied (central) powers propose to enter forthwith on peace negotiations. The propositions which they bring for such negotiations are, according to their firm belief, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace.

"The governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes, and also communicated with the Holy See and all other neutral powers."

WASHINGTON "MUM."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—News that Germany and her allies were about to enter on peace negotiations was sent to President Wilson.

Speaking for the president, Secretary Tumulty said he was deeply interested, but could make no comment at least.

It was not learned what reception the proposal received from the Entente Allies.

TELLS NATION BIG PERIL OF PEACE MADE TOO HASTILY

Henderson Warns British People Against Premature Peace.

MUST END THE MENACE

Cannot Run Risk of Present Struggle Being Repeated.

London, Dec. 12.—Arthur Henderson, minister of pensions, in the first public speech to be made by any of the new ministers, warned the country against a premature peace. Speaking at Clapham, Mr. Henderson said:

"The war has gone on too long for some people in this country. It is possible in view of the military situation that we may become weary. I want to warn everyone of the danger of premature peace. I am as strongly for peace as anybody can be, but peace must be made without doubt beyond the requirements of the present catastrophe. If we are to have a lasting peace, we must form a league of nations which will bind themselves down principles of peace. I will go with them. To talk peace with the present military situation is to invite disaster. We must fight to the end of the line."

WILLIAM GRAY, M.P., DIES AFTER ILLNESS OF SEVERAL MONTHS

End Came at 8:30 o'clock Today, in Hospital.

WAS BORN IN ONTARIO

And Prominent in City Activities for Quarter of Century.

William Gray, M. P., for London, died at Victoria Hospital this morning, following an illness of some months duration. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The death of Mr. Gray was not unexpected. His case has been considered by medical men as hopeless for some time. Last week the disease took a radical turn for the worse, and he was removed to the hospital. He lingered in a semi-conscious condition for the most part until last night, when he fell into unconsciousness, dying this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The death of Mr. Gray removes one of London's best-known citizens, and he will be missed. For a quarter of a century he has been prominent in many of the activities of this city, and was one of its most liveliest figures. Gentle, whole-hearted and obliging, he won many friends to him, and these qualities helped him materially in his public efforts.

Only 51 Years of Age.

The late Mr. Gray was comparatively young, being in his 52nd year. He was born in Newcastle, Ont., in 1865, being educated in the public and high schools at Clapham and Galt.

He came to London as a young man, from Tillsonburg, joining the staff of the glass pottery works in East London. Shortly after, he entered the service of Gowan, Kent & Co., Toronto, a crockery firm, for whom he traveled for twelve years. He later joined the J. L. Cassidy Company, Montreal, as a partner, and was with them for two years. He resigned from

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HIS REAL OBJECTIVE



(The German chancellor has released the statement for neutral consumption, that the Allies intend the complete destruction of the German people.)

German (to John Bull, "Vandal"): You would destroy the beautiful column which it has taken centuries to rear!

John Bull—"The column doesn't interest me. It's the struts at the top I'm after."

Kaiser Tells Army To Keep Fighting; Not Sure of Peace

London, Dec. 12.—4:01 p.m.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says it is announced officially in Berlin that Emperor William has notified his commanding generals of Germany's peace offer, and has informed them it is still uncertain whether the offer will be accepted. Until that uncertainty is ended, the message says, they are to fight on.

The message is quoted as follows:

"Soldiers: In agreement with the sovereigns of my allies, and with the consciousness of victory, I have made an offer of peace to the enemy. Whether it will be accepted is still uncertain.

"Until that moment arrives you will fight on."

Germany Dreads Coming Ordeal

Has Squandered Stores of Shells On Rumania To Impress World—People Are Sowing Seeds of Revolt.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The Star today, commenting on Germany's peace move, says:

It is not likely that von Bethmann-Hollweg really believes the Allies can be induced to make peace under present military conditions. He probably knows that the Allied army in Macedonia must be swept out of Balkans with the aid of Greece, and another summer of desperate effort to force German lines in the west be frustrated, before the Allies, if ever, will become reconciled to a draw.

But Germany dreads the coming ordeal. She feels she cannot wait until the slow-moving Allies come to a decision without urging on her part. The people of Germany and Austria-Hungary have developed passion for peace. Discontent and seeds of revolt are on all sides. The food situation is serious, and many months must pass before new harvests are available. The victories in Rumania are devoid of military significance attached to them in most neutral and some Allied quarters. The first and some Allied quarters. The troops and guns and shells that should have been held in reserve for the 1917 campaign have been severely drawn on to offset the ill-effects of Rumanian intervention, which are real, if not apparent. On all fronts this fall sacrifices have been made for the sole purpose of impressing the Allies with an undue sense of German power. Germany wants peace, and wants it badly, and she has made a supreme effort to frame up a situation which would give her some excuse for offering an ante bellum status quo for "welfare of humanity."

PETERBORO DEATH LIST REMAINS AT FOUR

No More Bodies Recovered, But Twelve Are Still Missing.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 12.—Up to noon today no more bodies had been recovered from the ruins of the Quaker Oats mill plant. The list of known dead stands at four, the missing at twelve. The roll of the 500 employees is being called this morning and when it is completed the number of missing will thereby be verified, but it is not expected there will be any additions.

EXPECTED A CHANGE

London, Dec. 12.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Times quotes the Maasbode as saying that immediately after it was known that David Lloyd George had become British premier a special meeting of the Dutch cabinet was held. After this meeting, the Maasbode says, telegrams were sent to all Dutch shipping agents in America instructing them to reserve all available tonnage for Government grain, and cancel all arrangements for other freights.

BACK TO STATUS QUO IS KERNEL OF TEUTON TERMS TO THE ALLIES

GERMANY ANXIOUS FOR PEACE BECAUSE LIMIT IS REACHED

Expert Says Future Means Only More Germans Killed.

ALLIES IN TO A FINISH

France and Britain Preparing To Strike Heavier Blows Than Heretofore.

BY J. W. T. MASON, WAR CRITIC OF UNITED STATES.

New York, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposals for peace are made at a time when her armies have taken the offensive in the newest battle area and when the western front has reached another deadlock.

The peace that Germany now wants is one with Teuton troops occupying territory on practically every front.

The war is yet far from having gone to the knockout that David Lloyd George demanded in his interview a short time before he became British premier.

Germany has reached her best. The Germans occupy at the present moment probably the highest position they will reach, as far as practical purposes are concerned, no matter how long the war continues. Nevertheless, Germany's losses in man power are becoming constantly much greater than the losses of any one of her principal antagonists. At the same time, the British Government has just undergone a reconstruction for the purpose of carrying the war to a more definite conclusion; and France, too, is evolving a scheme for greater efficiency. Under these conditions, while Germany is not overthrown, the German militarists may well feel that the future developments of the war cannot hold out for Germany any better prospect than the ceaseless killing of proportionately more Germans than Frenchmen or Englishmen.

Better Terms Necessary.

Germany must make large concessions to secure peace at present—far larger than are indicated by the war boundaries on the map. But, whatever Germany proposes as a basis for peace, in her declaration, probably will not be her final word. The most important fact of Germany's new attitude, doubtless will be the definite statement of tentative peace terms, which later, may be taken as the starting point for future elaborate and a possible settlement.

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Only Half of Britain's Power Has Been Tested

House of Morgan Shows No Excitement Over Peace Overtures.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

New York, Dec. 12.—That the peace proposal from Germany created no great flurry in Morgan circles was regarded with considerable significance. It was taken to indicate that the American financial representatives of the Allied powers did not regard favorable action on the Berlin proposal as likely.

Admittedly, the greatest deterring force from the British standpoint is Lloyd George. The idea was general that the British would not consent to a cessation of hostilities at this time, with their political voice just put in order and their organization for major efforts still untried. It is recognized that as yet but half the military strength of the British has been tested under fire.

The fact that at the moment of Germany's proposal, France was also in the midst of a complete reorganization calculated to give her new strength, is also counted on to discount probabilities of Bethmann-Hollweg's proposals finding favor in France.

ASKS ENTENTE TO MAKE PEACE



Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

GREEK KING ORDERS ARMIES MOBILIZED

London, Dec. 12.—2:15 p.m.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says advices have been received there from Switzerland to the effect that King Constantine of Greece has ordered a general mobilization.

London, Dec. 12.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Times says that Count Reventlow, the well-known German military critic, says that King Constantine now only desires to gain time to enable the Germans to concentrate a relieving force. The count is quoted as adding that it is uncertain if the Greek supplies will last long enough to permit the Germans to come to their assistance.

FIVE BULGAR POSTS TAKEN BY FRENCH ALONG THE VARDAR

Attempted Advance of Germans South of Somme Checked.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Noon.—Five small Bulgarian posts on the right bank of the Vardar River, on the Macedonian front, have been captured by the French, it is announced officially. The operations north of Monastir are being impeded by snow.

GERMANS CHECKED.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Noon.—German troops made an attack yesterday evening on the edge of Des Loges Wood, near Lesigny, south of the Somme sector, the war office announced today. The advance was checked by the French curtain of fire.

SIXTEEN KILLED IN RIOT STARTED BY BRUTAL PRUSSIANS

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 12.—Sixteen persons were killed and several mortally wounded in a riot at Tourcoing on the occasion of the deportation of 300 civilians by the Germans, according to the Echo Belge.

The paper says that the riot started when one of the men ordered deported was struck on the head with a rifle butt by a German soldier because he did not work fast enough. Thereupon the crowd of spectators rushed at the soldier and a general melee followed. The German troops using their rifles. The account says that a squadron of cavalry had to charge the crowd before order was restored and that 50 arrests were made subsequently.

German Chancellor, in Boastful Address To Reichstag, Declares Recent Successes Have Moved Central Powers To Offer Peace Terms—Embassy at Washington Says Terms Include Evacuation of Belgium and France in Exchange For Conquered Colonies, Independent Kingdoms For Lithuania and Poland, and Conference To Settle Balkan Problems.

GERMANY'S PEACE PRICE

WILL RESTORE BELGIUM.
VACATE OCCUPIED PARTS OF FRANCE.
WANTS ALL COLONIES BACK.
POLAND AND LITHUANIA INDEPENDENT.
SETTLE BALKANS BY CONFERENCE.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Advices from Berlin to the German embassy indicate that Germany's peace terms, in general measure, propose the restoration of the status quo before the war with the exception of the establishment of independent kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania.

They are understood to propose the complete restoration of the occupied portions of Belgium and France in return for Germany's captured colonies, and to dispose of the Balkan situation because of its extremely complicated nature, in the peace conference.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech is reported by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today announced to the Reichstag that Germany, together with her allies, "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nations, before humanity," had proposed this morning to the hostile powers to enter on peace negotiations.

Practically all the members of parliament answered the unexpected summons. The crowded house and thronged galleries listened in attentive silence when the chancellor rose for his speech.

OUTLINES SITUATION.

The chancellor first outlined the extraordinary political situation and then, insisting upon the achievements of the Central Powers, made an announcement which possibly may be the turning point in the war, which more than two years has held the world under its spell. The chancellor said:

"The Reichstag had not been adjourned for a long period, but fortunately it was left to the discretion of the president as to the day of the next meeting. This decision was caused by the hope that soon events in the field would be recorded, a hope fulfilled quicker, almost than expected. I shall be brief, for actions speak for themselves."

REVIEWS THE WAR.

The chancellor said Rumania had entered this war in order to roll up the German positions in the east, and those of Germany's allies. At the same time the grand offensive on the Somme had as its object to pierce the German western front, and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

"This situation was serious," the chancellor continued, "but with God's help our troops shaped conditions so as to give us security, which not only is complete, but still more so than ever before. The western front stands. Not only does it stand, but in spite of the Rumanian campaign it is fitted out with larger reserves of men and material than it had been formerly. The most effective precautions have been taken against all Italian diversions."

PRaises HINDENBURG.

"And while on the Somme and on the Carso the great re-formation while the Russian launched troops against the eastern frontiers, Transylvania, Field Marshal von Hindenburg captured the whole of Western Wallachia, and the hostile capital of Bucharest, leading with unparalleled genius the troops that in competition with all the allies made possible what hitherto was considered impossible."

HAS PLENTY OF SUPPLIES.

"And Hindenburg does not rest. Military operations progressed, by strokes of the sword, at the same time (in our hands) security, for economic needs have been laid. Great stocks of grain, victuals, oil and other goods fell into our hands in Rumania. Their transport has begun. In spite of scarcity, we could have lived on our own supplies, but now our safety is beyond question."

LAuds THE SUBMARINES.

"To these great events on land," the chancellor continued, "heroic deeds of equal importance are added by our submarines. The spectre of famine, which our enemies intended to appear before us, now pursues them without mercy. When after the termination of the first year of this war the emperor addressed the nation in a public appeal, he said: 'Having witnessed such great events, my heart was filled with awe and determination.'"

"Neither our emperor nor our nation ever changed their minds in this respect. Neither have they now. The genius and heroic acts of our leaders have fashioned these facts as firm as iron. If the enemy counted upon the weakness of his enemy, that he was deceived."

"The Reichstag, by means of the national auxiliary war service law, helped to build a new offensive and defensive bulwark in the midst of the great struggle," the chancellor continued. "Behind the fighting army stands the nation at work—the gigantic force of the nation working for the common aim."

"The empire is not a besieged fortress, as our adversaries imagined, but one gigantic and firmly disciplined one, with inexhaustible resources. That is the German empire, which is firmly and faithfully

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NO BRITISH STATEMENT UNTIL TERMS RECEIVED

London, Dec. 12.—4:35 p.m.—The foreign office today informed the Associated Press that it is unable to disclose the German peace offer until the terms have been received. Meanwhile the attitude of the British Government towards possible peace terms remains as frequently enunciated by the former premier and foreign secretary.

NEW I.O.D.E. CHAPTER HARRIET A. BOOMER WARMLY WELCOMED

Collegiate Girls Doing Their
Share in War Work.

HONOR MRS. CL. CAMPBELL

Hard-Working Treasurer Is
Given Life Membership
and Handsome Pin.

An interesting feature of the December meeting of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., was the formal reception of a new chapter, the Harriet A. Boomer, organized among girls of the Collegiate Institute with Miss Kathleen Allen as regent.

Mrs. Niven, regent of the Municipal Chapter, extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the order in London, following which Mrs. H. A. Boomer, after whom the chapter has been named, presented to it a handsome standard and also, as a further token of her interest, a beautifully made model of a birch bark canoe, and verses composed for the occasion by Mrs. Rawson. In a characteristically breezy speech, Mrs. Boomer referred to the members of the new chapter as her "grand-daughters."

Miss Allen made a graceful reply on behalf of her chapter, expressing to Mrs. Boomer the honor felt at being permitted to take her name. She also voiced the grateful appreciation of the members for the kindly interest shown in them and the assistance with their work given by other chapters.

Guest of Honor.

The Sir George Ross Chapter was also a "guest of honor" of the day. Most encouraging reports were presented by the various chapters in regard to their work. Mrs. C. L. Campbell, treasurer of the Municipal Chapter, announced that since the previous meeting she had paid over to various patriotic objects something like \$4,000, of which more than \$2,000 went to the Secours National, the remaining \$1,000 being divided among the funds for disabled seamen, the Lady Beatty sailors' fund, the overseas tobacco fund, etc.

In connection with mention of the Secours National, Mrs. Sydney Dunn of Hamilton was called upon and gave an illuminating little address in regard to the French relief work being accomplished through the medium of this organization.

An outstanding event of the afternoon was in the form of a surprise for one of the most valued members of the order in this city, Mrs. C. L. Campbell.

bell, treasurer of the Municipal Chapter for the past five years; secretary-treasurer of the supplies committee since the outbreak of war and the press correspondent, whose bright reports keep the work of the order before the public.

Given Life Membership.

Referring in glowing terms to the service which Mrs. Campbell has rendered, Mrs. Niven, on behalf of the Municipal Chapter, presented her with a life membership and beautiful life member's pin. "This," said Mrs. Niven, "is not intended in any way as a reward of service. That would be impossible. It is only a slight token which we wish you to have of our appreciation."

Mrs. Campbell made a suitable reply, declaring the life membership to be the most highly prized gift she could receive.

The chapter decided to continue the work of the Soldiers' Club owing to the conviction that no other institution could take its place in the lives of the soldiers during their time of training here.

Following the business meeting, the members of the executive were hostesses at afternoon tea, prepared and served by the Sir John Carling Chapter.

Among guests of the afternoon warmly welcomed were Mrs. Cox of Vancouver, one of the first regents of the Lord Roberts Chapter, and Mrs. Harrison, regent of the Welland Chapter.

SHOE REPAIRERS HOLD ORGANIZATION MEETING

The shoe repairers of London met on Monday night in the Modern Shoe repair shop for the purpose of organizing an association. Mr. Thorn was appointed chairman for the evening and Mr. Harding secretary.

Mr. Thorn briefly outlined the object of the meeting, and the association was organized, with the following officers: President, Joseph Russo; vice-president, L. Roeding; recording secretary, J. W. Whitby; financial secretary, Wm. Paxman; treasurer, Charles E. Stephens.

Owing to the rapid advance in leather prices, a price list was agreed upon unanimously, the said list to go into effect forthwith.

The association passed a resolution to close all shops on Wednesday afternoons during the months of May, June, July, August and September. The meeting was harmonious throughout.

PRISONERS FOR ARTILLERY.

A new story of the activity of Canadians in the bagging of prisoners comes in a letter from a London boy who joined the 29th Battery here and is now fighting in France. This letter declares that even the artillery, usually far behind the line and therefore credited with the capture of few prisoners, is taking in Germans now.

"One of the batteries in our brigade (the 11th) had two prisoners come into it and another had twelve of them," says this letter.

WELFARE OF INDIANS TO BE CONSIDERED BY LONDON CONFERENCE

Ministers and Laymen to Visit
Reservations in District.

CONVENTION IN SPRING

Many Important Questions
Discussed at Meeting
Yesterday.

The question of the welfare of the Indian people within the London Conference and plans for their social, moral and spiritual betterment, occupied the attention of the London Methodist Conference standing missionary committee at the afternoon session yesterday in Wesley Hall.

An able paper on the subject of the position of the Indians in the various districts of Ontario and Quebec was read by Principal S. R. McVitty of the Mount Elgin institute, who offered also important suggestions in connection with the bettering of conditions.

These, which were adopted, were as follows:

1. That a committee of ministers and laymen be appointed to visit the various reservations to get first-hand knowledge in regard to conditions, and also to deliver inspirational addresses and assist in services, thus encouraging the missionaries and officials.

Call Convention.

2. That a convention be called in the spring when the committee of laymen and ministers may meet with other officials of the church to take up the whole question of the moral, social and spiritual betterment of the Indians dwelling within the bounds of the conference, with a view to evolving a practical plan for further work.

The following laymen were appointed: Messrs. Shillington, Bismark, Ferguson, Sarnia; Holby, St. Thomas; T. B. Dundas and A. B. Carscallen, Wallaceburg; and C. Austin, Chatham, the clerical members of the committee to be named later.

The arrangement of the program of visiting and for the convention was left in the hands of Rev. S. R. McVitty.

The London Conference has work among the Indians at Walpole Island, Sarnia, Moraviantown, Muncy, Oneida, Stony Creek and Kettle Point.

Plan Big Campaign.

Rev. J. H. Arupp, assistant general secretary of foreign missions, gave a short outline of the proposed "Simultaneous Missionary Campaign," which it is proposed to launch throughout the

Dominion of Canada in the autumn of 1917, between October 15th and November 15th.

Rev. D. N. McCamus, president of the London Conference, presided over the sessions of the committee, which includes, in addition to members of the London conference, Rev. James Allen, M.A., general secretary of the home department of the Methodist Church; Rev. James Endicott, D.D., general secretary of the foreign department; Rev. Charles E. Manning, assistant secretary of home department, and Rev. James Arupp, B.A., assistant secretary of the foreign department, all of whom delivered sermons both morning and evening in the city Sunday in connection with the wind-up of the annual missionary campaign in the London district.

RECRET RESIGNATION OF MRS. FLANDERS

Received at Christmas Meeting of W.M.S. of First Church.

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon proved an interesting event for the very large number who attended. Mrs. Flanders presided. Mrs. Fowler, the honorary president, giving the Bible reading.

Only one feature of regret was connected with the meeting, namely, that Mrs. Flanders was resigning from the chair. President of the W. M. S. auxiliary for the two years previous to last June, she consented to act until Christmas time, hence the society was prepared for the change to be made. It is understood that the vice-presidents, Mesdames J. H. Chapman, Harrison, Boyd and J. E. Boomer, will act for the remainder of the year.

Short speeches of appreciation of Mrs. Flanders were made by Mesdames Fowler, Hazzard, York-Miller, A. A. Langford, Barbour and J. H. Chapman. Mrs. Chapman presenting her with a beautiful bouquet of Christmas roses on behalf of the auxiliary.

Another interesting incident of the afternoon was the presentation of a life membership in the society to Baby Bell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bell, by her grandfather, Rev. Mr. Kenner.

The collection was an especially generous one, amounting to \$105.50.

After the business was transacted, the program was turned over to the children of the mission band, dainty Christmas-like with the new bells which they carried as they trooped on to the platform.

Under the direction of their superintendents, the program was presented of songs, recitations and a chorus.

Those taking part were Ruth Hickman, Helen Langford, Edna and Ruth Barbour, Lenore Mitchell, John Robinson, Isabel Mortimore, Daisy Lewis and Doris James.

CLAIM G.T.R. IS NOT KEEPING AGREEMENT

London Railway Commission
Asks Order for More
Accommodation.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The London Railway Commission, operating the London and Port Stanley line, today applied to the Dominion railway board for an order directing the G.T.R. to carry out the agreement made with the Great Western Railway in 1870, as to the accommodation of passengers, the switching of freight, rehandling of baggage and the sale of tickets.

M. K. Cowan, K.C., representing the London Railway Commission, pointed out that in 1870 a 99-year agreement was entered into between the Great Western Railway, now the Grand Trunk, and the London and Port Stanley Railway, providing that the passengers of the latter line should have the use of the railway station and that through tickets should be sold and baggage checked, and that there should be free switching for the Port Stanley line at the railway station, a consideration for this, certain property was devoted to the Great Western.

"They got our property and used it, and they now refuse to sell tickets on the Port Stanley line and check the baggage," said Mr. Cowan.

Mr. W. C. Chisholm, counsel for the Grand Trunk, objected to the board's jurisdiction.

Chairman Drayton thought the question of public interest overcame this argument, but Mr. Chisholm replied that it was more a matter of expense than a matter of public interest.

"I would think it was a matter of public interest for the public to know if they could use the London station when it was raining," remarked Sir Henry Drayton.

"We will not stop the case because of any quibbling," was the chairman's ruling on the question of jurisdiction. Judgment was reserved.

CANADIAN OFFICERS NOW OVERSEAS PLEASED WITH PROCESS OF CLEANING UP

Indorse Idea of Making Senior Officers
and Instructors Go to Front.

Reorganization of the Canadian forces in Britain was expected to follow the appointment of Major-General Turner to command the Canadian forces in England. Local officers who knew the Montreal man's record predicted a general cleanup of the "safety first" jobs, as returned men called them, that existed in the old country under previous official regimes. Cable advices have told something of the "clean up" that has been ordered overseas, and the elimination of the hundreds of senior officers by making them go to the front as subalterns or take off their uniforms and return to Canada.

A London officer, now in England, adds the following information in a letter to a friend in this city:

"An order came out yesterday to the effect that all instructional jobs, etc., are only good for six months. Those who have put in six months on instructional work are to be available for reinforcements overseas at once or as they are needed. Of course, there are some exceptions. These jobs will be filled by casualties."

"It is nearly time they did something like this. There are too many officers filling them now who are what the boys at the front call 'job holders' who have been appointed for political or other reasons and, while in some instances they have been really doing in England when they wanted to go to France, most of the soft jobs have been picked up by men who have never been near the front."

"Under the new orders there will be an elimination of all the strutting around of officers who have held high rank and did nothing for it. They have now got to get down to work as soldiers."

A GOOD WINTER HABIT

Many people dread winter because the sudden climatic changes bring colds, gripe, rheumatism, tonsillitis or bronchitis. But thousands of well-informed men and women today avoid such sickness for themselves and their children by taking a few bottles of Scott's Emulsion to make richer blood, fortify the membranes of the throat and create body-warmth to resist sickness. Soldiers at war receive cod liver oil; it will also strengthen you.

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Out-of-Town Customers Should Know of These Important Reasons for Superiority of the Smallman & Ingram Store

In the first place we have immense stocks of merchandise which we buy at the lowest prices, often securing concessions in prices because of the quantity we purchase or for cash payments. Secondly, the policy of this store has for nearly half a century been that of fair pricing, allowing a legitimate profit for ourselves and giving our customers the benefit of all special opportunities which come our way. Our prices stand the test of comparison, and it is comparison in quality and in price that we invite. Thirdly, the store is conveniently located, and is easy of access from railroad stations and traction lines. The different departments have been placed to facilitate shopping and eliminate from it much that is fatiguing. And last, but not least, the atmosphere throughout is that of cheer and kindness—heart service as well as head service. Whether it is a desired suggestion, expert aid in selection, the prompt forwarding of goods, or the carrying out your instructions, the service is willingly and intelligently rendered. Put us to the test. It will pay you to come a considerable distance. If you cannot come, WRITE FOR CATALOGUE.

Christmas Blouses

A beautiful blouse is a Christmas gift. New styles and materials have just arrived for the holiday trade. The blouse has become a part of every man's and every woman's gift list. While it is of a more or less personal nature, you have some member of your family whom you can greatly please with a blouse selected here. A special display has been arranged, showing the very latest conceits for sports, street, reception or evening wear; all of the newest materials and designs are represented. ALL PRETTY BOXED FOR GIFTS.



Blouses

Voile Blouses, 88c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5
Jap Silk Blouses at \$1.95
Messaline Silk Blouses at \$3.25 to \$6.00
Crepe de Chine Blouses at \$3.25 to \$10.00
Georgette Crepe Blouses from \$4.50 to \$13.50

Silk and Mercerized Sweaters

Handsome Silk Sweater Coats, V-shaped necks or large sailor collars, some with sash, others with belt across back, all the leading shades, including China rose, emerald, Copenhagen, maize, Burgundy, also black or white. Prices from \$10.50 to \$15.00



25 dozen Pretty Georgette Crepe and Washable Satin Collars with dainty Swiss lace edges, in large square and round shapes, also in smaller shapes suitable for coats. A clearing lot from the manufacturer, which, if bought regular would sell for at least 75c each. On sale Wednesday (early for first selection) 48c

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Perhaps, yes, most likely this list will contain the very thing you thought you might like to give, but a careful reading will bring to your mind many more things than are contained in the list, and it is quite safe to say these can be best secured in the great Christmas store.

Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Toilet and Manicure Sets combined, Shaving Mirrors, Adjustable Stands with Magnifier and Plate Mirror. These are in nickel-plate, imported ivory, genuine ebony, chromoid, quadruple plate, etc.

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On Monday evening, at Talbot Street Baptist parsonage, a quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized, when Miss Violet Rose Addison of this city became the wife of George Wilfred Sweeney, 427 Nelson street, Rev. H. H. Bingham officiating. Miss Ella Irene Sweeney was bridesmaid and Fred M. Hammett supported the groom.

The young couple will reside in the city.

LAMBETH.

LAMBETH, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Cobban of Muncy spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wadsworth.

Miss Hazel McNiece of St. Thomas was a visitor with Mrs. Cassidy on Sunday.

Mr. Elson delighted his hearers on Sunday morning with an interesting

talk on China mission work. He was the guest of B. Ballard while here. Mr. Anguish and son will have returned from a two weeks' visit in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Wadsworth of Byron visited Mrs. William Pincomb on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Routledge spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Percy Banghart at Dorchester.

Mrs. Smith of St. Thomas was a visitor with her uncle, Will Andre Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. David Mills of London, Ont. Sunday with her daughter, Frazer.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas spent the week-end with Hanley.

Mrs. J. Connor of B. with Mrs. Weir for the

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Your morning cup of coffee should be appetizing and brightening

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Pound tins 45c
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"Doctors can operate, vaccinate, and inoculate at any time, can't they?"
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"Don't you think there ought to be a closed season for human beings—as with deer?"

LIKE NEW SOLOIST.—Miss Lella Thompson of Listowel, who has been engaged as soprano soloist of the Dundas Centre Methodist Church, sang for the first time in this capacity on Sunday, delighting the congregation with the beauty of her voice and her artistic work.

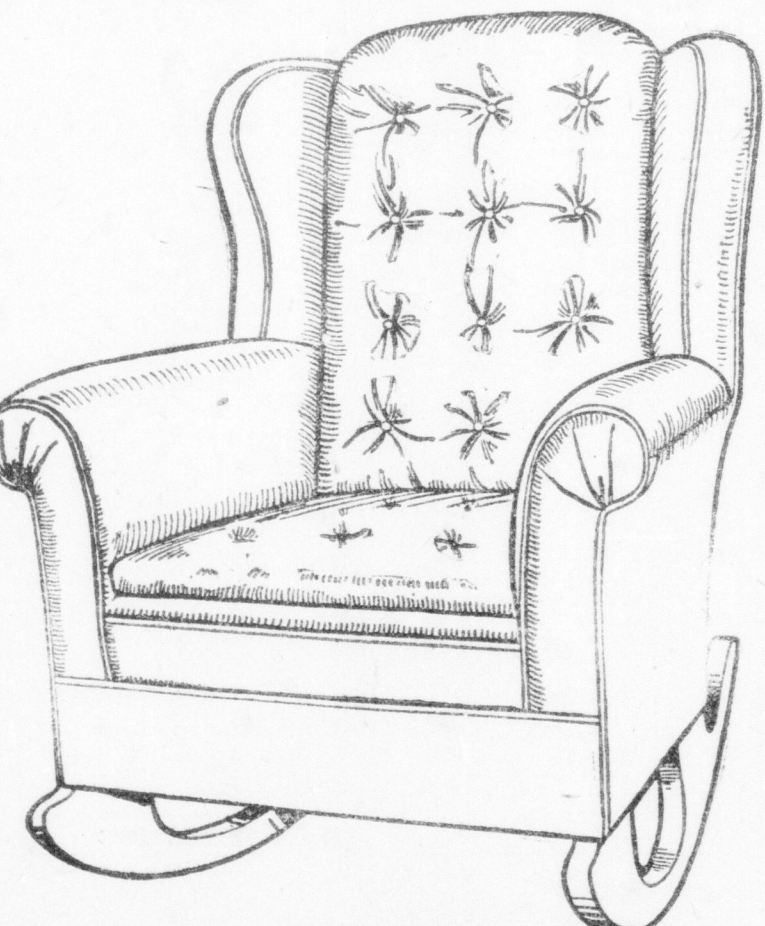
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Return to Miss Grey, in care of Advertiser.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

Coupons or Questions?

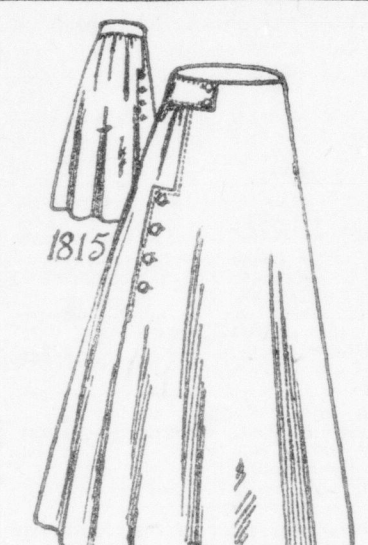
Dear Miss Grey.—About three weeks ago I sent to the Mail-Box forty soap coupons to exchange for ten flannellette gum flags, and after I sent mine (missed the papers) saw where you said it was not very interesting to the Mail-Box readers, and that you could not exchange any more flags, etc. I think it is just as interesting as asking such questions as "Be I large for my age?" "Do I look pretty in green?" and "Should I kiss my beau?" etc. For you know, Miss Grey, "Snowbird" and several readers use those coupons to exchange for soap. I'm sure it must be interesting to some.

"COOL AS A CUCUMBER."

Friend Sylvia.

Dear Miss Grey.—I was more than surprised to read in Saturday's paper (November 25) the letter written by "Just Eighteen" to "Echo." Is "J. E." jealous because the stroke of fortune didn't fall to her lot? That is just the way your letter sounds. Now, instead of knocking, why didn't you rejoice with her, for I'm sure it must spoil some of the pleasure for her to have a dash of cold water thrown on her like that? Miss Grey, could you or any of the readers procure the words of an old Southern melody entitled "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" for me? I would be very much pleased to get them.

Advertiser Patterns



A Smart Skirt Style.

1815—This model is especially attractive for linen, plique, corduroy, broadcloth, gabardine, taffeta, poplin and faille. The back has gathered fullness. The front is cut with extensions overlapping the back. The pattern is cut in six sizes, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inches waist measure. It requires 4 1/2 yards of 36-inch material for a 24-inch size. The skirt measures a little over three yards at the lower edge. A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

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Please send above-mentioned pattern, as per directions given below, to:

Name.....

Town.....

Province.....

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Measurements: Bust..... Waist.....

Caution: Be careful to inclose the above illustration, and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is sent measure your own body mark 22, 24 or whatever it may be. When in waist measure, 22, 24, 26 or whatever it may be. If a skirt, give waist and length measure. When misses' or child's pattern, write only the figure representing the size. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "yards." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from date of application.

Thanking you for past help, I am, sincerely, SYLVIA PANKHURST.
P. S.—Where, oh where are "H. J." and "M. Y. M."? I would like the name and address of a lonely soldier. I promise to make my letters to him as interesting as possible.

Ans.—I chance to have the words of "Carry Me Back" in a book of songs, and will gladly mail them to you, also a lonely one's address.

Husband in Hospital.

Dear Miss Grey.—I have been a reader of the Mail-Box for a long while, and I think that some of the letters are very interesting, while others—well, not so. But I certainly enjoy reading most of them. Why can't people quit this wordy warfare? Isn't one war enough?
I see quite a lot of letters from old country people. I wonder if any come from or near Rotherham, Yorkshire? I have been here nine years, and I love it, although I would like to go to England for a visit, as my husband is in a hospital there. He enlisted on the 6th of August, 1914, so he didn't wait long, did he? I have also five brothers-in-law and three cousins in the war, and three of my husband's brothers are disabled for life; still, it might have been worse. I am sorry I cannot give anything just now to your prisoners' fund, as I have sent all my soldiers presents for Christmas.Well, "Just Eighteen," aren't you sorry? I feel sorry for you, but there, can't expect old heads on young shoulders. I think we all make mistakes, and say and do things we shouldn't. Come, "Silver Bell," it's time we heard from you again, also "Uncle Josh."
Now, I am coming for help. Could anyone tell me how to use artichokes? Also give me the words of "The Miner's Dream of Home." The chorus has the following lines in it: "The bells were ringing the old year out and the new year in."
I wonder if "G. C." is not aware that our leaders, now and in the past, came from farms? Sir John Macdonald, Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. Geo. W. Ross and Sir Sam Hughes (who did great work with all his faults), Sir James Whitney, N. W. Rowell, through public school inspectors I could name, ministers, also the Premier of Ontario, W. H. Hearst. Just two miles from my home a few years ago, there were eight boys, boys and raised on a farm, and four of them became doctors, and three of the four were specialists. If Abraham Lincoln had never left rail-splitting he would not have filled the position of President of the United States, and the man to give the negroes of the South their freedom, "Lincoln," obviously does not realize that beans are not a general crop (one man in ten square miles in this part has a big crop), and that 150 acres may be a solid brick. This unusual year we planted several dollars' worth of corn, besides the hard tail getting the ground ready, and there wasn't a spear sown, and for that reason we sold two new milch cows this fall and several young cattle, as we had to buy so much grain to feed the rest of the stock and for fattening as soon as possible.

Defence for Lonely Mother.

Dear Miss Grey.—I enjoy the Irish wit and humor often expressed on your page. I want to say that the sentiment or views above the pen name "Genuine Canuck," are a stigma on Canadians, and many misled newcomers to this democratic country. That the young people of the farm should not come to the city, but stay on the farms; if the city girls and boys are effluent they won't be crowded out. A young girl in our vicinity held the position of stenographer in a city office for years. She resigned to come home and help, and in six months a letter came from the manager stating the difficulties in getting and keeping help; they had four stenographers in the six months, and she could have had her old situation. She had shown that she was capable, and stick-to-it-iveness was a trait in her character. Many farms are not large, and to feed and clothe a family would be quite a task, if there were no mortgages or machinery to pay for, buildings need rebuilding, wire fences to be put up. Many times the farmer's wife helps pay for these things out of her butter and egg money. Also boys are not all born farmers; some are positively in fear of horses and cows. I have known of girls who lived at home, and whose parents were taken away, and they were stranded, shoved out on the world, too old to learn easily a trade to make them independent of relatives.

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.
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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which the study is based, and you ponder the following questions:

1. "The Holy City." Rev., xxi., 1-4, 9-14, 22-27, xxii., 1-5.

Golden Text—"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people." Rev., xxi., 3.

4. Verse 2—What will be the ideal of the church of "The Holy City" that is the church of God, in the better land?

5. Verse 3—What is your ideal of the necessary conditions for a perfectly happy city, and for a perfectly happy man?

6. If God rules in a city, and reigns in a human heart, what are the always results?

7. Verse 4—What are the things which we suffer here that we shall be free from in heaven?

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It gives it's time to stop, but it's a long subject. I will close, wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and especially those soldier boys' mothers and wives. Good luck to the boys of the Allies.

JUANITA.

P. S.—I use fried bread as a substitute for potatoes, with an onion in it.

Ans.—Newcomers are always welcome. "Juanita," so do not be timorous, but write again.

Our Patriotic Friend.

Dear Miss Grey.—Inclosed find the piece, "The Clock Motion Song," which "M. E. C." asks for. Hope it is the one wanted. No for a few questions:

1. Can you or any of the readers apply me with the words of "When Father Laid the Carpet on the Stair," "When Father Hung the Paper in the Parlor," and "Pa is Never Late"? In exchange I will give three recitations suitable for Christmas entertainment, or some fine patriotic pieces if preferred.

2. Could you have a short story printed of a suit suitable for a short story person?

In closed find 50 cents for prisoners of war. I will try and send this amount each month, and only wish it could be more. Thanking you and all readers for past favors, I am, always,

PATOTIC.

P. S.—I have copied the piece called "The Toothache" for "Muriel," and would she please copy "When the Cream Begins to Break" for me?

Ans.—The latter is sent on to "Muriel," who will, I hope, reciprocate. "M. E. C." you didn't send me your address, did you? I have the motion song here awaiting it.

Other queries referred. Afraid the pattern department can supply nothing especially for a maternity figure—sorry. For the contribution, thanks.

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Coughs Quickly
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You \$5—Does the Work
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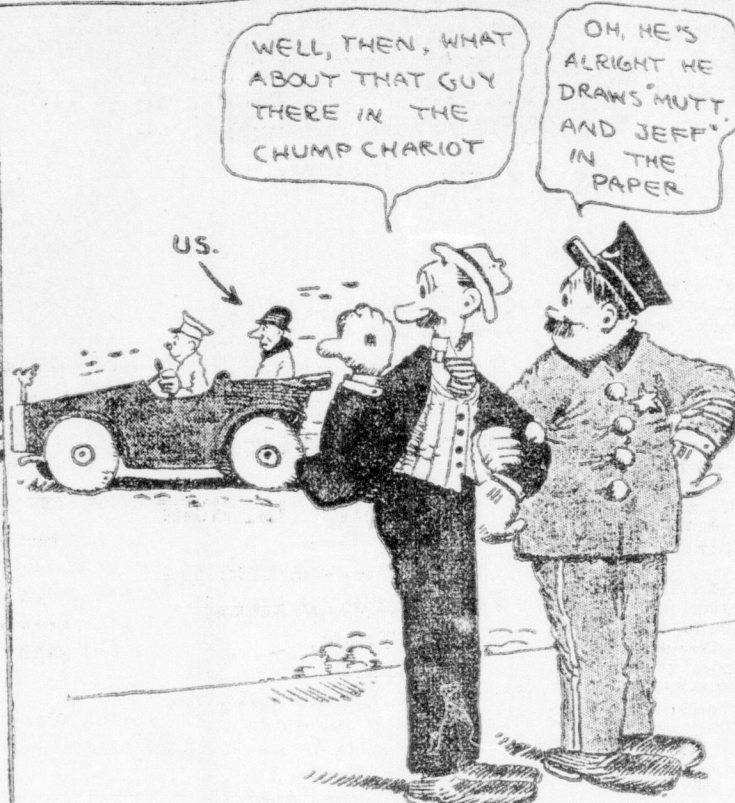
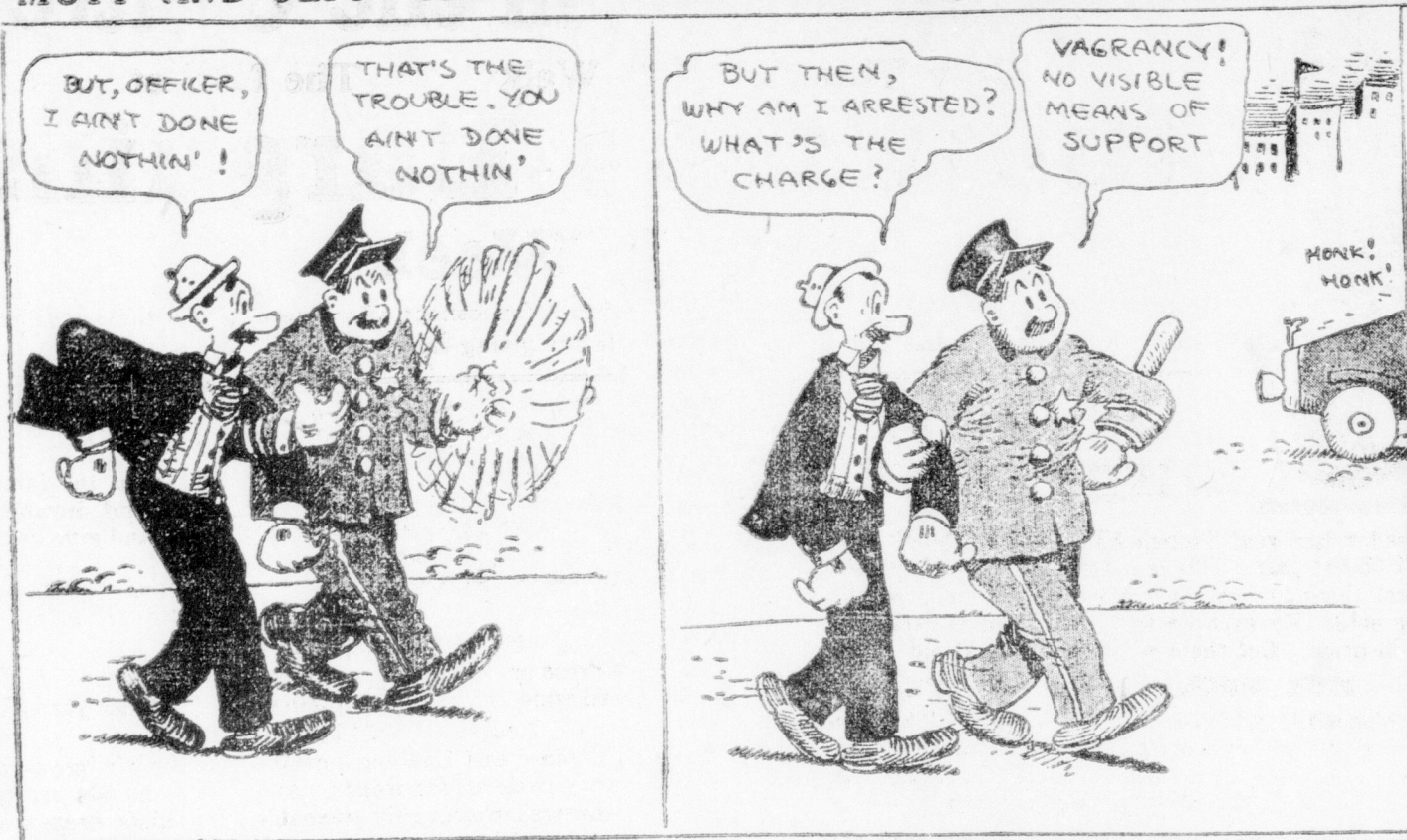
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League will be held late today. One of the subjects to be considered is the proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series. It is expected before the league managers adjourn they will pass legislation having a most important bearing upon the professional end of the sport.

ISSUES CHALLENGE
TO TONY ZOCCANO

Battling Brown of Fort William Anxious to Meet Local Scrapper.

To the Sporting Editor London Advertiser, London, Ont.

Dear Sir,—On Thursday last I fought Eddie Morgan in Port Arthur and out-pointed him in 30 rounds, and as Eddie Zoccano of London claims to have out-pointed Morgan in ten rounds, I would like to meet Zoccano over the 20-round route, the best to be staged anywhere satisfactory to Zoccano, and my share of the proceeds to be given to the soldiers' fund.

I have fought over one hundred battles, and some of the best featherweight boxers in the country, and have never been knocked out. I have fought Eddie Wallace 20 rounds in Fort William, Joe Barry 10 rounds in Halifax, and I also boxed an exhibition bout with Freddie Welsh for the benefit of the soldiers in Fort Arthur, and I am willing to meet Zoccano, who claims to be one of the best featherweight boxers in Canada, at any time or place and any number of rounds, and my share of the proceeds to go to the soldiers' fund.

I hope that Zoccano will see his way clear to accept this challenge and will acknowledge same in your valuable paper at an early date.

I have enclosed my photo, hoping that you will find space to publish same with this letter.

Yours truly,
BATTILING BROWN,
Battling Brown, Fort William, Ont.,
December 10, 1916.

ONE FOR KILBAE

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, easily outpointed Alvie Miller of Lorain, here tonight in twelve rounds. Miller kept covered up most of the way.

NATIONAL "COMISH"
OPENLY DEFIED BY
THE INTERNATIONAL

The Minor League Refuses To Accept Newark Club Ruling.

New York, Dec. 12.—The refusal of the International League to abide by the decision of baseball's supreme tribunal, the National Commission, in granting the Brooklyn National League club \$20,000 in its claim against the defunct Newark club, was the principal topic of consideration when the representatives of the National and International Leagues and the American Association resumed their deliberations here today. The action of the International was regarded as open defiance, and whatever the final outcome, certain to have an important bearing upon the future relationship between the National Commission and the various leagues.

The International League bases its stand on the ground that the Newark club automatically forfeited its franchise when its owners failed to meet their obligations. The amount of the original claim for money loaned and for players, presented by Charles H. Ebbets on behalf of the Brooklyn club owners, was \$74,000. After an appeal to the National Commission the Newark club was ordered to pay \$20,000.

While baseball men agreed today that the rulings of the commission are usually obeyed, they were in doubt whether it would have authority to force an issue of this kind. At any rate, it is an unusual procedure in baseball history, and one likely to lead to numerous complications. Some time ago President Ebbets stated that he would carry the case to the civil courts if the matters were not satisfactorily adjusted by the baseball court. His counsel, however, declared today that the club will take no action until the National Commission had decided on what course it would follow.

No change has been made in the International League circuit, and it is not likely that there will be any change in the league's makeup.

Edward G. Barrow, who has served as president for five years, continues in office for a second term of five years. Mr. Barrow acts as president, secretary and treasurer. The 1916 pennant was officially awarded to the Buffalo club.

Much of the discussion at the preliminary meetings yesterday concerned the inter-league series with the American Association. This tentative proposal outlined at a joint meeting of the two leagues, calls for each league to open its regular season about April 15, play a schedule of 115 games, and finish with the league season August 5. On August 7 the 48-eight game inter-league season is to start and run until September 23, making a total of 180 games between April 15 and September 23.

Today a committee of the minor leagues conferred with the National League over the appointment of a proposed new board of arbitration for the minor leagues. The consent of both the National and American Leagues must be obtained before such a board is organized.

The annual meeting of the National League will be held late today.

RADICAL CHANGES MAY
BE MADE IN RULES FOR
THE WORLD'S SERIES

Baseball Magnates Holding a Conference in New York.

THREW DOWN GAUNTLET

International Owners Defy the National Commission on Newark Ruling.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Baseball magnates representing the National and International Leagues and the American Association assembled in this city today for a series of conferences which are expected to continue for the better part of the week. The International League began its annual meeting with a conference with committees appointed to represent the American Association relative to the series of inter-league games at the end of the regular pennant season. The National League is not scheduled to convene in annual meeting until tomorrow.

Several of the magnates of the big league expressed the opinion that there would be radical changes in the rules governing the playing of the world series adopted by the National League and submitted to the American League for ratification.

Herrmanns Plan. August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission and president of the Cincinnati club, stated that he advocated a series based upon the winning of five out of nine games; lower prices of admission, and the distribution of a portion of the players' share of the receipts among the second, third and fourth teams. In the order of their finish at the close of the pennant races. He said he believed that with the series lengthened there would be greater opportunity for the fans from all parts of the country to witness the play, and without lessening the aggregate receipts.

The National League heads also expressed considerable opposition to the plan of the International League in refusing to abide by the decision of the national commission, which ordered the Newark club to pay \$20,000 to the Brooklyn National League club for the latter's franchise rights in Newark. None of the National League heads would express an opinion regarding the outcome of the matter, but it could be seen they were puzzled by the defiance of the minor league heads.

Chicago Nationals refused to discuss the result of his efforts to secure a new manager for the coming season.

At their annual club meeting the International owners threw down the gauntlet and defied the national commission, which is recognized as the supreme court in organized baseball. After considerable discussion the league decided not to abide with the ruling of the national commission, which would compel the Newark club to pay \$20,000 to the Brooklyn club owners.

Originally Charles H. Ebbets, on behalf of the Brooklyn club owners, made a claim of \$74,000 on the basis of the ruling of the International League franchise, and the national commission finally ordered the Newark club to pay \$20,000.

The International and American Association series will probably play a schedule of only 112 games next year, to be followed by an inter-league series of 48 games. Each of the sixteen clubs will put up \$200, and the league which wins a majority of these games will divide the \$8,000 amongst all the league's players, irrespective of the number of games won or lost by the clubs of the winning league. There will be three games played in each of the sixteen cities.

FRED MITCHELL LANDS
MANAGERSHIP OF CUBS

Braves' Trainer and Former Yankee Catcher Given Birth With Chicago Team.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Fred Mitchell, now trainer of the Braves, and former Yankee catcher, will be the manager of the Chicago Cubs. Owner Weegman of the Cubs has indicated this afternoon a definite statement on his selection for a manager, he eliminated all other candidates with the exception of Mitchell, and refused to say anything concerning Mitchell's candidacy.

Fred Clark, former Pirate, is rumored as a likely candidate, but Weegman punctured the bubble.

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The giant twirler of the Washington team, for whom President Harry Frazee of the Boston Red Sox stands willing to bid \$60,000. Manager Griffith of the Washington team says: "I would not consider it a minute."

HOCKEY GOSSIP

BY HOWARD.
The Anglican hockey league will hold a meeting at St. Matthew's Church December 19, to draw up a schedule for the coming season.

Robert Smith, the star goalkeeper of last year's O. H. A. team, will keep goal for the Liberal Boosters' team this winter.

There will be two church leagues this winter, the Methodists and the Anglicans.

One Edwards, it is expected, will manage the L. A. A. hockey team this season.

The Ridout Street Methodist Church will be represented in the Methodist Hockey League.

Mr. Ferns has been selected as manager of the Colborne street hockey team.

The Ontario or Ontos will not play hockey this winter, as most of the players will be listed with the L. A. A.

Cline, Dennis and Bryant are some of the stars for the Collegiate team this winter.

St. Matthew's Church will be glad to meet any other church hockey team for a game on Christmas Day.

Some of the stars for the Liberal Boosters' Club are Mace, Warden, Elliot and Dismore.

The church leagues will play their games at the Simcoe street rink this season.

Schedule Drawn Up for
Group 7 Intermediate

Delegates From Waterloo, Preston, Stratford and Galt Fix Dates at Meeting in Kitchener.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
KITCHENER, Dec. 11.—Group 7 of the Intermediate O. H. A. series, comprising Kitchener, Waterloo, Preston, Stratford and Galt, met here tonight, and the schedule for the season's games was arranged.

Percy Pearce of Kitchener was convener. The following were the delegates: Waterloo, T. Weseloh and N. Jacob; Kitchener, E. Roschman; Preston, H. H. Homuth; Stratford, W. H. Neckel; Galt, 122nd Battalion, Sgt. Major W. F. Trivett.

The schedule:
Jan. 1—Stratford at Preston.
Jan. 8—122nd Battalion at Waterloo.
Jan. 14—Kitchener at Stratford.
Jan. 15—122nd Battalion at Preston.
Jan. 16—Stratford at Waterloo.
Jan. 17—Kitchener at Preston.
Jan. 22—Stratford at Kitchener.
Jan. 23—Preston at 122nd Battalion.
Jan. 24—Kitchener at Waterloo.
Jan. 25—Galt at Stratford.
Jan. 26—Waterloo at Preston.

PLAN 48 GAMES FOR
POST-SEASON SERIES

President Edward Barrow of International League Outlines Schedule for Season of 1917.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Prior to the International League meeting this afternoon, President Edward Barrow, in outlining his plans, said:

"Our principal discussions today will be in regard to a post-season series with the American Association. The board of directors of the league first will discuss the proposition, and later the owners will confer about it. The plan is to cut your playing schedule down to 112 games and then have 48 games with the American Association teams, a scheme which originated with Garry Herrmann for the big leagues three years ago. We believe it will work to our advantage and expect that it will go through."

MEETING IN WOODSTOCK
TO DRAFT SCHEDULE

(Special to The Advertiser.)
INGERSOLL, Dec. 11.—Interest in the local hockey situation was increased today by the announcement that a junior team had been entered in the O. H. A.

A representative will attend the meeting at Woodstock tomorrow when the district schedule will be drawn up. In the evening a meeting will be held in the council chamber for the purpose of organizing. Considerable enthusiasm is now in evidence on the part of fans and players, and an interesting season is being predicted.

An effort will be made to induce all the juniors of last year who are available to again don the uniforms. Other youngsters who have the earmarks of "comers" will also be coached, as their services may be required. It is expected the meeting for organization will be well attended.

FIRST HOCKEY OF SEASON.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The first hockey game of the season will be played tonight, when an all-star N. H. A. team will play an exhibition game with the 22nd Battalion. S. Cleghorn, J. Lavolette and Benoit from the east, and several Toronto players will form the picked team.

Local amateur teams begin practice at the Arena tonight.

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Promoter Declares That French Fighter Is Ready.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Tex Rickard, who is endeavoring to bring Georges Carpentier, the French pugilist, to this country, for a boxing contest with Jess Willard, announced tonight that he had heard intimations a furlough would be granted him by the army authorities, and he would be glad to come to America and box for the benefit of the French relief fund.

Carpentier asked for several minor changes in the contract submitted for his signature, including a sum to cover his training expenses, and Rickard agreed to these, it was said.

BUYS STOCK IN CHICAGO CUBS.
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—William Wiggley Jun. added to his holdings of Chicago National League ball club stock by the purchase of the holdings of another stockholder, it was announced today. The name of the former owner of the stock was not divulged.

FORMER BACKSTOP NEWARK MANAGER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Thos. Needham, former National League catcher, has been named to succeed Fred Tenney, as manager of the Newark club of the International League for next season, it was announced today by James R. Price, a part owner of the Newark club.

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But what are the facts? Let us look them in the face. Here is an article from a recent issue of an English paper:

"Whatever the cause, the falling off in Red Cross work has become a serious matter. Face to face with the most momentous period of the war are we, and with an army at the front that is at least double in numbers, what did the November report of the Red Cross show in London, England? Almost twice as many cases of supplies were given out to the hospitals."

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Diseases and disorders of the heart and nervous system have become frightfully prevalent of late years. One can scarcely pick up a paper but he will find recorded instances of sudden death through heart failure, or of prominent men and women unable to prosecute their ordinary business or profession on account of a breaking down of the nervous system.

We do not desire to unnecessarily alarm anyone, but to sound a word of warning.

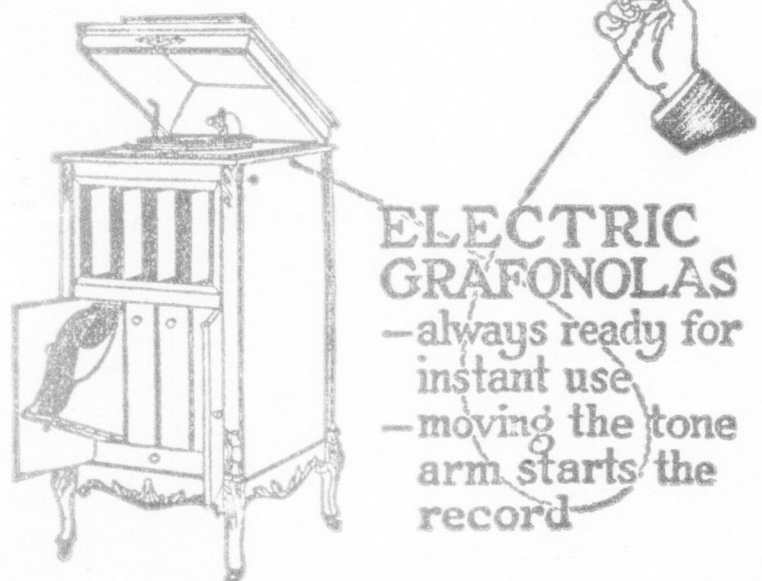
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All Are Forced to Slavery by Germans, Who Ignore Sufferings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The situation affecting the deportation of Belgians by the Germans is "daily more tragic," according to a cable message received by Pierre Mail, Belgian consul here, from Carton de Wiart, Belgium's minister of justice.

The dispatch, dated yesterday at Havre, was made public today by the committee of citizens, which is arranging the meeting to be held in Carnegie Hall on Friday night, as a protest against "enslavement of Belgians."

The cable message from Minister De Wiart reads:

"Situation is daily more tragic. Searching and deportation reach with no distinction men wanting work and men wanting none. Workmen are forced away in full labor. It was the case at the quarries of Lessines, in the paper manufacturing at Wilbroeck, at the metallurgical shops of Boel and Merbe."

"On white linen collar found on railway of Chevre was a written inscription from a teacher of Mous, dragged away during his lesson and begging to give notice to his wife and children. In Nivelles, after having hunted for a missing man and looked them in railway cars for untold destination, German soldiers went through the streets among the despairing, sobbing women and children, singing 'Flora Victoria.'"

GERMANS APOLOGIZE.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Via Sayville.—Through the intermediary of the Spanish embassy at Berlin, which is charged with the representations of the interests of Belgium, the Belgian Government protested against the transportation of Belgian workmen to Germany for employment. This protest says the Overseas News Agency, has not been accepted, as the order announced by the German government-general at Brussels on May 15 stipulated that persons who enjoyed public charity and nevertheless refused to accept or continue at work, according to their abilities, would be punished by imprisonment or forced employment.

Even though this order has been carried out, no means contrary to international law have been employed, the news agency says, since paragraph 13 of the Hague convention on land war makes obligatory the maintenance of public order by the occupying power, and if the laws of the country are insufficient for this purpose, permits the issuance of additional orders. The Overseas News Agency continues:

"Public order without doubt implies that able-bodied persons so far as possible should not impose themselves upon public charity. Since work is scarce in Belgium a large number of Belgian workmen have voluntarily applied for employment in Germany. The others naturally have been treated in accordance with the quoted orders of the German government-general in Belgium."

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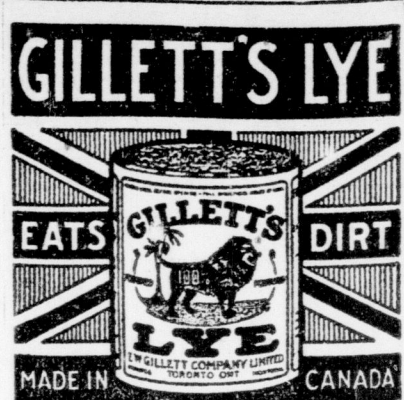
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SASKATCHEWAN TO CLOSE ITS LIQUOR STORES ON DEC. 31

Government Announces Intention of Ending Business.

DRY MAJORITY IS HUGE

Whole Province Votes to End Last Section of Liquor Trade.

REGINA, Dec. 11.—The twenty Government liquor stores in Saskatchewan will close on December 31, never to open again. Attorney-General Turgeon tonight made the announcement, even before the complete returns of the referendum vote had been received. He said:

"I am authorized to state, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, that in the event of the vote going against the liquor stores they will be closed on December 31."

By a positively overwhelming vote, running in the neighborhood of ten to one in the towns and cities, and five or six to one in the villages, the men and women of Saskatchewan today declared against the continuance of the Government liquor stores system and in favor of prohibition.

There was no organized fighting for the continuance of the liquor stores, while the temperance forces were fully organized, and out in strength to bring about their closing. With few exceptions, majorities were recorded for prohibition in every poll throughout the length and breadth of the province.

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Pte. H. C. Brown.

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Pte. J. G. McCaffery (wounded).

TILLSONBURG.
Pte. Thomas Davidson.

ST. THOMAS.
Pte. C. J. Egan.

GUELPH.
Major M. E. Wideman (on duty).

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Pte. W. J. McNernie.

GOWANSTOWN.
Pte. G. E. Wenzel.

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Serg. Neil McGillivray.

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Corp. R. C. Paul.

WINDSOR.
Pte. Arthur Chambers.

FOREST.
Pte. Gordon Malmont.

ILL.
Pte. J. J. Purcell.

Britons Win in Trench Raids, That of Germans Fails

Tommies' Pep Carries Them Through, While Hans Is Driven Back.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The official statement from British headquarters in France tonight reads:

"Last night we carried out successful raids east of Neuville-St. Vaast and southeast of Arras, destroying machine gun emplacements and taking prisoners."

"An attempted enemy raid, east of LaBouteillerie failed. Hostile working parties at Fauquissart and Wicourt were dispersed by our fire."

"During the last 24 hours the artillery and trench mortars on both sides have been active in the Loos, Arras and Ypres areas and the section north of the Ancre. South of that river there has been some hostile shelling of the Mouquet farm and the extreme right of our front."

SOLDIER-ROBBER SENTENCED.
CHARLOTTE, Mich., Dec. 11.—Pte. Darling, who was arrested in Windsor recently for robbery, today drew a fifteen-years' sentence.

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The Quicker You Get a Free Trial of Pyramid Pile Treatment the Better. If You Want You Are Looking For.

Don't talk operation. If you can't wait for a free trial of Pyramid Pile Treatment send a 50c box at any drug store and get relief now. If not near a store send coupon for free trial and in plain wrapper, and get rid of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, hemorrhoids and hemorrhoidal trouble. Take no substitute.

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"Chapman's in the Centre" Christmas Bargains This Week

Great opportunities for saving on Christmas gifts. You cannot afford to overlook these wonderful savings on merchandise that is the most sensible for giving this year.

GIVE KID GLOVES

—Our leader is a real French Kid Glove in black, white and tan, at \$1.25 per pair. This is old value, but unfortunately one cannot get them at any such price when our present limited supply is sold. Everything in French Kid Gloves is now out of sight in price. Get them while you can at old prices.

FINE WOOL CASHMERE HOSE.

—Black, also white, which is in great demand. This Fine Wool Cashmere Hosiery for women is a most sensible gift. Per pair

50c

—For soldiers and men who require a heavy sock this pure khaki wool sock is a dandy, ribbed or plain; easily worth 65c. At, per pair

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BATH TOWELS FOR GIFTS.

—Extra Large White Turkish Bath Towels, with colored ends. These are much in vogue for gifts. At 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c each

CHRISTMAS CASES HERE.

—Ivory and Ebony Toilet Cases, from a small case containing a comb and brush to an elaborate case of fifteen pieces. Prices ranging from

—Special values in Toilet Cases at

—Ivory Manicure Sets

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—Mirrors, Brushes, Combs, Trays, Pineushions, Vases, Photo Frames, etc., in finest quality white ivory.

VESTS AND DRAWERS, 50c EACH.

—Heavyweight Union Ribbed Vests and Drawers for women, in white or grey. Special, per garment

CORSETS FOR STOUT WOMEN.

—C-C Antipon Belt Corset is specially designed for stout figures, graduated front clasp, strong steel filling:

Sizes 20 to 30. Price

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WESTERN ELECTIONS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 11.—The following were elected mayors in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan today:

Red Deer—C. W. Smith.
Calgary—Cosselle.
Medicine Hat—Aid. Sam Cruikshank.
Yorkton—James E. Peaker.
Yukon—Mayor W. T. Henry.
Lloydminster—Mayor Hall.
Moose Jaw—W. W. Davidson.

\$60,000 FIRE LOSS

Campbellford Bridge Works Destroyed—340 Out of Work.

CAMPBELLFORD, Dec. 11.—The Dickson Bridge Works Company's plant was destroyed last night by fire throwing three hundred and forty hands out of employment. The loss is about \$60,000.

THE AGDER SUNK.

London, Dec. 12—11:23 a.m.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer Agder is reported sunk.

The Agder is a vessel of 301 tons gross. Her recent movements have not been reported.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York .. Orduna

New York .. California

New York .. Theonistories

Liverpool .. Kronland

Liverpool .. Philadelphia

London .. Arqania

Bordeaux .. Roehambeau

Gibraltar .. America

RECEIVES 23,000 VOLTS.

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—Nelson H. Archer, an Electric Light Company employee, today fell against a switchboard, received 23,000 volts through the body and lived. The accident put many downtown stores and office buildings in darkness.

Black Sealette Coatings

—Every piece of our Silk Seal Plush Coatings is the famous Lister make, which is a guarantee of quality and durability. We warrant them to keep their rich appearance and give utmost satisfaction. Note the prices now in effect:

\$7.50 Sealettes at \$5.75 yard

\$8.00 Sealettes at \$6.25 yard

\$10.00 Sealettes at \$8.50 yard

\$15.00 Sealettes at \$10.50 yard

BLACK PAILLETTE SILK.

—Give a dress or waist of this pure black silk, old dye and old value, yard wide and splendid quality. Special, per yard \$1.18

DAINTY WAIST PATTERNS.

—Wool Delaines and Challies, put in a box for giving; a variety of dainty patterns for waists. At

50c and 60c per yard

—Cream Lustrs, thoroughly washable, for waists, dresses and middies. Special bargain at

45c, 59c and 75c per yard

TOWELS

Towels and Linens

—Old Bleach Linen Towels are gifts that every woman will appreciate; a splendid variety. At, each

40c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

—Guest Towels at, each

30c and 40c

FANCY GIFT LINES

—Lace-Trimmed Traycloths at, each

25c, 35c and 50c

—Lace-Trimmed Oval Trays at, each

75c and 90c

—Embroidered Linene Trays, Scarfs, Pillow Shams and Pillow Slips. These pieces may be had to match.

DRESSING GOWNS, \$5.00.

—Heavy Velour Dressing Gowns, in open and grey colorings, very handsome for gifts; worth \$7.00. At

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WOMEN'S COMBINATIONS.

of finest ribbed wool, perfectly-made garments with slight machine flares, available with long or short sleeves, ankle length. At

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These cars have been overhauled
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Closed, heated carriages. Large,
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The following lands, owned by
late Neil Munro will be offered for
by public auction at the County In
dres, Courthouse Square, London,
tario, on Saturday, Dec. 15, 1916,
o'clock, p.m.:
PARCELS.—Parts of the south
of lots 21 and 22, in the third

PARCEL 3—Part of the south half of lot 22, in the third concession of the Township of Westminster, containing 28 acres, more or less, having frontage on the line between the Township of Westminster and the Township of Chatham, and being subject to the right of way of the Chatham and Port Hope Railway. On this property there are a frame house, frame barn and a natural flowing stream of water (Dhugh Creek).

PARCEL 3½—Part of the south half of lot 22, in the third concession of the Township of Westminster, containing 33½ acres, more or less, and there are no buildings on this property. The property is about three miles from London.

PARCEL 4—The east half and the south half of lot 22, in the third concession of the Township of Westminster, containing 28 acres, more or less, having frontage on the line between the Township of Westminster and the Township of Chatham, and being subject to the right of way of the Chatham and Port Hope Railway. On this property there are a frame house,

about seven miles from London.
PARCEL 5—Part of the south of lot No. 14, in the fifth concessional Township of Westminster, containing 73 acres, more or less. On property there are a good brick and good bank barn, windmill, etc. This parcel adjoins the Leam and Port Stanley Railway and about seven miles from London.
TERMS: Ten per cent down and balance in 30 days.
 For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to JOHN W. I. LAW, auctioneer, or to McKILL MURPHY & GUNN, solicitors for the administration. D. 2, 3

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DR. MACFIE, CHIROPRACTOR—RE-
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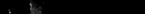
Application to Parliament

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Canadian Order of the Woodmen of the World will apply at the next session of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, for the following amendments to its Act of Incorporation:

1. To amend Sec. 12 of 56 Vic., Chap. 92, by changing the date of the annual meeting of the representatives of the Order from the Third Wednesday

**BRIAND RECONSTRUCTS
FRENCH CABINET**

group has forty members. The objective of the group is to make efforts to that henceforth the organization and conduct of the war correspond to the necessities of public safety and the interests of the nation for victory.



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NEARLY 80 years of Banking in Canada, has demonstrated the strength, security, safety and service of The Bank of British North America. The history of this bank for over three-quarters of a century has been one of progress and development, and of consistent growth in the regard of the business world.

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79 Years in Business. Capital and Surplus \$7,884,000.
London Branch—H. F. Skeay, Manager.
London Market Square Branch—G. F. Pearson, Manager.

DISCRIMINATION, EXTORTION, CHARGED AGAINST RAILWAYS IN FREIGHT RATES ON COAL

Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Hespeler, Preston, Waterloo and Elmira Raise Protest Before the Railway Board.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The new rates of the railway companies applicable on coal from the Niagara frontier are excessive and discriminatory, large deposits representing the boards of rate at Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Hespeler, Preston, Waterloo and Elmira appeared today before the Dominion Railway Commission at the city hall, and vigorously protested against the existing rates, and urged that a liberal readjustment be made in the rates of the large manufacturing centres in Waterloo County.

After hearing the deputations and the explanation of the railways as to why the existing rates should not be disturbed, the commissioners reserved judgment.

The deputations representing the different boards of trade who protested against the coal rates, were introduced by Messrs. Thomas Marshall and J. B. Walsh. The latter represented the boards of trade at Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Hespeler, Preston, Waterloo and Elmira, and stated that the existing rates were a heavy burden on the coal trade, and that the new rates of the railway companies had placed them in an awkward position. He also stated that the new rates of the railway companies had placed them in an awkward position. He also stated that the new rates of the railway companies had placed them in an awkward position.

Formerly Galt was included in the grouping with Kitchener, Hespeler, Waterloo, and Preston, but trouble started when Galt was transferred to another grouping. Under the old grouping the five towns had a flat rate of 95 cents per ton, while under the new schedule the rate was 100 cents.

MANY CANADIANS GAZETTED FOR BRAVERY IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 11.—A number of Canadians have been gazetted for bravery at the front.

Distinguished Service Order.
Major Philip Burnett, Canadian Medical Corps, took over command of the 4th Canadian Medical Battalion at the front, and distinguished himself by his gallant and determined action under very heavy fire.

Military Cross.
Lieut. Richard John Burdett—Maintained supplies throughout the action and cleared the battlefield, working continuously night and day and displaying great courage.

Lieut. St. George Duncan Clarke—Carried out daring reconnaissance and later assisted in keeping up a supply of bombs.

Lieut. Charles Thomas Croucher—Led patrol with great courage and determination, and obtained most valuable information, and was surrounded by the enemy, but fought his way back to our line, killing four of the enemy with his revolver.

Lieut. Henry Guy Greenwood—Assisted in the capture of the enemy, and was wounded while doing so.

Lieut. Walter Cyril Lawson—Made personal reconnaissance of mine crater, and was wounded while doing so.

Capt. Stanley Notowidigdo—Took personal supervision of operations on the front, displaying great courage and initiative. Later, although wounded, remained on duty and set a fine example of coolness and devotion.

Lieut. Frederick Ross Phelan—Maintained supplies throughout the action and cleared the battlefield, working continuously night and day.

Lieut. Francis Joseph Quinn—Organized a bombing party, and cleared 300 yards of trench, capturing over 100 prisoners. Later charged with his party, and was wounded.

Lieut. Milton Frederick Sproule—With party established and maintained communication throughout operations in very trying conditions.

Lieut. Walter James Turnbull—With party rendered most valuable service to observation officer under heavy fire, and was responsible in preventing large numbers of enemy reinforcements being sent up.

Lieut. Robert Scott Watson—Showed courage and initiative in capturing a machine gun, and was wounded while doing so.

Sergeant Ernest Jefferson Davis (Army Service Corps)—Showed courage and skill in directing evacuation of wounded by horse transport under very heavy fire.

Lieut. John Saville Beever (Essex Regiment, formerly Canadian)—Led men in attack with great courage and coolness, captured enemy trench and consolidated position with marked skill.

Lance-Corp. J. McGowan—During a raid, when the officers were wounded, he rallied a party and tried to rescue the wounded, and was killed.

SUED BY MONTE CARLO.
Paris, Dec. 11.—Leon Daudet, who has been for three months in prison, has been sued by Monte Carlo in his paper, L'Action Francaise, now faces demands for more than \$50,000 damages for defamation of character.

M. Daudet demanded the immediate and permanent closing of the great gambling places, not only because it is a centre of suicides and extravagance, but because, he says, it is a headquarters of the German spy system.

Camille Blaise, director of the Casino, whom M. Daudet directly accused, has demanded 200,000 francs damages, and Raoul Gunsberg, also a director, whom Daudet accused of being a German, has also made a demand.

STOPPED OFF DOWNS.
New York, Dec. 12.—A German submarine operating in the English Channel just off the Downs stopped the Danish steamship Olaf Maersk, from Rotterdam on November 16, and committed her to a Danish prize court.

THE ANSWER IS WEAR RUBBERS.
Many People Will Don Goloshes Early This Season to Combat the High Cost of Leather Footwear.

"Buy rubbers," says the shoeman, the dealer who plays fair with his customers.

Leather is up and shoes are up to such an extent that the buying of a pair of shoes is almost on a level with the acquiring of a new suit or coat.

Shoes must be worn, but the economical person will don rubbers as soon as the weather gets the least bit "damp under foot," not only for the protection to the health that the rubbers afford, but to have the costly shoes he or she wears.

There was never a problem in economics that was not solved sooner or later, and rubbers and overalls seem to be the answer to the augmented price of shoes this winter.

SIXTEEN KILLED OR MISSING IN GREAT PETERBORO BLAZE

Big Quaker Oats Plants Completely Destroyed.

Loss in THE MILLIONS

Sound of "Fire" Caused a Panic-Stricken Rush by Employees.

PETERBORO, Dec. 11.—Fire which broke out this morning, following an explosion in the drying room, completely destroyed the huge mill of the Quaker Oats Company on the bank of the Otanabee River, wiped out a large elevator, gutted the courthouse, destroyed the roof of the law library, and levied a heavy toll in human life.

Four are dead, twelve are missing and are believed to be in the ruins, five are so severely burned that their recovery is doubtful, and ten suffered more or less serious injuries.

It was not till nearly 2 o'clock this afternoon that the Peterboro fire brigade added reinforcements from Lindsay, succeeded in subduing the flames.

Nearly 500 employees are thrown out of work. No attempt has been made to recover the bodies of the missing men. Nothing will be done in this way until tomorrow when a meeting of the heads of the various departments will be held and a reliable statement will be made in regard to the missing. A statement from a semi-official source brings out that the Peterboro fire brigade and stock were valued at \$1,600,000.

PETERBORO, Dec. 11.—The casualties resulting from the explosion and fire which this morning destroyed the plant of the Quaker Oats Company number four dead, twelve missing, and several injured. The fire was seriously hurt, and in the majority of cases likely to recover. Following is the list of the dead, missing and injured.

Dead.
Edward Howley, 301 Union street, killed by the explosion; married.

Vincent Fernald, 48 Jackson avenue, died upon reaching hospital; married.

J. W. River, 234 Smith street, died in hospital; married.

Fred Holden, 344 Euclid avenue, died in hospital.

Missing.
Wm. Mesley, 247 Westcott street, married.

James W. Gordon, 253 Stewart street, married.

John Foster, 253 Union street, married.

Ernest Stanton, 20 Benson avenue, married.

Denis O'Brien, 253 Harvey street, married.

Wm. Hodge, 352 Harvey street, married.

Thomas Parsons, married.

Wm. Miles, married.

John Nichols, married.

John Conroy, married.

Wilbert Kemp, married.

Injured Severely.
R. Healy, 238 Euclid avenue, fractured skull.

W. Walsh, 541 Rogers street, broken leg and arm.

J. Houlihan, 501 Sherbrooke street, injured.

W. Tetreau, 505 Bethune street, badly burned.

P. Nicola, badly burned.

Injured (May Recover).
Michael Cavarella, 506 Elm street.

Frederic Cavarella, 506 Elm street.

W. Garvin, 17 Cricket street.

Mauro Giardini, 508 Parnell street.

Jack Murphy, 108 Dufferin street.

Patrick O'Connell, 457 Parnell street.

Michael Lally, 457 Parnell street.

Philip Carbol, Victoria avenue.

L. Robbins.

One of the unknown in Wand's plant was started as a result of spontaneous combustion.

A north wind coming from across the river fanned the flames so that they ate through the whole length of the boiler.

The fire made up of the boiler room, dry room, oatmeal department, package department (where the girls are employed), and the large office and shipping rooms. The fire was so intense that the fire department was unable to make up of the boiler room, dry room, oatmeal department, package department (where the girls are employed), and the large office and shipping rooms.

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by some of the workers. Perhaps the most remarkable of these was that Edward Boding, an Englishman, who fled from the building a human torch. His clothes were burned from his body and his hair singed to the scalp, but he is listed among those likely to recover. J. Walsh, who is among the injured, was hurled many feet in the air, and was picked up on the bank of the Otanabee River.

Thomas McMahon, assistant engineer, was near a door, was practically blown from his feet by the explosion.

Thomas Hickey was in the elevator section when the explosion blew his hat off and hurled him into a convenient door.

BERLIN TELLS U. S. DEPORTATIONS ARE FOR VICTIMS' GOOD

Attempts to Justify Exiling of Belgians.

WORK BADLY NEEDED

Charges That Belgians Were Becoming Demoralized by Idleness.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Via London, Dec. 11.—3:55 a.m.—Germany's answer to the American note regarding the deportation of Belgians is confined almost exclusively to a presentation of the situation in Belgium before the deportation order became effective. The note declares that there was urgent need of some kind of work for the Belgians, because their idleness was causing demoralization, and says that the deported workers are assured of well being in new situations in Germany.

Say Exiles Well Off.
The reply volunteers to permit American diplomatic representatives to visit the workmen's camps and assure themselves that the Belgians are well off. It is pointed out that the deportation of Belgians is confined almost exclusively to a presentation of the situation in Belgium before the deportation order became effective. The note declares that there was urgent need of some kind of work for the Belgians, because their idleness was causing demoralization, and says that the deported workers are assured of well being in new situations in Germany.

Edward Howley, 301 Union street, killed by the explosion; married.

Vincent Fernald, 48 Jackson avenue, died upon reaching hospital; married.

J. W. River, 234 Smith street, died in hospital; married.

Fred Holden, 344 Euclid avenue, died in hospital.

Missing.
Wm. Mesley, 247 Westcott street, married.

James W. Gordon, 253 Stewart street, married.

John Foster, 253 Union street, married.

Ernest Stanton, 20 Benson avenue, married.

Denis O'Brien, 253 Harvey street, married.

Wm. Hodge, 352 Harvey street, married.

Thomas Parsons, married.

Wm. Miles, married.

John Nichols, married.

John Conroy, married.

Wilbert Kemp, married.

Injured Severely.
R. Healy, 238 Euclid avenue, fractured skull.

W. Walsh, 541 Rogers street, broken leg and arm.

J. Houlihan, 501 Sherbrooke street, injured.

W. Tetreau, 505 Bethune street, badly burned.

P. Nicola, badly burned.

Injured (May Recover).
Michael Cavarella, 506 Elm street.

Frederic Cavarella, 506 Elm street.

W. Garvin, 17 Cricket street.

Mauro Giardini, 508 Parnell street.

Jack Murphy, 108 Dufferin street.

Patrick O'Connell, 457 Parnell street.

Michael Lally, 457 Parnell street.

Philip Carbol, Victoria avenue.

L. Robbins.

One of the unknown in Wand's plant was started as a result of spontaneous combustion.

A north wind coming from across the river fanned the flames so that they ate through the whole length of the boiler.

The fire made up of the boiler room, dry room, oatmeal department, package department (where the girls are employed), and the large office and shipping rooms. The fire was so intense that the fire department was unable to make up of the boiler room, dry room, oatmeal department, package department (where the girls are employed), and the large office and shipping rooms.

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RUSS PARLIAMENT UNITED AGAINST GERMAN FACTIONS

Both Chambers Want Change in Ministry.

Expected That Russia Will Soon Have Representative Government.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—The swift procession of political events which has been making its way through Russian history has come to a temporary halt, awaiting the final decision of the Government. The present situation is as follows:

A majority of both parliamentary chambers, for the first time in their existence, presents a united front against the Government, and a series of extraordinarily sensational accusations against the present cabinet, and disapproval of its policy, have been made. The Government has never seen a demand for a ministry which can be supported by the legislative bodies and the public opinion of the country.

Both Are Firm.
Both chambers are firm in their insistence upon not merely a change of ministry, but the final elimination of the present cabinet, and the formation of a new ministry. The Imperial Council, reflecting the first time in its history and the popular voice, has by an overwhelming majority allied itself with the Duma. The next move will undoubtedly be made by the Government. In the meantime, the new Russia for a "responsible Ministry" are heard everywhere, and the papers print long articles anticipating the new cabinet which will be formed. A rumor is current to the effect that the changed cabinet will be announced before the solemn assembly of both houses in the Winter Palace.

Extreme Right Split.
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SENDS GOLD BOND TO GUARANTEE EXPENSES

Ex-Mayor Brackin Wants to Supply Natural Gas to London.

The board of control yesterday afternoon received a \$1,000 gold bond from Mr. L. Brackin, Chatham, to guarantee the expenses of an expert to go into the natural gas situation. He asked to name his own time, as there was not sufficient gas at this time to supply London. The members of the board thought this reasonable enough, but wanted Mr. Brackin to state approximately when it would be advisable to take this matter up. He was not conversant with along this line. The depositing of this bond does not bind the city to deal exclusively with the natural gas company.

C. P. Elliott, Hamilton, offered his services as a natural gas expert. His communication was filed.

Charles Forrester, superintendent of the G. T. R., informed the board that he would look into the matter of improving certain crossing about which complaint had been made.

T. W. Nicholson, contractor for the Barton street storm sewer, asked for \$1,000 of the \$16,000 remaining in the city's hands as a guarantee of the work. A report will be received on the matter.

General Manager Buchanan asked for permission to drill a well on city property near Rectory and the G. T. R. This was granted.

The deputy minister of militia noted, saying that the question of

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paying the city \$8,000 for lands rented for military purposes, was being considered.

The Bell Telephone Company asked for the right to string certain wires on the east end hall. City Solicitor Meredith will prepare an agreement covering this.

Building Inspector Piper estimated that it would cost \$465 to properly repair and put in heating fixtures in the city registry office, and about \$109 a year to heat it. The matter was laid over for further information.

LONDON LIBERALS

HONOR CAPT. BUTLER

Presented With Pipes at Informal Reception Last Evening.

Capt. Chester Butler, who is in London on leave for a few days, was the guest of honor of the executive of the Liberal Club at Hyman Hall at an informal reception. He was presented with a handsome set of pipes by Ald. E. S. Little, president of the club, as a mark of appreciation for his long services as secretary of the club. For ten years prior to his going overseas he acted in that capacity.

The presentation speech was made by Ald. Little. He spoke of the fine work he had done as secretary, and his still more splendid service for the Empire. Liberals were proud of Capt. Butler. Capt. Butler, in a brief reply, thanked the club for their uniform kindness to him, and he hoped that his little service was of value. He gave a short history of the 1st Battalion, and declared that its record was one of the best in the British army.

"We have received more honors than any other Canadian battalion," he declared. "We have lost fewer prisoners, had more casualties, and had misadvised engagements than any other battalion. We never failed to gain our objective, and we never lost a trench. The boys have all done well. Lieut. Col. Wood Leonard is ranked as one of the best artillerymen in France. All the other members of the Liberal Club have done magnificent work for the Empire."

Short eulogistic speeches were made by Vice-President Charles Koenig, J. H. Fowler, C. R. Sanagan, and others.

The balance of the evening was spent in cards and music.

NEXT WINGHAM COUNCIL

WILL HAVE NEW FACES

Mayor to Drop Out; Three Aldermen After Re-election.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WINGHAM, Dec. 11.—The citizens of Wingham are expecting to see many new candidates in the election contest, as Mayor William McKibbin will not run again; also Ald. Gurney has resigned. Ald. F. L. Binkley and Reeve S. Mitchell, both old members of the council, intend to run for mayor, while for Reeve Ald. Patterson, lobbyist and ex-Mayor Spottum will run.

WINGHAM M. O. H. RESIGNS.

WINGHAM, Dec. 11.—Dr. R. C. Redmond, who has been medical officer of health for some time, has sent his resignation to the council. The position has not yet been filled.

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Hospital, Shorncliffe, Major Stacey was with the 12th Reserve Battalion, and Major McLennan with the 35th Reserve Battalion. Major Johnston was with the same unit, and Capt. Gerrard with the 12th.

Lieut. A. R. Jones returned from the 2nd Battalion, France, and Lieut. Dowling from the 4th C. M. R. in France.

Lieut. A. R. ("Speedy") Oliver, the commander's son, was with the third brigade signaling base.

Letters from London officers now in English training stations announce the recreation of the 34th, which will have a unique place in the military annals of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Boys' Training Unit.

The new 34th, according to these letters, will be a boys' training battalion, and all members of the C. E. F. who are not yet 19 years of age will be drafted into its ranks to train in England until such time as they have reached their 19th year, and are therefore considered fit to go to the front.

Although 18 years is the age limit for the Canadian forces, there have been many instances of patriotic youngsters under that age, who, by subterfuge, have donned the King's khaki by swearing they were older.

Coers have been sent back to London district, as well as other Canadian districts. Now, however, the authorities have decided that these boys shall have the chance they desire, instead of sending them home again, they are to be kept in Britain in the 34th Battalion until they are considered old enough to stand the rigors of trench life.

Will include All.

Although only meagre details have

been sent back to Canada of the purpose of the newly-created 34th, it is said that even those boys of 18 and over who have joined the C. E. F. with their parents' consent will be included in the battalion. The age limit of 18 is too young, say experienced officers, and to protect the youths it has been decided to keep them from the firing line until they are at least 19. At that age they will have attained their growth and will be physically fit to take their places in the units at the front.

The announcement of the new unit will be of general interest throughout Canada, but more particularly to District No. 1. The fact that Western Ontario officers will head the battalion would be sufficient reason, were it not for the fact that the 34th was one of the most popular units ever raised in this section.

High Praise for Men.

High praise for the members of the battalion were given by all inspecting officers who ever came to London when it was encamped on Carling Heights and several hundred London men proudly wore the cap badges of the 34th. Its breaking up in England was keenly regretted throughout this district.

The camp of the 34th is now at Shoreham, near Brighton.

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