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REAL STORY OF LEADERS IN GREAT WAR
ON PAGE 14.

THREE CENTS.

COUZENS MAY ASK \$50,000 AS HYDRO CHIEF

Montreal Officials Arrested In Liquor Smuggling Plot

LIQUOR PLOT DISCOVERED BY POLICE

Two Montreal Officials Are Arrested on Charge of Complicity.
\$500,000 INVOLVED
Harbormaster and Customs Police Chief Plead Not Guilty to Charge.

Associated Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 26.—J. B. E. Bissailon, chief of the local customs police and Captain Simons, harbor master of Montreal, were arrested here on Christmas Eve, on a charge of complicity to defraud the provincial and federal governments by attempting to bring contraband liquor to the value of \$500,000 into Canada.

The case arises out of the capture recently of the barge Tremblay, with St. Sulpice on board. Five other men are also under arrest in connection with this case.

J. B. Bissailon and Captain Simons were taken to Quebec where they were formally charged and released on \$8,000 bail. Both men pleaded not guilty to the charge.

TAKEN TO QUEBEC.

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Quebec, Dec. 26.—J. B. Bissailon, chief of customs police at Montreal, and Captain Simons, harbor master, Montreal, were brought to this city on Christmas Eve by Detective Roux of the provincial police. They were brought before a special sitting of the court of sessions that night in order that they might not have to spend Christmas Day in custody and bail was fixed in the sum of \$8,000 for each. Bissailon was able to post his bail immediately but Simons was unable to secure bond until yesterday morning.

THREE MAY DIE AS RESULT OF N. Y. POOLROOM ATTACK

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 26.—Five men were seriously wounded when two gunmen entered an East side poolroom and opened fire on them yesterday. The victims are in a hospital and three of them are not expected to live.

FIFTY MEXICAN BANDITS LOOT PASSENGER TRAIN

Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Fifty armed bandits on Wednesday night derailed a Laredo to Mexico City passenger train at El Cobre, south of Saltillo. Several passengers were wounded during the fight, in which the soldier guard put up a gallant but futile resistance.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Strong south-west winds, slightly higher temperature today and on Saturday and on Sunday by north-west winds and colder Saturday night.
A moderate depression is moving eastward across northern Ontario, while pressure is falling across the western provinces.
The weather has been mostly clear and cold since the 20th, and is becoming colder in the western provinces.
Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations High Low Weather
Victoria 34 25 Clear
Vancouver 36 26 Fair
Calgary 35 26 Fair
Winnipeg 30 20 Fair
Port Arthur 26 16 Cloudy
Parry Sound 18 4 Snow
Toronto 21 4 Clear
Ottawa 20 10 Cloudy
Kingston 16 8 Snow
Montreal 14 2 Cloudy
Quebec 8 12 Cloudy
Father Point 19 4 Cloudy
St. John 25 2 Clear
Halifax 24 6 Clear
(-) Below zero.
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 12; lowest, 3.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 1; lowest, -3.
Barometric Readings.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—29.56.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.54.

YOUNG STATESMEN GATHER FOR FOURTH PARLIAMENT

Boys' Work Sessions Open in Legislative Assembly Tomorrow.

CAUCUS TONIGHT
Procedure Will Be Explained to Embryo Leaders by A. M. Dymond, K.C.

THIRTEEN DEAD IN LIME FLOOD

Search For Victims at Saltville, Va., Continues as Death List Mounts.

Associated Press Despatch.
Saltville, Va., Dec. 26.—With 13 bodies thus far recovered and six or seven persons still missing, the search for victims continued today in the area of the Holston river valley, laid waste by the flood of lime mud released by the breaking of a dam Wednesday night at the Matheson alkali works.

HUGE RIFLE DEPOT IS FOUND IN BERLIN

Inter-Allied Officers Reported To Have Discovered 40,000 Gun Barrels.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 26.—Officers from the inter-allied control commission have discovered in Berlin, a depot containing at least 40,000 rifle and machine gun barrels, the Echo de Paris learns from "an incontrovertible informant in Germany."

INDUSTRIAL AREA BOARD WILL TALK ITS STATUS

Definite settlement of the industrial area commission's attitude regarding continuance of duties is expected at the meeting called for Monday afternoon. Chairman M. S. Cator told The Advertiser this morning that all members of the commission were expected to be on hand for the session, in order that the problem could be thoroughly discussed.

FARMHAND FOUND IN ROAD ILL WITH APPENDICITIS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 26.—Joseph Jackson, who says he had been employed on a farm near Toronto, was found Wednesday evening lying on the roadside seriously ill, and was immediately rushed to hospital, where an operation was performed for appendicitis. Jackson is improving.

MERCURY REACHES 3 BELOW

Thermometer Reaches Lowest Point This Winter Early Today.

RECORD IN 1914
Epidemic of Small Fires Visits City—Many Thawing Pipes.

Low temperature was the outstanding feature of the Christmas day that just passed. Official figures show that it was below zero on Christmas morning and three below today. However, there are a host of citizens living in the outskirts of the city who maintain that it was between five to eight degrees below zero early this morning.

No Damage from Stormy Weather is Recorded, but there was the usual epidemic of fires. In the last 24 hours the London fire department appeared on the scene of five fires in private houses, most of which were due to over zealous efforts to thaw out frozen pipes with paper.

Only Arm Broken, Man Is Helpless

Charles Jones Suffers Mishap On Saturday.

While carrying a heavy piece of iron in his back yard in Manor Park, Charles Jones, who lost both legs and one arm some years ago had the misfortune to break his other arm on Wednesday.

DRAKE'S PERILOUS PASSAGE DARED BY 14 NAVIGATORS

English Captain Heads Adventure Through Tricky Magellan Straits.

3-MASTED FRIGATE
Moving Picture Camera Will Chronicle Events on Novel Trip.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 26.—An expedition of fourteen men under the command of Captain Norman Wilkin of the Royal Navy, sailed today on a three-masted frigate Marian on New Year's day from Appledore, the Devonshire port, where Drake weighed anchor many years ago.

SONG BIRD OF DECADE AGO PASSES IN BOSTON TODAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—Elvira Leveroni, "song bird of the north end," one of the stars of the Boston Opera company a decade ago, died today. She had been sick two months.

MOTORMAN BADLY BURNED, STREET CAR CATCHES FIRE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 26.—When a short circuit started fire under the front of a street car this morning, Ernest Penn, motorman, was severely burned. The front of the car was set ablaze, and a small panic developed among the passengers who, however, escaped from the car without injury.



KING ALFONSO

COLD WAVE LEAVES TRAIL OF DEATH

Lower Temperatures Are Spreading Into Atlantic Coast Regions.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, Dec. 26.—The east today was due for its turn at fighting off the wintry blasts, which brought the coldest Christmas in years in many sections of the middle and far west. A measure of relief from sub-zero temperatures was promised today in the lower lake region and the Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi valleys, but cold weather, "floods" and snow.

WORKMAN GIVES HIS LIFE TRYING TO SAVE HIS PAL

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Two men lost their lives when fire swept through the Washington hotel, a workmen's lodging house at West Main street, early today.

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Rome, Dec. 26.—Streams of the faithful were still pouring today through the holy door in St. Peter's, opened by Pope Pius on Christmas Eve in inaugurating the year of Jubilee.

JURY IS INSTRUCTED IN KID MCCOY TRIAL

Former Pugilist Will Face Other Charges If Acquitted On Murder Count.

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—The jury which will decide whether Norman Selby, the "Kid McCoy" of pugilistic fame, killed Mrs. Theresa Mors in the apartment they occupied here as Mr. and Mrs. N. Shields, or she killed herself despite his attempt to prevent her, as claimed by the former prize fighter, was called back to court after a Christmas holiday recess to receive instructions from Judge Charles S. Clark.

WONDERFUL STRIDES MADE IN BROADCASTING

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Montreal, Dec. 26.—Marconi radio station CFCE, Montreal, which first gave radio broadcasting to the world in December, 1919, will go on the air at 8 o'clock tonight for the first time as a super-power station.

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SHOALS MAY PROVIDE U.S. WITH POWER

Senator Norris of Alabama Declares Imperative That Government Act.

SECOND NIAGARA

Canadian Competition Feared Unless Waterpower Resources Are Developed.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 26.—Canadian experiences with light and power question promises to be much in the limelight in the United States for the next year or two. This applies especially to the experience of Ontario and its hydro-electric commission.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUZENS DOUBTFUL

Salary Paid Sir Adam Beck Too Small For Any Successor.

RECEIVES \$18,000

Sir Henry Thornton Now Leads in Salary Paid Public Servant.

The Advertiser's announcement of the fact that Premier Ferguson and the Ontario government are preening H. H. Couzens, former general manager of the Toronto municipal hydro system and the Toronto municipal street railway, to succeed to the post of administrative head of the hydro-electric power enterprises of Ontario when Sir Adam Beck steps out, has awakened great interest in both London and Toronto.

WIRED WINDOWS ARE DEATH TRAP

Probe Unlikely in Oklahoma Tragedy Which Claimed 33 Lives.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hobart, Okla., Dec. 26.—All of the thirty-three victims of the fire which destroyed the schoolhouse during a Christmas Eve entertainment identified the people of the Babbis Switch settlement today set about the sad work of interment. The idea of using a common grave, first considered when it appeared identification of all bodies would be impossible, was abandoned last night when the identity of the last victim—a little girl of eleven—was established.

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ENGINE PILOT CARRIES VICTIM

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Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Mary Clark, 18 years old, was found slightly injured by a farmer near Oakland, Indiana, last night, where she had leaped from the pilot of a speeding Big Four express train which had struck an automobile in which she and other members of her family were riding.

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PRISONERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS MEAL

Inmates at County Jail Provided With Real Repast Yesterday.

Santa Claus had all the combinations to jail locks yesterday and invaded the Middlesex "Tombs" just in time to partake of the thirty pound turkey provided by Silverwoods for the thirty prisoners under the care of Governor Byron Dawson.

The doors of all cells were unlocked at 11:55 by the turnkeys and the prisoners trooped up a gayly decorated ward room on the fourth floor and sat down to a Christmas feast that had been prepared by a prisoner who has an enviable reputation among city restaurant men as a chef. The chef donned his white apron and cap, and spent the entire morning getting up the best Yuletide dinner ever served at "Dawson's Den."

There was enough turkey, pigs, chickens, and every person who had helped to make a jail Christmas worth while.

"On behalf of myself and staff I wish to convey through the press our sincere thanks and best wishes to the kind-hearted citizens who, through their generosity, enabled us to give the prisoners under our care a real Christmas dinner and tea."

"I wish especially to thank the Salvation Army, Silverwoods, the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, the Canadian Theatre Association, Parry Bread Company, Martin Meat Company, Mr. Burk and Mr. Thompson. I also want to thank them on behalf of the prisoners, who have asked me to express their appreciation of the spread."

During the afternoon a Christmas song service was conducted for the prisoners by members of the Adelaide street Baptist church.

QUEER ORDERS MEET SELLERS OF BOOKS

The book firms are asked to fill some queer orders. The Christmas rush increased sales and also brought forth requests for many impossible books. In a downtown store the day before Christmas a man was browsing through the books. When approached by a clerk, he announced in a deep, booming voice that he wanted a book, but it must be deep. Had the salesman "The Sorrows of Satan" by Max Crevier.

This was put on record as being one better than that of another buyer who wanted the "Red Boat" by Omar Khayyam.

POLICE GIVEN REST.

Residents of the county of Middlesex, however, county police stated today. High Constable Wharton did not receive a single call for service during the entire 24 hours and the book was still clear this afternoon.

ENGLAND WOULD STOP SHIPS DUMPING REFUSE INTO OCEAN

Oil From Vessels Proves Harmful to Birds and Fish.

COVERS BEACHES

By PAUL SCOTT MOWBRER. Special Cable to The Advertiser and The Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

London, Dec. 25.—The association of British chambers of commerce has asked the British government to approach foreign countries, and particularly the United States, with a view to imposing special machinery on all ocean-going ships in order to terminate the pollution of the seas by waste fuel and lubricating oils.

This is something which lies close to the heart of all true Britons, who, as such, love the sea and the sea creatures and are interested in checking this latest modern nuisance, not only for economic but for aesthetic reasons.

Leave Long Trail.

Oil burners, hence, leave behind them a long trail of floating oil which collects in patches, and sooner or later is blown or washed ashore. It enters the bays and estuaries and ports, collects on the keels of launches and yachts and is deposited in innumerable sticky black globules along the beaches by the falling tide.

There is said to be scarcely a bathing beach on the south coast of England which has not been polluted by this filthy mess.

Make International Treaty.

Regulations exist prohibiting the pollution of the water by oil within the three-mile limit, but as most of the oil drifts in from greater distances, the nuisance can only be ended by an international agreement.

The remedy is said to lie in the compulsory installation of oil separators which separate the water from the waste oil in the bilges, and return the oil to the furnace for normal consumption. These machines, which are already employed on some liners, will, it is claimed, not only save the fish and birds and beaches, but will soon repay their own costs in the oil they save.

Elko Boasts Of 48 Below

Associated Press Despatch. Reno, Nev., Dec. 25.—The temperature registered 48 degrees below zero today at Elko and put the air mail radio station out of commission. The pump and radio were frozen. Reno air mail officials said.

1920 IS HIGH YEAR

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 25.—The total membership of trade unions in the United States increased from 44,000 in 1917 to 3,775,000 in 1922, according to advance figures taken from a report to be issued early in December by the National Bureau of Economic Research of this city, under the title "The Growth of American Trade Unions, 1880-1922."

The largest membership recorded in one year was in 1920, when 3,110,000 were enrolled in trade unions. The membership in 1921 was 4,813,400; and in 1922, 4,668,400.

The findings in this report, which required two years for its preparation, have been approved by the board of directors of the bureau.

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"After 1887 the losses were so great that membership in the early nineties was probably only a couple of hundred thousand, and since 1920 the unions have lost more than one and a quarter million."

"The two situations are not, however, analogous. The labor movement of the eighties was a labor movement in the process of finding itself. It was torn by internal conflict, and it was engaged in finding the form and methods of effective organization. The resolution of these forces of internal dissension and the realization of some consensus of opinion regarding a program of development left the movement in the middle of the nineties small, but started on a new career. Thereafter the rise in membership has been almost continuous, and has always been large."

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Famous Church Hears Recitation

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 25.—Cinema shows and religious operas have occasioned a ruling by the supreme court in first time, but a well-known actress has given a recital in Christ church, Westminster.

The church was crowded. The actress mounted the lectern and read a number of poems, the first being the hymn of the American people written by Walt Whitman, beginning "As a strong bird on pinnions free."

Then followed a prayer by Sir Kahlidhrath Tagore, the Indian poet, and recitations from Shelley's "Hymn to Intellectual Beauty" and the "Ode to the West Wind."

GIVES \$3,000,000 CHRISTMAS GIFT

Washington Man Is Donor and 124 Men and Women Are Beneficiaries.

Associated Press Despatch. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 25.—A Christmas gift of a possible value of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 was announced here today.

William McClellan Ritter of Washington, D. C., formerly of Columbus, and founder of the W. M. Ritter Lumber Company, the executive offices of which are here, is the donor, and 124 men and women who reside here and in twelve eastern states are the beneficiaries.

Mr. Ritter is turning back to the employees of the company, approximately one-fourth of the capital stock of the corporation that bears his name. Plans for distribution of the stock were completed by him last night.

The shares that will be divided number 12,500, and have a par value of \$125,000. As the stock of the corporation is closely held, no exact approximation of the value of the gift could be obtained, but local bankers expressed the opinion that it might run between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

The stock will be held under a trust agreement for the benefit of the employees of the company, but the gift is without restrictions. The trust will be executed when those who will share in it meet in eight regional gatherings on Jan. 15 to Jan. 20, 1925, at New York, Philadelphia, Columbus, Bluefield, W. Va., Hughesville, Pa., Washington, D. C., Colleton, S. C., and Asheville, N. C.

Of the list of beneficiaries, 94 are officers and employees of the company. The balance of the list includes relatives and close personal friends of Mr. Ritter.

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City Churches

PHILOXENE CLUB. The members of the Philoxene club of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, made up of women and girls from some families in the city, which they delivered before the festive day. They wish to thank the members of the congregation who have helped them to make these gifts possible.

On Wednesday, December 24, the club members went to the Victoria home and distributed Christmas gifts among the residents. On Tuesday Santa was present, and T. Nichol sang much appreciated solos. Miss Margaret Gladman accompanied him.

START HOLIDAY. With a big dinner in the men's mess at noon yesterday the soldiers at Wolseley barracks started their holiday festivities. In the evening a smoker and musical entertainment was well attended.

FUNERAL OF LOUIS CRUMMER. The funeral of Louis Crummer, who died from a stroke Tuesday, was held this morning. Rev. Archdeacon Sage conducted the service.

The body was sent to Stratford on the 11:20 A. M. train where interment will take place.

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Helpless Boys and Girls in Hospital Are Gladdened by Wonderful Tree.

The great sparkling Christmas tree in the sunroom of the War Memorial Hospital for Sick Children was revealed to the small boys and girls of the hospital yesterday afternoon. And never did children's faces glow so happily as did the faces of those helpless little boys and girls. The tree had been arranged under the direction of the children's hospital committee, with Dr. W. L. Denny impersonating Santa Claus.

Holly and cedar and great Christmas bells decorated the wards, so that the holiday atmosphere prevailed throughout the entire building. At each bed were hung stockings which Santa Claus didn't fail to fill early in the day. Many of the children's parents were guests at the hospital during the afternoon, bringing their own special gifts and a word of holiday greeting.

The Reliance garage had its share in making the day happier for the children by installing a radio outfit so that the boys and girls might hear the children's concert broadcast last evening from New York.

During the holding of the Christmas tree in the afternoon, those present included: Miss Grace Fairley, lady superintendent of Victoria hospital; Miss May Jones, head nurse of the children's hospital; Col. and Mrs. W. M. Garschore; Mrs. A. E. Miller, chairman of the children's hospital committee; Mrs. John Gemmell; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. D. Jarvis; Mrs. H. A. McCallum; Mrs. C. T. Campbell and Mrs. F. J. Greenwood.

WEDDINGS

ECKARDT-VAREY.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at the Grace Methodist church, parsonage, East street, on Christmas day, when Rev. G. W. Dewey united in marriage Benjamin Clifford Eckardt, pastor of the Niles-town Methodist church, and Miss Edna Minnie Varey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. C. Varey, Huron street.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, looked charming in her gown of navy satin with Oriental trimming and wrap of ivory marvellous trimmed with gray squirrel, with her sister, Miss Mary Eckardt, as bridesmaid. The groom wore a tuxedo and a boutonniere of Ophelia roses. Miss Lorena Wade, frocked in black satin with rose and gold trimming and hat to match, attended the bride, and Miss Beatrice Shaw, a cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor. S. P. Goodland acted as best man.

Following the ceremony the bride and groom returned to the home of the bride, where a delicious Christmas dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Eckardt will reside on Wharncliffe road north.

The young couple were the recipients of many lovely gifts. The groom's gifts to the bride and her attendants were bar pins, and to the best man a tie pin of the Masonic order.

CAMERON-DOBSON.

A very quiet Christmas wedding was solemnized at the Dundas Church Methodist parsonage, yesterday, when Olive Marie Dobson became the bride of Hugh John Cameron. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron are both of this city, and Rev. J. Garbutt performed the ceremony.

McVITTIE-UREN.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Uren, of Belton, Ont., was the scene of a quiet but beautiful wedding on Christmas Day, when their second daughter, Anna Lillian, was united in marriage to Mr. Andrew McVittie of St. Marys. The Rev. H. J. Uren, of London, president of the London conference and uncle of the bride, officiated.

Promptly at 4 o'clock the bridal party entered the living-room. The wedding march was played by Prof. Bishop of St. Marys, who also played very softly during the ceremony. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a sleeveless gown of white georgette, heavily beaded in crystal. Tiny pink buttons at the sides made a straight-line frock with uneven hem. Her wedding veil was daintily embroidered, and she held in place with a band of pearls. Miss Edna Uren, R.N., of London, was her sister's bridesmaid, wearing a quaint gown of mauve brocade and lace, and carried pale pink roses. Dr. R. J. White of London assisted the groom. During the signing of the registers, the Bishop of St. Marys sang sweetly "O Promise Me."

After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the dining-room, where a wedding dinner was served. The dining-room was prettily decorated with pink roses and smilax. Soft candle light was used, with lovely effect. The same decoration scheme prevailed throughout the house.

The bride and groom left on a honeymoon for Chicago, where western cities, the bride travelling in an ensemble suit of brown, with fur trimming. On their return they will reside in St. Marys.

WOMEN and THE HOME SHOULD GIRL LIVING ALONE INVITE MEN TO HER HOME?

Julia Hoyt Believes She Should Have That Liberty and Experience.

PROTECTS HERSELF

By JULIA HOYT.

A girl I know who lives alone had rather an unfortunate experience the other day with an acquaintance whom she had invited to call. One or two of her friends were discussing this, and the question arose as to whether or not a girl who is living alone should encourage the visits of young men. It seems to me that any girl who is not capable of forming a pretty adequate opinion of the men she meets—adequate enough to make her feel reasonably safe in inviting them to her room—should not be living alone. Needless to say, we can all make mistakes, we can all be disillusioned in people, and we may, in consequence, have unpleasant and disheartening experiences.

The question of whether you are living alone or living with your family, however, does not change the nature or character of the men you invite to your room. They may be restrained by the effect of your parents' home, but though it may take a little longer to discover what they really are, the final result will be the same and the disillusionment will come.

Whether living at home with a family or whether living alone or with another girl, I think it is a mistake to invite indiscriminately anyone and everyone to call upon you. That just happens to be my opinion, and I repeat that I do not think how you live has any bearing on the question of whom you invite.

As a matter of fact, we very often learn through the experience that may be at the time both unpleasant and disappointing. Certainly, the day has gone by when we need worry about the poor little defenceless girl and the brutal man. In other words, any girl who is living alone (and, in consequence, probably working) must be or should be entirely capable of taking care of herself. The only result of this will be the good one of making her a little more careful and a little more conservative as to whom she invites to call.

I firmly believe that the question of a man's behavior to a girl depends very much on herself. There are many girls who encourage a man in a flirtatious way to the best of their ability, and then evince great surprise when they are taken at their word. Such girls as these will have what they will call unpleasant (though perhaps they may inwardly call them pleasant) surprises, whether they are living at their family's house or away.

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CLUB NEWS

"THE HAPPY SIX."

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The members of the Catholic women's league took Christmas cheer into the city hospitals this week, under the convener of Mrs. W. J. Hay. Mrs. Frank Benetti was convener for the distribution of gifts at St. Joseph's, Mrs. Patrick O'Neil was in charge of the work at Victoria hospital, while Mrs. James Walsh visited Byron sanatorium. And throughout the city white boxes with red seals and ribbons and baskets of Christmas cheer were left for the shut-ins.

PHOTOGRAPH FOR SHELTER.

The house committee of the Thomas Alway Hall home presented that institution with a very fine photograph. This gift was made possible through the generosity of London citizens.

SOUTH LONDON PUPILS VISIT WESTMINSTER

Collegiate Boys and Girls Take Gifts to Infirmary Patients.

Yesterday morning a large band of boys and girls from the South London collegiate institute visited the Westminster hospital with gifts for the patients of the Westminster infirmary.

The gifts were contained in gay Christmas boxes, the gift of the Murray Shoe Company, and they included candy, smokes, fruit and games.

For some weeks past the pupils have been preparing for this merry trip, with the result that volunteers to visit the hospital were numerous.

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WOMEN and THE HOME



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Miss Marguerite Dicknoether, of the Cayuga public school teaching staff, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dicknoether, Springbank drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans and son Keith, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Spence, all of Detroit, are guests with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walker, Beecher street, for the holidays.

Mr. George M. Millar of Detroit spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Millar, 279 St. James street. Mr. Millar is remaining in the city for this week-end.

Mr. George Somerville of Toronto will be a guest in the city tonight for the dance which is being given at the Tecumseh house by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Alexander and Dr. Henderson.

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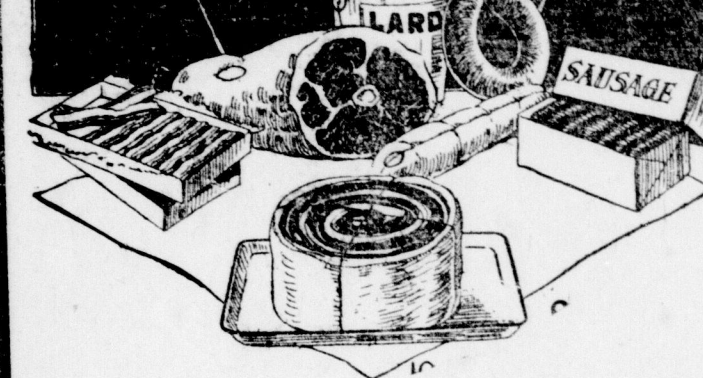
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Cambridge Sausage, lb.	18c	Country Pork Sausage, lb.	20c	Rump Roast, Baby Beef, lb.	20c	Shoulder Rst. Baby Beef, lb.	15c	Sirloin Roast Baby Beef, lb.	23c	Ham Roast Pork, lb.	22c
4-Pound Pail Pure Jam,	85c	Shoulder Rst. Veal, lb.	20c	Orchard Farm Sausage, 2 lbs.	25c	Corned Beef, 12 1/2c		Sea Salmon, (By the fish)	18c	Aylmer Corn and Peas, 2 for	35c
Breast Lamb,	18c	3 Large Cans Maple Leaf Salmon,	\$1.00	Front Quarter Pork, lb.	16c	Fresh Shoulder Pork, lb.	15c	Smoked Breakfast Bacon, lb.	25c (by the piece)	Old Cheese,	35c
New Cheese,	25c									Corn Flakes, 2 for	25c

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FRANK SMITH CASH and CARRY STORE.

Maple Leaf Sal-	35c	Carnation Milk, small	4 tins	25c
mon, lb.		Bulk Coffee, 1-lb.	for	45c
Oatmeal	5 lbs.	Rideau Hall Coffee, 1-lb. tin		63c
Small Beans	4 lbs.	Orange Pekoe Tea, bulk, lb		67c
Limas	2 lbs.	Special Bulk Tea, lb.		49c
Granulated Sugar	10 lbs.	Shirriff's Jelly Powders	3 for	25c
Apple and Strawberry Jam,	4 lbs.	Shirriff's Marmalade, 4-lb. tin		68c
White Corn Syrup,	5 lbs.	Carnation Milk, large	2 tins	25c
Aylmer Corn, Peas, tin	50c			
Cornstarch, 3 pkgs	29c			

MARKET LANE.

in orange satin. The guests included Misses Kathleen Beard, Noray Tambling, Josephine Sharnan, Marion

WOMEN and THE HOME

DARKENED WINDOWS

By CORNELIA KANE RATHBONE.

Graham Aids His Rival.
The man who was left in the doorway rushed to the window.
"Come back, fool! Don't show yourself. Don't you know that they must have the house guarded?" shouted Von Euler, the spell which had held him broken. "Quick! Everybody to the emergency exit. Take nothing but your papers. Set fire to those you can't carry. We have five minutes. Blum and Koffsky ought to be able to hold the doors as long as that, and still make their getaway."
He looked back with blazing eyes at Fitzpatrick as he went out. "If I find we owe this to you, you chicken-hearted Irishman, you'll wish you had never been born."
"I wish to heaven I had given you away!" Fitzpatrick called after him, shaking an impotent fist behind the German's vanishing back. He ran to the table and began stuffing the papers which lay there into his pockets. As he worked he drew quick, sobbing breaths.
Graham stepped from behind the curtain and peered cautiously out into the hall. He did not relish the thought of being found here by the police, and he cursed the faculty he seemed to have developed of late for getting himself into awkward situations. If Flint turned out to be in charge of the raid, he would escape with a minimum of trouble. He obeyed orders, but otherwise—he did not care to dwell on the "otherwise." From below, as he listened, came a confused sound of voices. Then shouts arose, curses, shots. Blum and Koffsky had failed, apparently, to hold the doors. Two figures darted from an adjoining room and made for the stairs leading to the story above. The emergency exit was evidently by the roof the time instead of underground. Graham drew back quickly as the men ran by, shut the door softly, and looked it. Then, for the first time, he studied the face of the man who stood before him.
It was a face almost feminine in the delicacy of its modeling; the eyes were those of a vision; the nose, that of a fanatic. There was weakness in the face, but at the same time he was forced to admit, there was charm.
Fitzpatrick was facing him, pale and wild-eyed. He too must have heard the shots. He attempted to hold Graham's eyes fixed toward the pistol which Graham had thrown down. "They shall not take me alive," he exclaimed, as he seized it. "It

would break Evadne's heart. She would sooner see me dead."
The action was theatrical, but Graham recognized that it was sincere. Unless he stopped him, the man would shoot. With all his heart he wanted him to show what he wanted him out of the way, out of Evadne's life. He wanted him dead. Yet dead, when perhaps he might have saved him, would be no stand, an accusing specter between Evadne and himself all the days of their life? Almost against his will, he found himself stretching out his retaining hand.
"See here, don't do that till you have to," he said roughly. "Take a chance, such as it is. Evadne Hurst loves you—the Lord knows why and I don't want her heart to be broken. Understand, if it weren't for her I would see you hanged with all the pleasure in life. As it is I'll do what I can for you. I'll give you a chance—a half chance, rather."
He snatched up his own uster. "Into this, quick!" he commanded. Turn the collar well up—so. Draw the cap down over your eyes—that's it. You are my build, and you might be my double in those togs. If it's Flint and his men who are down below they will recognize this beast of an uster as mine, and think I'm in it, and so let you pass. There I just have an idea that one of Flint's men was standing on the corner, and saw me come in. Put the pistol in your pocket, ready to limp. No, don't shoot, and try not to limp. Now then—we've got to make it look as if you had overpowered me and made off in my coat, for I don't want to be seen. I helped you to escape. Find something to tie me up with—hurry! Haven't anything? Good. Lord, man, take the sheet off your back. You won't be using them again. Tear them into strips—so. Now tie me into this chair—tie me tight—round the legs; that's right. Now round the body. There, I feel like a trussed fowl. Lock the door behind you when you leave the room. Put on an interested spectator like air, and stroll down as if you had a clear conscience. If anybody questions you, say you are Mr. John Graham, come at Detective Flint's invitation to see the fun. But if you see a little man who looks like everybody and nobody, wears spectacles and whistles through his teeth, get round the way like a shot, for that will be Flint himself. Do you think you can carry it off?"
"I don't know, but I'd be pretty good at private theatricals."
"Well, there is always the pistol



MRS. E. C. BOYCE.

better known in Toronto as Mrs. Emma Catherine Cudfield, a graduate nurse from a Toronto hospital, who was the plaintiff in two remarkable suits against Charles S. Arnold, a prominent Vancouver lawyer. The first was to recover \$15,000 and the second was for unstated damages for alleged breach of promise. Judgment was reserved in both cases.

to fall back on. Keep your hands in your pockets, they would betray you. What scared them so badly?"
"Chemicals. My job was making explosives. I have a secret formula. Have you any money?" asked Graham.
"A couple of dollars only."
"Here, feel in my pocket." Fitzpatrick obeyed and drew out a well-filled wallet.
"There is enough to take you to Ireland, steerage. Will you go?"
"I don't dare show my face in Ireland. I'd be arrested."
"Fiddlesticks! Every other man is a murderer there now, to judge from the newspapers. You'll be lost in the crowd. Will you chance it?"
"I might as well. I haven't much chance anywhere."
"All right. You'd better try sailing from Canada. You'd never get away here. You are marked."
"If you manage to get out of the house, shed that uster the first minute you can—would be a doubly marked man in it. Buy yourself a decent hat, then take the first train out of New York—any train going west of the way like a shot. I'm not doing this for you—don't think it. You can answer me a couple of questions, though, in lieu of payment. In another five minutes you will be either dead or free. If free, you have got me trussed up here so that I can't stop you. If dead—why it won't matter to you. My first question: Does Evadne Hurst know or suspect who killed her husband?"
"The answer came readily. "To my certain knowledge, she does not."
"Then this is my second question: Remember you may stand before my Maker in five minutes. Arthur Fitzpatrick, did you kill him?"
"—God forbid!" cried the Irishman with such a ring of truth in his voice that Graham could not doubt his answer.
"Go on down, then," he said. "I'd like to ask you more, but there is no time. Remember to keep your hands in your pockets, and not to limp. I'll be waiting for you at the door."

Dorothy Dix

How Can She Learn to Talk Interestingly?—The Wife Who Submits to Abuse.

My Dear Miss Dix—I am a young married woman, good-looking, good dresser, can sing, dance, play piano, violin, saxophone. But there is one thing missing. I have never been able to acquire the art of conversation. I am not bashful, but I just cannot say anything worth while or interesting. My husband is just the opposite. He can talk on any subject, while I sit around like a dumb-bell. I only had a book from which to study conversation. I would feel myself on the level with my associates; but as things are now I am lost, and every time I find myself in need of small talk I could scream for mercy. DISHEARTENED.

Answer: Do not believe that any school of correspondence can teach you the art of conversation, nor can any book be a handy manual of what to say and how to say it, because all good talk has to be spontaneous. It is the expression of his dislike toward her, she is a crazy creature to hang on to him, and it is the part of wisdom for her to go away where she will not be tortured daily with seeing his misdeeds. Her only chance of peace and happiness is for her to put him out of her life. DOROTHY DIX.

Certainly, nothing else in the world is so boring as the stilted efforts of people who talk to you as if they were discoursing from a platform. I once knew a woman who handed out this particular brand of canned conversation. She had studied up about Lake Poets, and two minutes after you had met her, by hook or crook, she would drag in her topic and deliver a lecture upon it that reduced everybody within ear-shot to tears.

It is the same way about memorizing jokes. You have heard people repeat the witticisms they had culled out of the funny papers, and you have seen how flat they fall. You are no more at home, and look no more natural in other people's thoughts than you would be in borrowed clothes. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I have two friends, both in their twenties. The husband professes to love his wife, yet he hates her, and every night and leaves her alone, frankly admitting that he amuses himself with other women; that he drinks and gambles. The wife is crazily in love with her husband. She keeps her house beautifully and does everything to make him comfortable. She also is in business, and when her husband has wasted his money on his dissipation she helps him out with her salary. They have frightful scenes, for when he comes home at 2:30 in the morning the wife greets him with a little care-woman stuff. It does no good. He goes his own way, regardless of her feelings, tramping upon her bleeding heart and literally killing her, and yet she stays on.

BACK TO SCHOOL! BUT SHE'LL NEED NEW CLOTHES FIRST

And Here Are Clothes That Are Up To the Minute In Fashion, Yet Low In Price

FUR-TRIMMED COATS

Here is an opportunity you shouldn't miss, in winter coats. These are all luxuriously trimmed with French beaver collars and cuffs, and are all fully lined and interlined.

The style cannot be criticized as the coats are right up to date, having the rather close-fitting sleeve and long straight body.

The cloth is the best of all-wool duvetyne in all the newest colors.

THIS IS A REAL CHANCE TO SAVE MONEY

\$18.50

CHAPPY SPORT AND SWAGGER COATS

Now that the cold weather has really set in, and all the winter sports are in full swing, it is high time you got your sport coat.

We are offering you this opportunity to purchase one at an exceedingly low price.

There are many different models and colors to choose from, all of which are the best makes. They are all-wool and of good heavy weight, made to stand outdoor wear.

COME AND SEE THEM AND YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE PRICE

\$5.95 UP

THEN THERE ARE DRESS MATERIALS AND COATINGS

SANTOYS AND WOOL CREPES

Just the thing for your new school or office dress. All the latest colors, in fine all-wool crepes and santoys.

These materials are both 40 inches wide and are a good weight for winter dresses, and are made to be attractive, yet serviceable.

We feel that you cannot get better value in the city than we offer in this item, and would urge prompt attention if a dress length is to be bought. Yard.

\$1.25

ALL-WOOL COATING

Here is a good chance to get that belated winter coat at a price ridiculously low.

These are the best of all-wool suedes, in navy, and are all 54 inches wide.

The colors are sand, gray, navy, copen, and black, being some of the newer shades.

We advise early shopping for this item as we have only a limited number of yards. Yard.

\$1.49

SATIN BROCADE

The winter season and all its dances calls for a new evening gown, and now is the time to get it.

We have some of the latest satin brocade on the market, directly imported from France. This is an all-silk quality, in the newest and daintiest of colors, including rose, pink, mauve, apricot and black.

Any of these shades will make a very distinctive and becoming gown.

Specialty priced at, yard

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DRESS

By MARY MARSHALL

Feathers From Barnyard Fowl Known As "Coq" Are Favored By Fashion.

Believe it or not, a barnyard cock will dare lift his clarion voice to crow in the morning or at any other time of day anywhere within the range of fashionable millinery shops. For there is an ever-increasing demand for the plumage that adorns the feathered breed, known as poultry, and not infrequently millinery designers, as illustrious as Lewis of Paris select these pebbled feathers in preference to ostrich or egret. Intrinsic value of materials used counts very little with the fashionable woman of today. The advice that mothers used to give their daughters on this moot question of dress was first of all to select good materials. "If you can have only one piece of jewelry, have that of the best. Never wear any fur unless it can be sable, mink, chinchilla, or other of the most precious pelts." Let your flock be of the best material, even though you have to make it yourself, and let your hat be adorned with feathers that have a trimmings. That was the sort of advice one heard from "ladies" of the old school, and there is no doubt that, in this question of dress who, clinging to the old threadbare convention, still counsel us to consider "fur" or all the best materials, as if that alone would make us well and appropriately dressed.

This sort of thing runs quite against the fashion spirit of the day. The most gifted of milliners snaps her fingers at accented valuations. She, or he, is an artist, first and foremost, and the artist makes her own value. If these artists who work with millinery commodities, instead of with paints and canvases, find that a bone button produces a given effect better than a diamond buckle—then the bone button is preferable. If by a certain artistic idea at the moment better than silk velvet, then burlap it would have to be. And if a barnyard feather has a certain twist and due to it that satisfies the momentary caprice of the modiste better than precious plumage, then barnyard feathers it is. This does not mean that barnyard feathers are everywhere preferable to those of ostrich, but only in carrying out certain designs and effects.

It is not only on hats that barnyard feathers are used. They are used in hems of frocks and waists and sometimes on collars and cuffs. And sometimes, by way of variety, the gobbling turkey and the paddling duck contribute their plumage, too.

The sketch shows a black velvet hat trimmed with graceful coqs, placed at the top on another hat with a peaked crown. Lewis uses curled coq feathers, some black and some white, placed at the right toward the back.



Black velvet hat trimmed with coq.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

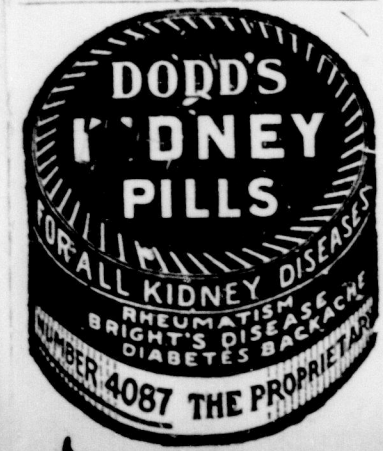
DOLLS YOU WILL LIKE.

Quite the newest and most interesting dolls at the present time are those made in your own image, and it has become a fad in many fashionable women who can afford it have indulged, to have your own likeness set down in more or less permanent form as a doll. The idea had its origin when Lady Louis Mountbatten, in the United States in the party of the Prince of Wales, for a doll artist so that she might take her little daughter one of these interesting new dolls. The doll portraitist works the face in some sort of plastic material, first getting the correct features and then coloring it like the original. The head is delicately mounted on a doll's body, and is dressed in tiny garments as near as possible like those of the original. Flapjacks, with enormously long, plant legs and arms that can be turned, twisted and tied into all sorts of curious positions, are now as popular as they were in France, where they originated. In fact, the paper pattern companies now sell patterns so that every woman can make her own flapper doll to suit herself. Some women, you know, have them in their bedrooms, as popular as the most expensive dolls are now quite soft, and this quality makes a strong appeal to the little girl who wants to feel her doll as if it were a real person. Quite a revolution in dolls has been wrought since most of us were children, and the unbreakable doll is no longer an unattractive monotony among dolls, to be endured only by the very little girl who cannot be trusted with a doll that is easily smashed. Now some of the most attractive dolls are of the non-breakable sort. Moreover, dolls are now quite soft, and this quality makes a strong appeal to the little girl who wants to feel her doll as if it were a real person. Quite a revolution in dolls has been wrought since most of us were children, and the unbreakable doll is no longer an unattractive monotony among dolls, to be endured only by the very little girl who cannot be trusted with a doll that is easily smashed. Now some of the most attractive dolls are of the non-breakable sort. Moreover, dolls are now quite soft, and this quality makes a strong appeal to the little girl who wants to feel her doll as if it were a real person.

BASKET SHOES NEXT.

Special to The Advertiser. London, Dec. 25.—Basket shoes sound incongruous, but they are not. One of the most attractive and latest productions of the shoe-makers is entirely composed, except sole and heel, of basket weave or narrow leather strips colored in gold, silver, steel and blue, or combinations of those shades.

Clear The Pores
Of Impurities With
Cuticura Soap
Sole, Ointment, Talcum sold everywhere.



CELEBRATE MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL

The midnight mass at St. Peter's cathedral on Christmas eve was a very impressive service. Mr. Balogh led the choir in the old Christmas music while W. A. Bluetner presided at the organ.

PLEATS DON'T GO AROUND.

Special to The Advertiser. Paris, Dec. 25.—There are enough pleats, they don't go around. They are placed only at the front or sides of the newest frocks. One of these, of black velvet, has a row of heavy pleats falling from a diagonal line of roses, embroidered in salmon and blue with diamante foliage, placed at the hip line.

FRANCE WEARS MEDICI COLLARS.

Special to The Advertiser. The splendid collars and funnel-like cuffs of organy bordered with bright colors are features of some of the one-piece frocks designed for wear this winter along the Riviera. Some of the gowns have insets of organy at either side of the skirt from the hips down.

Broken Skin Lets infection in
Cuts, scratches and blisters, painful in themselves, are most dangerous because they present an opening for infection. Don't take chances—use Absorbine J.

at once. It is a liniment, germicide and antiseptic combined. A few drops on the flesh will destroy germs, prevent infection and promote rapid, comfortable healing. Excellent also for insect bites, burns, tired stiff muscles and sore feet. It is not greasy—will not stain the clothing. Always keep a bottle in your medicine cabinet. \$1.25 a bottle at most druggists or sent postpaid by W. F. Young Inc. 125 Lyman Building Montreal

The Smallest Otter Is Wilful and Heedless of His Mother's Advice

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Little Joe and Mrs. Otter are wise in the ways and the things of the Green Forest. So as they journeyed toward the distant brook they had planned to visit their keen ears caught every little sound, and without loitering to investigate they knew all what had made each little sound. But with the two young Otters it was a very different matter. Everything was new and strange and therefore, interesting. They wanted to stop and examine everything. Every time they heard a little noise off at one side they wanted to go over and find out what had made it. Now Mrs. Otter is a good mother, a watchful mother. She kept a keen eye on the two young Otters. Every time she sensed off she called them back. She warned them that there were dangers in the Green Forest. She did her best to frighten them, but they were so small and so heedless, they wanted to have their own way. "Mother is just trying to scare us," she whispered to her brother, "I don't believe there is any danger. We haven't seen a single thing to be afraid of. She wants us to tag along at her heels and have any fun. I want to go boldly and see what I can do. She can't scare me. I'm not afraid of anyone."

So the smallest Otter kept dropping behind to examine everything that interested her. At the same time she kept a watchful eye on Mrs. Otter and every time the latter turned to see where the youngsters were, the smallest Otter would go bounding along the trail, hurrying to catch up. Her brother was more obedient. He was far behind as his sister. Mother Otter, seeing the obedient young Otter not far behind, would take it for granted that his sister was not far behind him, and so after a while she became a little less watchful. The smallest Otter soon discovered this, and then she dropped farther back and was lost.

"I can't get lost," she said to herself, "because all I have to do is follow the trail through the snow. I can catch up any time by hurrying. Now I wonder what that is. I am sure I saw something move under that little hemlock tree over to the right." She stopped and looked very hard at the young hemlock tree. The branches were bent down with snow. She couldn't see under them. There was nothing moving there now. She looked up the trail. Little Joe and Mrs. Otter were out of sight, and her brother was just disappearing over the top of a little ridge. "I'm sure I saw something move over there," said the wise young Otter, looking back at the little hem-



"I'm sure I saw something move over there," said the wilful young Otter.

lock tree. "I'm sure I did. It won't take but a minute to go over there and find out. Mother has always said that we should learn all we can. How can we learn if we don't try to find out about things? There certainly won't be any harm in looking under that little tree."

Once more she glanced along the trail. Her brother had disappeared. No one was in sight. Then she turned and bounded through the snow toward that little hemlock tree. She was going to satisfy her curiosity. (Copyright, 1924, by T. W. Burgess.) The next story: "The Young Otter's Curiosity is Satisfied."

New Lamp Burns 94% Air

Beats Electric or Gas.

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. Government and 25 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, no wick adjustment. Burns 94 per cent air and 6 per cent common kerosene (coal oil). The inventor, F. B. Johnson, 246 Craig street west, Montreal, is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' FREE trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency. And without experience or money make \$250 to \$500 per month.—Advt.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

ST. PATRICKS ARE SWAMPED BY 8 TO 1 SCORE IN HAMILTON

Tigers Chalk Up Six Counters In First Two Periods.

BURCH GETS THREE

	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	P.
Canadiens	7	1	0	37	12	14
Montreal	4	4	0	16	17	8
St. Pats	3	5	0	29	40	8
Ottawa	2	5	1	12	22	5
Boston	1	5	0	14	43	2

Games Saturday—Canadiens at Montreal; Ottawa at St. Pats.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 25.—Jimmy Gardiner's fast going Tigers provided a true holiday attraction for the fans here tonight by swamping St. Patrick's under an 8 to 1 score. The Irish were never in the hunt, the locals playing smart hockey at every stage of the game and showing much of their true form. Day and Dye made the game very interesting and were continual menaces. The Canadiens scored five goals in the first period, one in the second and wound up with two in the final period. The entire Hamilton team played brilliantly. St. Patrick's were somewhat lucky to secure their orphan goal, it being a shot from outside the defence.

The summary:
First period—1, Hamilton, Burch, 1:07; 2, Hamilton, R. Green, 3:47; 3, Hamilton, W. Green, 6:00; 4, Hamilton, Randall, 4:00; 5, Hamilton, Cote, 4:00.
Second period—6, Hamilton, Burch, 3:25.
Third period—7, Hamilton, Burch, 6:00; 8, Hamilton, Sprink, 6:02; 9, St. Pats, McCaffery, 1:00.

N.H.L. Scorers

A. Joliat, Canadiens	26
C. Dye, St. Pats	21
C. Denney, Ottawa	8
R. Green, Hamilton	8
W. Burch, Hamilton	7
B. Boucher, Canadiens	7
J. Adams, St. Pats	6
F. Broadbent, Montreal	6
H. Moreau, Canadiens	5
P. Clancy, Ottawa	5
W. Green, Hamilton	4
M. Roach, Hamilton	4
G. Boucher, Ottawa	4
K. Randall, Canadiens	4
C. Cleghorn, Canadiens	4
A. McCaffery, St. Pats	4
C. Cooper, Boston	3
S. Harris, Boston	3
E. Gorman, Ottawa	3
L. Berliquet, Montreal	3
C. Day, St. Pats	3
A. McKinnon, Hamilton	3
C. Langlois, Hamilton	3
H. Smith, Ottawa	3
J. Herbert, Boston	3
D. Munro, Montreal	3
S. Rothchild, Montreal	3
R. Stuart, Boston	3
R. Noble, Montreal	3
B. Bouchard, Hamilton	3
B. Corbett, St. Pats	3
L. Cook, Boston	3
S. Anthe, Canadiens	3
E. Cain, Montreal	3
F. Dumas, Montreal	3
R. Rowe, Boston	3
T. Holway, St. Pats	3
Coutu, Canadiens	3
S. Headley, Boston	3
S. Jackson, Boston	3
E. Fisher, Toronto	3
Matz, Canadiens	3
Robb, Hamilton	3
Spring, Hamilton	3



BABE RUTH HIT IT

NO PLAYER EVER WENT INTO A SERIES WITH SUCH A BURDEN

BAMBINO LOOKING FORWARD TO BIG YEAR.

Babe Ruth, the Sultan of Swat, who is now wintering on his farm near Sudbury, Mass., is anticipating one of his best seasons since breaking into big league baseball when summer rolls around again and the cry of "play ball" sounds through the land.

REDS TO STOP USING FORCE IN FIGHT AGAINST RELIGION

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, Dec. 25.—Coinciding with the advent of Christmas, Gregory S. Zinoviev, chairman of the executive committee of the Third International, made a significant pronouncement concerning the communist campaign against religion. "I have been informed by old workers that not only the young communists, but boy scouts, are mocking people who are religious. It has also been told that groups of boys scouts have imprisoned whole congregations in churches while they are worshipping. This is a mistake. Our campaign against God and religion must be carried out only in the pedagogic way, not by violence or force."

TO SPEND FIVE BILLION ON BUILDING IN STATES

Construction Program For 1925 Is Largest Since War Years.

By J. C. ROYLE.
Special to The Advertiser.
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New York, Dec. 25.—At least five billion dollars is going into building construction in the United States in 1925. Plans now in course of preparation make that practically certain, although the general trend of building activity in coming years is being aided, not only by a continued shortage of housing facilities, but by the present easy rate of money and the lack of difficulty with which building operations are being financed.

Sabatini Given Prize of \$1,000

"Scaramouche" Considered Best Novel of Year.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 25.—Rafael Sabatini, for his novel "Scaramouche," has been awarded the \$1,000 prize offered by Adolph Zukor to the writer whose story or play made the best motion picture in the year which ended last September 1, the Authors' League of America, through which the award was made, announced today.

LOVE BALM OF SIX CENTS FOR LOSS OF WIFE'S LOVE

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Dec. 25.—Grant P. Miles, 1937 Navy avenue, janitor of the Harston school, who brought suit for \$25,000 against William Pierce, janitor of the Jefferson intermediate school, for alienating his wife's affections, was awarded a verdict of six cents by a jury before Judge Arthur Webster in the circuit court today.

Miles testified that after he started the suit, his wife, Anna, obtained a divorce, and moved to La Salle, Mich. W. W. Wicker, attorney for Pierce, said he would file a motion to have the verdict set aside.

STAMER ARRIVALS.

Halifax, Oct. 25.—La Bourdonnais, Bordeaux; Oxonian, Liverpool.

NINE FAST HEATS RACED IN TORONTO

Rose Todd Wins 2:30 Pace In Straight Heats At Dufferin.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Nine heats were raced at Dufferin park today, and more would have been run off had not the opening heat been an hour late in getting away, owing to the bad scoring of the field in the 2:20 pace.

Rose Todd was a trotter up until this fall, when she went lame and her owner, W. Payne, shifted her to the pace. Today she went about her business in masterly style, winning in straight heats, and in addition, was well handled throughout, always having something left at the end of every heat. Highland Lassie went lame in the first heat, and was drawn in the third heat.

2:30 Pace, Purse \$400.

Rose Todd, b.m., by Kentucky	1
Todd, W. Payne, Toronto	1
Just Jack, chg., by Herman	2
Wenger, D. E. Hurst, Lang	2
(Elmhurst)	2
Hal Patchen, b.g., by Major	3
King, A. Vales, Toronto	3
(Montgomery)	3
Francis McMillan, b.g., by	4
High Private, D. Kitcher	4
Ancestor (Walsh)	4
Albert Spaulding, b.g., by	5
High Private, Smith Bros.	5
Waterdown (Fleming)	5
Lucy Thompson, b.k.m., sire	6
unknown, E. McVine, Toron-	6
to (Chapman)	6
Schuler Grattan, b.g., by	7
Grattan Royal, J. Curran,	7
Toronto (Mullen)	7
Eel Boy, chg., by Eel H. Dr.	8
Young, Sudbury (Stevens)	8
Highland Lassie, b.m., by	9
Canada Lad, J. Roach,	9
Alvinston (Roach)	9
Time, 2:23 1/2, 2:19 1/2, 2:21 1/2,	
2:14 Pace, Purse \$300.	
Attie, chg., by Unko, J. T.	1
Payette, Penetang (Collins)	1
Blond J., b.g., by Liberty J.	2
T. A. Hiltz, Sandusky, O.	2
(Morrison)	2
Tarzan Grattan, b.g., by Grat-	3
tan Royal, West Willow	3
Stables, Hamilton (Walsh)	3
June Custer, b.m., by Willie	4
Custer, A. R. Woods, Sault	4
Ste. Marie (Marsh)	4
Billy Abdell, b.g., by Ab-	5
dell, V. Rountree, Weston	5
(Chapman)	5
Dr. Sprague, b.g., by Sidmont	6
Sprague, Bert, Sopher,	6
Smith's Falls (Rountree)	6
Tom Brown, b.g., by Hal Rea,	7
J. Nash, Toronto (Nash)	7
Joe Chimes, b.g., by Golden	8
Chimes, Mr. Loughton, Ap-	8
pin (Loughton)	8
T.N.T., b.g., by Nereole, Dr.	9
Young, Sudbury (Stevens)	9
Bert Sims, Martin Siding	10
(Porter)	10
Time, 2:17 1/2, 2:16 1/2, 2:17 1/2,	
2:20 Trot, Purse \$400 (Unfinished).	
Detroit, b.m., by High Pri-	1
vate, H. Baxter, Hamilton	1
(Fields)	1
Cero, b.g., by Unko, J. Wal-	2
lace, Alvinston (Wallace	2
and Roach)	2
Jimmy Racho, b.g., by Jim	3
Todd, George Agnew, New	3
Hamburg (Easson)	3
Tena Bell, b.m., by Unko, J.	4
Williamson, Toronto (Wat-	4
son)	4
Lady Elaine, b.m., by Toco	5
Mr. McLaughlin, Alisa	5
Miss Hattie, b.m., by Battle	6
A. Vales, Toronto (Mont-	6
gomery)	6
Time, 2:24 1/2, 2:22 1/2, 2:24 1/2.	

CANADIEN SHARPSHOOTERS BLANK BOSTON BRUINS 5-0



Charlie Stewart Makes Professional Debut With Beaneater Sextet.

SPIRIT IMPROVED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Canadiens defeated the Boston Bruins 5 to 0 in a scheduled N. H. L. fixture, played before a Christmas crowd of 3,500 here tonight.

Dr. Charles Stewart, star amateur goalie of Hamilton, was in the nets for Boston and played a magnificent game. It was only his second time on skates this year, which, added to the fact that he was in strange paws and was pitted against the fastest shooting team in the league, made his professional debut all the more impressive.

Boston was outplayed by the brilliant Dominion champions, but the Bruins showed smarter play and a better spirit than in their previous games.

The summary:
First period—Canadiens, Matz, 15:30.
Second period—Canadiens, Joliat, 3:20.
Third period—Canadiens, S. Cleghorn 1:20; Canadiens, Joliat, 3:00; Canadiens, Moreau, 3:00.
Referee—Cooper Smeaton.
Both teams used their regular line-ups.

BOB EMSLIE HONORED BY ST. THOMAS CLUB

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 25.—At a big Christmas celebration of the Talbot Club, Limited, in the spacious club rooms in the Huron & Erie building, Robert D. Emslie, veteran National league umpire and now special adviser to President John A. Heydler, was made a life member of the club.

The distinction conferred on "Bob," as he is commonly known among his fellow curlers and sportsmen, came as a complete surprise, but after the presentation of the document by President Harley Taylor, "Bob" replied in a fitting manner.

has visited the Rhineland to meet a German club. The athletic club of the fourth year, Paris, today played the German club of Mayence at the latter city, and was defeated by the score of 6 to 2. This game was played before a surprisingly large attendance of 5,000. Prior to the game committees representing both teams met in the center of the field and exchange bouquets of flowers.

LARGE ENTRY LIST SEEN FOR ST. THOMAS' SPIEL

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 25.—Indications point to a very large entry for the Western Ontario curlers' bonspiel, which will be held in St. Thomas rink on Jan. 14 and 15. Entries are being received at the local club rooms, where a list is posted.

Entries are made by individual players, and at present there are 34 names on the list. It is estimated that there are 50 members of the local club who are entitled to play, and the curlers' committee are busy lining them up for the fray.

FRENCH PLAY IN RHINELAND AFTER LAPSE OF MANY YEARS

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 25.—For the first time since the war a French football team

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Nerves and Blood Are Life. The lack of new force is found among men of all ages. This is true with men in all walks of life, from the day laborer to the mechanic or professional man. Merchant and clergy are alike afflicted. The result is a constant overwork, dissipation, sedentary habits or worry, and your vital organs are disturbed, remember, makes it more difficult to overcome the symptoms, and have been tried and proved a success.

I Am Prepared to Give You. I am prepared to give you all the latest and best known agents in Electrical, Surgical and Mechanical Apparatus, and I am prepared by the knowledge of their use and the experience in prescribing them so as to get the greatest uniform results from them.

YOUNG MEN—THINK OF YOUR FUTURE

How about it, are you qualified to face it—are others doing more and getting more out of life than you are? Find out if you don't know already, what is dragging you down. No one can violate nature's laws and succeed. I have helped thousands physically, mentally, morally, I believe I can help you. Just be frank and tell me your troubles. Let me help you to regain and maintain your health.

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NINE PEOPLE DEAD IN DAM DISASTER

Many Others Missing Or Injured In Flood At Saltville, Va.

Associated Press Despatch.

Saltville, Va., Dec. 25.—Nine dead, six or seven missing and 21 persons injured stood as the toll tonight of the mud dam disaster at the Mathiason dam, near Saltville, Va. The injured lay in the river, the mud dam having burst.

Many have contracted pneumonia from their immersion in the icy water, and virtually all of them were severely burned by the alkali in the mud. Many others who escaped injury when the torrent of water and mud came down the river, were members of rescue parties who toiled all of last night and today in the line mud, sustained burns and were treated at emergency hospitals.

DUKE KEATS' ESKIMOS DEFEAT SASKATOON 3-2

Canadian Press Despatch.

Saskatoon, Dec. 25.—The Tuleide hockey entertainment was wrapped up in about 15 minutes of wild-eyed excitement that prevailed in the third period of the Edmonton-Saskatoon duel here this afternoon. Duke Keats and his fast-skating Eskimos took the joy of the festive occasion by defeating the Sheiks 3 to 2 in a game that provided thrills, spills, cheers and jeers.

GIVE UP TWENTY YEARS IN GAINING TWO DOLLARS

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 25.—For \$1 each, Dan Sullivan, 30, and Donald McFay, 22, gave up from 10 to 20 years of their lives today. That was the sentence they received from Judge Christopher E. Stein a few minutes after they had been convicted of holding up a grocery at 1400 Fifteenth street. They obtained \$4, but half of that was divided with two other members of the robbery party.

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Tigers 3, St. Pats 2.

SENIOR MANITOBA LEAGUE. Port William 6, Port Arthur 9.

U. S. A. H. A. Boston 4, New Haven 2.

UNION O. H. A. Cobourg 3, Port Hope 6.

INNERKIP MAN INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY TRAIN

Special to The Advertiser.

Innerkip, Dec. 25.—While walking along the C. P. R. track to his work, John Aggroff was struck by the west-bound regular passenger train due here at 5:30 and thrown some distance. The train was stopped, and Mr. Aggroff was taken to the general hospital at Woodstock.

No bones were broken, but he is suffering from shock. It is not known how serious his injuries are.

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ACCIDENTS BRING DEATH TO SIXTY

Tragedy Stalks Throughout United States Dulling Joy of Merry-makers.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—More than 60 persons were killed, upwards of half a hundred were injured and a number of others are missing as the result of an unusually large number of accidents Christmas eve and Christmas day.

In addition to the loss of life, fires, mainly due to the overheating of houses as a result of the extremely cold Christmas weather, caused a heavy property loss.

The most serious as well as the most pathetic Christmas eve tragedy occurred near Hobart, Oklahoma, where 23 persons are known to be dead and six others are missing or dead as the result of a fire in a schoolhouse where a Christmas entertainment was in progress. The next highest loss of life was taken near Roanoke, Virginia, where six are dead, nine are missing and 35 are in hospitals as the result of the breaking of a "muck dam" at Saltville last night.

Four Die in Texas.

At Stamford, Texas, four were killed and six injured, one seriously, in a fire in the Stamford hotel.

Two men were frozen to death in Chicago's five-below-zero Christmas weather, a policeman was killed as the result of a fall, and a Chinese laundryman was shot and probably fatally wounded in a renewal of tong warfare.

Four were killed and one probably fatally injured in an automobile accident at Richmond, Va., and at Dixon, Ill., a 3-year-old child died and instantly killed his 10-year-old brother with their father's shotgun, and one person was killed as the result of placing oil in a cook stove.

Many Accidents.

Two were killed in a Christmas eve shooting scrape near Richmond, Ky.; two were killed in an automobile accident at Birmingham, Ala.; a 3-year-old girl died of burns at Worcester, Mass.; one was killed in an automobile accident at Lexington, N.C.; a policeman was killed at New Orleans, La., by a bank robber; mother died of burns in Lincoln, Neb., after pouring kerosene on a kitchen fire; two were injured at Glendale, Calif., when a bomb in the form of a Christmas package exploded; two were killed and two injured in an automobile accident at Centralia, Ill., and at Michigan city, Ind.; two were killed and two injured when a train struck an automobile; while in New York five men were seriously wounded by two gunmen.

CANADIAN LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION FIGHTS DRAW

Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, Dec. 25.—Johnny McIntyre of Glace Bay, fought a 15-round draw with Frankie Bull, of Toronto, Canadian lightweight champion, in a local theatre this afternoon. The decision was met with boos and jeers. Bull, who was the aggressor throughout, made his opponent look like a novice in several rounds, but his punches were weak and McIntyre was in no trouble at any time.

Bull weighed 135 and McIntyre 147-152 pounds. The title was not at stake.

ANNUAL SERVICE.

The annual church service of the Knights Templar of the city will be held at the Masonic Temple on Sunday afternoon. Members of Templar Masonry have been notified of the service, and a well-attended Christmas commemoration is expected.

TENDLER VICTOR AT PHILADELPHIA

Awarded Decision Over Joe Tiptitz After Ten Fast Rounds.

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—Lew Tandler was awarded the judges' decision over Joe Tiptitz today at the end of their ten-round bout, the feature of the Christmas matinee at the armory. The fight was hard and fast. Tandler, displaying much of his old-time boxing skill and ring generalship, managed to evade most of Tiptitz's savage punches. Tandler weighed 141 pounds and Tiptitz 139. Both are Philadelphians.

Rocky Smith knocked out Joe Libby in the third round. Both are Philadelphia lightweight. Smith's opponent, for Charles Tate, who was unable to appear because of a severe cold.

Benny Bass, Philadelphia, knocked out Earl Baird, Los Angeles, in the second round. They are featherweights.

Joe Dundee, Baltimore, won the judges' decision over Johnny Moeley, Atlantic city, heavy lightweight, in ten rounds. Dundee was the aggressor throughout.

RUGBY SCORES

Associated Press Despatch.

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United States' Opportunity.

With United States preparing to press for prior position in regard to the payment of the French war debt owing her rather than allowing Britain to commence the collection of some of the amounts owing to that country, the total war debts owing Britain make an interesting and imposing document. The amounts owed to Britain are computed as follows:

France	\$3,100,000,000
Russia	3,500,000,000
Italy	2,500,000,000
Jugo-Slavia	140,000,000
Poland	500,000
Rumania	120,000,000
Portugal	100,000,000
Greece	115,000,000
Belgian Congo	15,000,000

Total \$9,590,500,000

Britain is the only nation that has made a move toward paying her debt to United States, and she is doing so at the rate of \$240,000,000 in interest and principal per year. The nations owing Britain have, with one small exception, not even paid interest on their debts, thus leaving the amount to pile up at an alarming rate.

Britain needs payments from France much more than United States does. The latter country is full of money; her treasury has more gold than it can begin to profitably employ, and the payment of the French debt to Washington instead of to London would not help United States, whereas it would embarrass Britain.

United States has an opportunity, in view of the figures quoted above, and of the further fact that Britain came to her a year and a half ago and arranged for the payment of her debt, to do a generous act and state frankly that she would prefer the French to begin payment to Britain first.

Nations, like individuals, reach their most honorable heights when they carry on their business in a human way, when they are prepared to consider circumstances, and allow to others the same scope for recovery that they would like to receive themselves in similar surroundings.

United States has right now a splendid chance to show her real calibre and her true size by dealing with the French debts to London and Washington in the same spirit that Britain displayed in regard to her debt to United States.

The "Best Seller."

Christmas and New Year is the season for books. The "best sellers" reap the harvest, for books always make acceptable gifts.

In the deluge of new books, adventure, fiction, biography, it is opportune to recall that the Old Book, as people call it, the Bible, still heads the list with a sale of over 7,000,000 copies during the year.

Despite the work of the critics who have for years piled their lancets and scalpels to carve the superhuman and the divine from the Book, it stands, and the old world demands it with the miraculous and the wonderful left in.

This remarkable sale is accomplished with no advertising, no copies sent out for review purposes—in hundreds of languages in as many lands, it defies the inroads of all the great writers of the day, and it will continue to do so. There has never been a book like it, nor will there ever be one to challenge its position in the heart of the world.

A Double Lesson Here.

A young man, formerly manager of a branch bank in Hamilton, told a story in court yesterday that ought to make any young man sit down and think hard. He had gained the confidence of the bank employing him, was made manager of a branch; he was on the way up. Since September he has been in jail, he has lost his position, squandered \$65,000 of the bank's money betting on horse races. His outlook is not a pleasant one.

The fact that he was able to keep it up so long raises the question of how could he do it and not be detected. It is a fact that a man in a branch bank, where he does or manages most of the business himself, has a greater opportunity—if that is the right word—for crooked work than the man in a large office, where his work is checked by others.

McLellan says he worked with a man named Baird in placing bets on horses. Baird would write a check on McLellan's bank and present it for payment at some other bank in the city. This other bank would call McLellan and ask if he had an account there, and the answer would be given in the affirmative. Then the books in McLellan's bank would be falsified to cover up the theft. How? Well, Jones might have an account of \$5,000, and a certain amount be taken from his account and not marked up on the book that Jones carried to and from the bank. There are other ways, but this kind of business could not last; it was bound to be discovered.

But why was it not discovered sooner? It seems almost incredible that any bank in the year 1924, when there are so many systems devised to make banking safe, to check up this and that, could have been drained regularly and cheated systematically from the inside, and that the scheme should have run on month after month without detection.

The Hamilton case is not only a warning to the race horses alone, but also a very

plain one to the bankers that their system of doing business has some loopholes in it through which a horse and wagon can be driven.

Fighting on Small Issues.

Toronto's election campaign is much like that of places much smaller. There seems to be an idea that in the larger centers the issues brought before the electors must be larger, and presented in a bigger way, but it does not work out like that.

Toronto has its aldermanic candidates basing claims on what they have done or will do for their wards; it has one mayoralty candidate trudging about in long boots fishing for wet votes on the silly plea that a wet mayor for Toronto would be warning to the provincial government that it must "do something" for the wet element in the province. It has Controller Foster, who seems likely to run second in the mayoralty contest, making capital out of the "jaunts and joy-rides" taken by members of this year's board of control and council. This "joy-riding" plea at municipal elections is a fine old tool, but it's as dull as the family axe that chops ice off the cement walk in January. There is a certain amount of travelling that must be done, and the larger the city the greater that amount will be. The idea that aldermen are keen to quit their work for the sake of getting a ride on a train and attending to civic business at distant points is not one that lines up with facts. Yet that seems to be one of the stock arguments of a candidate for the mayoralty of Ontario's largest city. There is nothing very impressive in such small-calibre leadership.

Note and Comment.

With the return of short skirts, promised for the spring, the fatted calf will again be in our midst.

Keep your head is a fine old saying, and the only turk alive today is the one that followed that rule.

An artist in Niagara Falls has been raising one-dollar bills to ten, and the chances seem to be to one that he won't be caught.

Brockville Recorder says it's possible to shoot more wolves at a race track in half an hour than in a month's hunting up north.

The best part of the eviction of Scottish tenants for non-payment of rent in Clydebank is the news that they have been reinstated.

In a log-rolling contest on the Pacific coast a lumberjack named Jordan won the contest. And of course at the presentation of the prizes the band would play "Roll, Jordan, Roll."

A man under bail of \$3,000 started out to drive to court in Frisco, but was delayed by a blow-out, finding when he reached court late the judge had ordered his bail forfeited. The average blow-out costs a new tube and a blow-out shoe, but this \$3,000 blow-out sets a new high water mark.

The passing of William McNeil removes a London citizen who was well known far outside his own city. For years the name William McNeil has stood for the last word in all matters relating to well-bred poultry. He has been judge or exhibitor at the largest exhibitions on the continent, and the fairness of his decisions, coupled with his willingness to impart his knowledge to others, made for him a unique and enviable reputation.

Londoners made a very good start at singing Christmas carols and songs in Victoria park on Christmas eve. It may be that we do not sing with the fervor and enthusiasm of the Welsh, but we tackled the thing in our own way, and then, too, there is a contagion in numbers and a freedom in the semi-darkness of a park. It was a good idea, and, like our first of July celebration in the same park, should become one of London's calendar events of the year.

Living In a Flat

Well, Joe and Sara they got wed and settled down like folks should do, they called us to their hut one night a-sayin' how they'd show us through.

For Sara said they had a flat, the cutest thing she ever saw, and she was tickled pink she was since partin' from her maw and paw.

So we went lookin' through the place, and goppin' at the things they got, and notin' if the chairs was good when we had got inside and sot.

They entertain their guests in twos, not havin' space to park a troupe, the place they call their livin' room's no bigger than a chicken coop.

Then Joe he says let's take a look at where we set to eat our meals, he leadin' on the rest of us a-followin' close upon his heels. Joe went in first and says look out, this room it ain't so very wide, there's danger when you're comin' in of bumpin' on the other side. With Joe a-sittin' over there and Sara sittin' over here, there wouldn't be, upon my word, three feet of coast space runnin' clear.

Then when we'd seen the little spot wherein their daily meals was et, then Sara she piped up to say we'd have to see her kitchenette. Well I was trillin' back behind, the space bein' kind of tight for four, so when the kitchenette was viewed I was just squintin' through the door.

A kitchenette, let me explain, is just three feet from wall to wall, and if you're awkward like or fat, you don't fit in that place at all. A stove set here, the sink is there, the cupboard turns you on the chin, and when you try to turn around the stove leg bites you on the shin.

There ain't no room to go in there and mold a shapely loaf of bread, so they have got to save the space and pile in crackers there instead. Nor is there room for roasts of beef to bolster up a workin' man, there's only room to take a knife and open up a salmon can.

And I was thinkin' as we turned and shuffled from that little pen, about the space we used to have when livin' on concession ten; when John's folks came to spend the day, was eight of them and eight of us, and all was made to feel to home, no crowdin' in, no jam or fuss.

But still if Sara likes the place, if she don't kick her heels nor balk, I guess perhaps the rest of us has got no grounds to whine or talk.

Rarebits By Rex

AN IMAGINED SIREN.

Somewhere on a South Sea islet,
Quite unknown to any pilot,
There is probably a maiden with a skin of golden brown,
Who is sitting with her knitting
(Or whatever else is fitting),
While her dusky tresses crown her with a deeply lustrous crown.

If there should be such a maiden
With her gorgeous ringlets laden
With the blooms of tropic flowers, she'd be thinkin' of me there;
Or she should be, if she could be,
If she didn't—well, it would be,
Since my fantasies evolved her, hardly courteous or fair.

"Ukelele" I shall term her,
Where the wavelets softly murmur,
(If here name is Ukelele it's a pretty nifty name);
"Ukelele"—she should blow a
Fragrant kiss to me, to show a
Proper sense of obligation for her moniker, I claim.

"Ukelele"—in the distance,
If she's really in existence—
Should be sighing at my absence, sad and lonely,
I aver.

A creation, a pulsation
Of my fond imagination—
If she doesn't think about me, I will unimagine her!

We got six ties for Christmas, and now if we lose our job we can always get a position as a barber pole.

Do your Christmas exchanging early.

The only thing that Santa brought father for Christmas was a grouch.

And now there's a hole in our sock where we hammered the nail through it.

ODE.

Christmas comes but once a year,
And on gets gifts and such;
But when the bills come in I think
That once a year's too much.

Poor relations we shall always have with us.

Our cat had a merry Christmas. He ate the turkey before we did.

One should give credit where credit is due. But the banks don't think it's due us.

One advantage in having a bald head is that nobody is apt to give you brilliantine for Christmas.

The only reason we make New Year's resolutions is to experience the joy of breaking them.

We didn't hear of any cases of Santa getting scorched while coming down the chimney, but we know one man who got burned eating the Christmas pudding.

Editorial Opinion

THE POPE ON COMMUNISM.

(From the Montreal Gazette.)

M OVED by the failure of a mission for the relief of Catholics in Russia, due to obstacles put in its way by government authorities, the pope has felt it his duty to warn all men and especially all heads of governments that "all those who love peace and the public welfare, and all those who believe in the sanctity of the family and in human dignity may unite to avert from themselves and their fellows the grave dangers and inevitable injuries of socialism and communism." The world generally knows of the activities of the soviet organizations, whose influence extends far beyond Russia. They disavow Christianity and all religion. Some of them at least would destroy the family and all that is sacred in the material and moral life of the community, in the material and moral life of the community, in the material and moral life of the community.

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To the Editor

Christmas Thoughts.

A Time of Year When Memory
Has Sway and Old Events Troop
Across the Space.

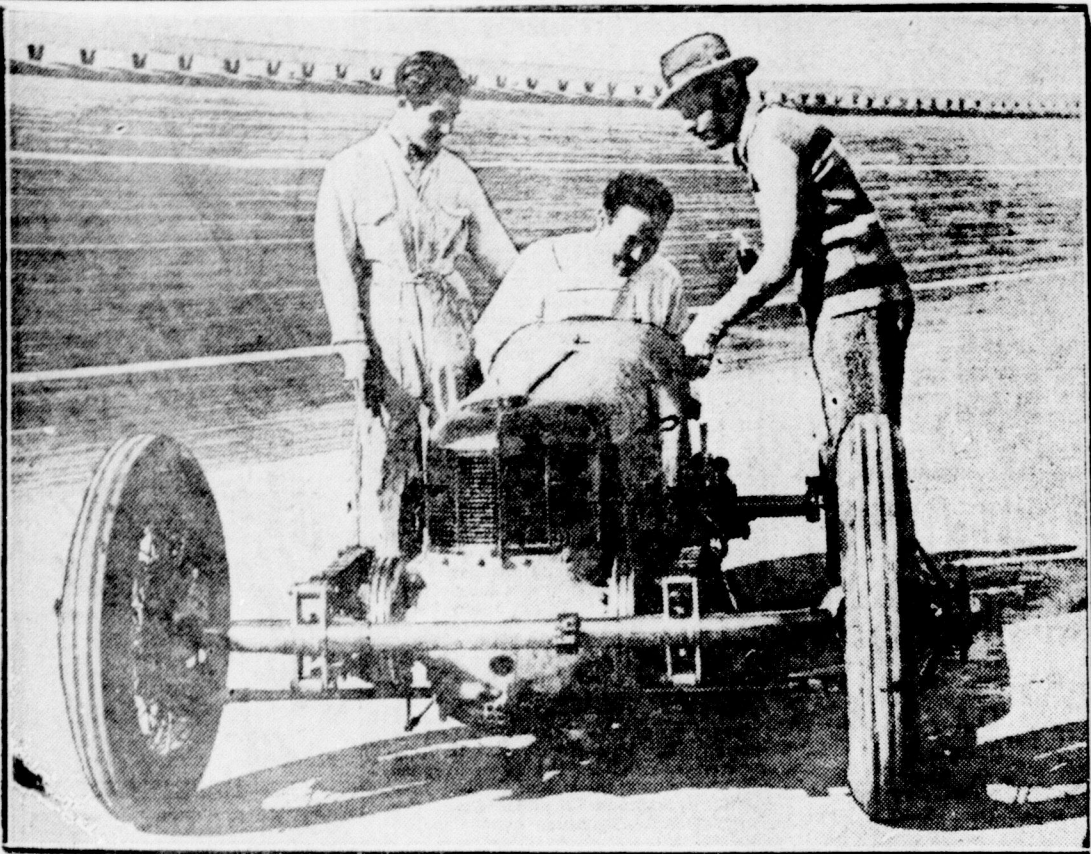
Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—A thought that often strikes me is about what other people think Christmas to be. What do people mean when they say "Merry Christmas"? What thought strikes them at this period of universal joy? On this night of nights how many realize what stupendous glory came to the world nearly 2,000 years ago? Let me give you a few of my thoughts.

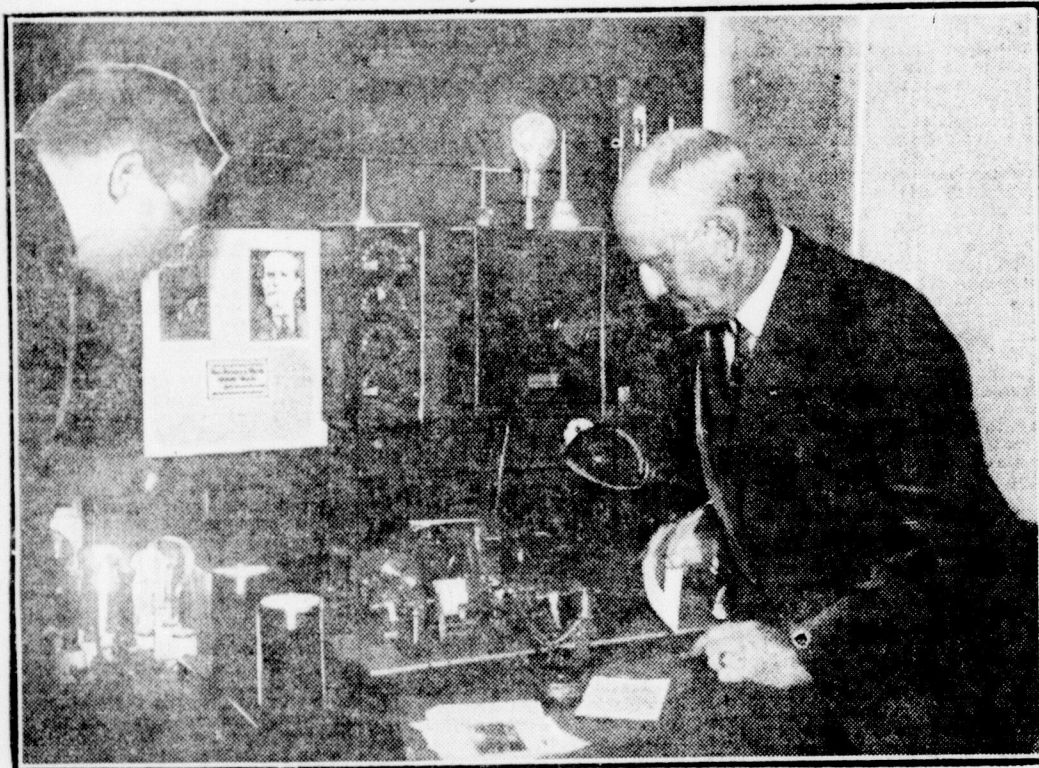
As I sit alone by the fireside many thoughts and visions pass along the paths of memory, but one that always comes out clearer is of an age-old story told to children by their mothers. The birth of Christ is that story, it is the story in which they were again that day. That star appears bright and clear. That song of the angels again sounds ringing through the world, this spirit ruled. War for a time was suspended, while greetings of good cheer were passed across No Man's land.

Perceval found that there was no lasting joy in sensual things. He found that supreme joy only when he forgot himself and thought of others. I was told as a little chap that it was more blessed to give than to receive

Algoma Farmers Wage War on Wolves; Heiress Fined \$26,000



This car is built for racing, the highest part of the car being thirty-four inches from the track, but the main feature being a front wheel drive. The front axle contains all the driving gears that the ordinary car has in the rear axle.



General J. G. Harbord, president of the Radio Corporation of America, is shown above at the receiving apparatus in New York when the first photos were recently transmitted from England to America by radio.



The collector of customs for the port of New York assessed Mrs. Jules S. Bache, shown above, \$26,000 for failure to declare as dutiable clothing and jewelry valued at \$18,000, which she brought back from Paris.



Mrs. Dorothy Martin Hillman, bride of wealthy Chicago builder, has run away the third time within three weeks of their marriage.



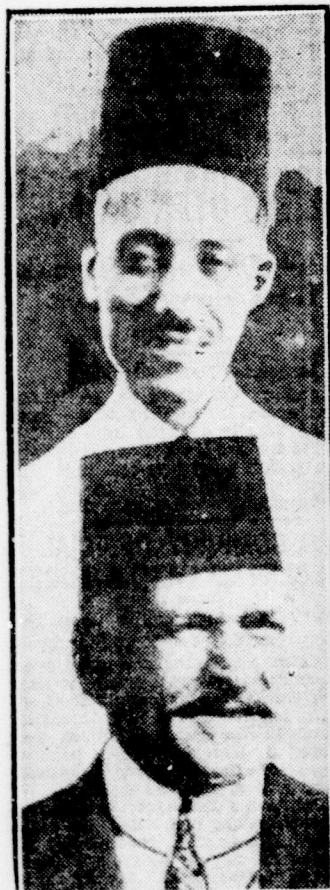
A new portrait of Kashmir's heir and Mrs. Robinson's flame, Sir Hurri Singh, who has been unsuccessful in keeping his name out of the papers.



Harry A. Newman, Toronto barrister and international president of the Lions Club, has left on a long western trip in the interests of Lionism.



W. J. Blair, leader of the Conservative party in Saskatchewan, who has announced his resignation following a prolonged illness.



Two of the Egyptian Nationalist leaders who were arrested in Cairo after the assassination of Sirdar Sir Lee Stack, are: Above, "William" Makram Obeid and below, Abdel Rahman Ben Fahmy.



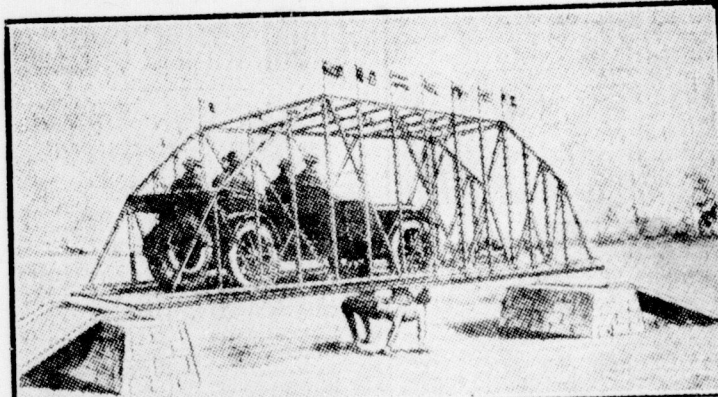
This shows the start of the first day of the big round-up of wolves in the drive recently organized by the men of Algoma territory, Ontario.



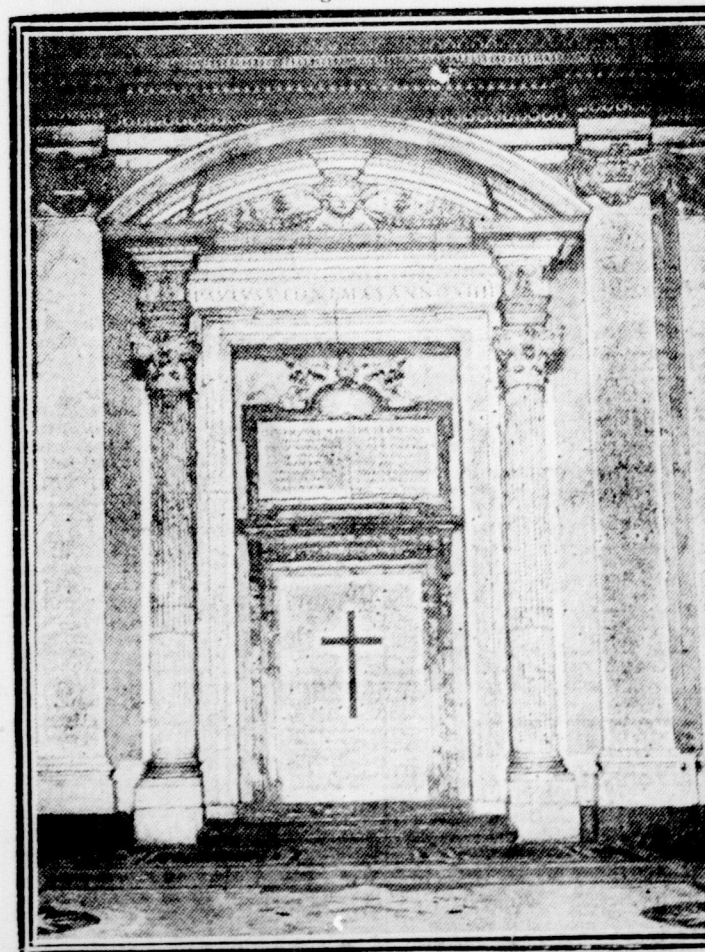
An unconventional portrait of Virginia Kline, actress, critic, and playwright, whose new play, "Take and Pay," featuring millionaire life, recently made its debut in Canada, before going to New York.



Four whose names have been bandied about following the yacht party which preceded the death of Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer. Upper left, William Randolph Hearst; upper right, Marion Davies, actress; lower left, Seena Owen, also well-known star, and lower right, Elinor Glyn, authoress of "Three Weeks." These four were guests of the late Thomas H. Ince at a recent party off San Diego, aboard the yacht Oneda.



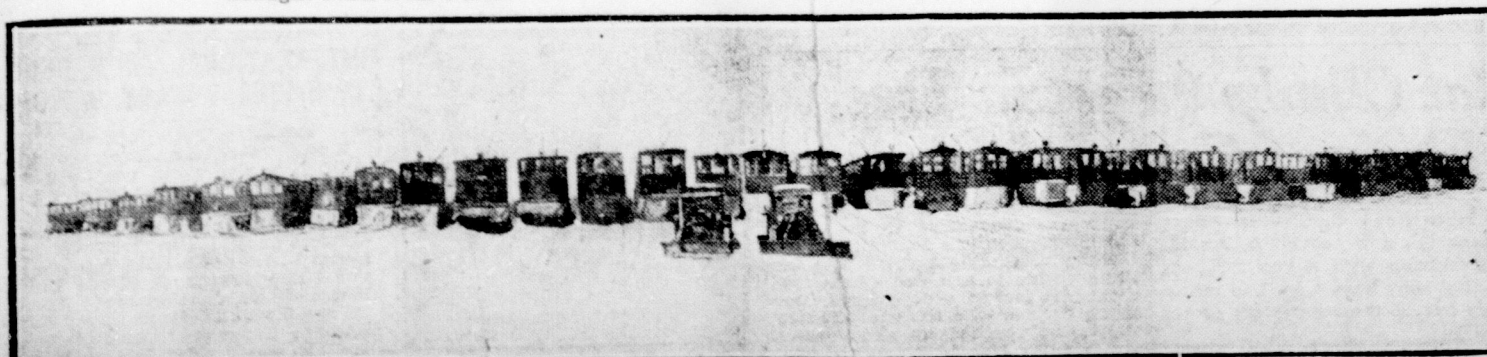
Canada's strongest man, Victor De Lamarre, a Quebec farmer, is shown above lifting a bridge, bearing a 2,200-pound motor car, with passengers in it. De Lamarre holds several world's strength records.



Holy Door which guards the sacred reliquary of the Catholic Church at Rome, which thousands of Canadian Catholics will visit next year, it being Jubilee year.



Robert Murray and Alex Stewart, two old-timers, who joined in the big hunt of the Algoma Wolf Hunt Club at Bar River, Ontario, to help the farmers rid the district of wolves, which are preying on their sheep.



This is not the famous line of tanks which broke the Hindenburg line at Cambrai in 1917, but the fleet of twenty-eight electrically driven snow-sweepers which were turned loose against the snowstorm when winter recently descended overnight in Toronto.

THIRTY-TWO BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Death Toll May Reach Thirty-Seven In Schoolhouse Blaze.

FEW ARE IDENTIFIED

Associated Press Despatch.
Hobart, Okla., Dec. 25.—With the identification of the last victim established, the reckoning of the death toll in the Christmas eve fire at the Babb switch rural school stood at 33 tonight.

Twenty injured persons are still confined in two hospitals. One is expected to die, and two others are in a critical condition.

Funeral services for sixteen of the dead will be held tomorrow.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hobart, Okla., Dec. 25.—With 32 bodies, most of them burned beyond recognition, lying in a temporary morgue in two store buildings, and five others listed as missing, as a result of a Christmas eve fire at the district school house at Babb's Switch, seven miles from here, Hobart citizens tonight were continuing their efforts to identify the dead.

At a mass meeting today, called by Mayor F. E. Gillespie, committee members named to look after every detail of the sad task, and the work was going forward systematically. It has been decided to bury all the unidentified in one large grave in the Hobart cemetery, and late today a crew of men broke the snow that blanketed the burial ground to throw up a large trench of earth.

Early tonight only ten of the dead had been identified, despite the fact that the morgue was early this morning open to the public. A steady procession of grief-stricken relatives filed all day long between the shrouded forms, but so terribly had they been burned that it was impossible in most cases to mark the features of loved ones.

Entire Family Dies.

Among those who have been recognized is the family of T. C. Coffey, a farmer living near the Babb's Switch school. Six bodies, the bodies of the father, mother and four little forms, have been placed in themselves in a corner of the awesome room. Survivors tell stories of how the family standing in the center of the blazing room, every means of escape cut off, threw their arms around each other, and in a final gesture of devotion fell together into the inferno as blazing rafters loosened from the roof struck them down.

Amid the awful confusion of the scene survivors say they were struck by the placidity by which the Coffey family met death. There, too, in a place apart, is the body of Mrs. Florence Hill, teacher at the school, who might have escaped had she not tarried in a futile effort to find some avenue of escape for the little charges that were hers. A woman from Fort Worth, formerly Juanette Clements, of the Babb's Switch district, her three-year-old daughter Mary, and Vesta Jackson complete the list of the identified dead early tonight.

Twenty-seven others are listed as dead or missing, and efforts are going forward to determine whether any are among the injured who were taken after the fire to farmhouses throughout the countryside.

Program Had Ended.

Death entered the Christmas celebration suddenly, cutting off at its height the program rendered by the children of the neighborhood. The last little girl had spoken her piece, and a jolly Santa Claus in red suit and furs had distributed to each chubby pair of eager hands a little sack of candy while parents and friends who packed the small one-room structure to capacity looked on.

Santa reached for one of the few remaining candy sacks. His arm struck a candle in the Christmas tree. The tiny blaze fell from its meager perch and in an instant a ball of cotton on the tree burst into flames. A rush to put out the fire and the tree fell over, scattering blazing twigs in all directions. The room was in a panic. Men and women sprang for the single exit at the rear, and to the windows, beating out the flames only to find the openings covered by heavy wire netting. The windows shattered, a brisk wind blew through the room, fanning the flames and the flimsy structure caught like firewood.

Many were crushed in the jam before the door, and it is believed that most of those who perished had been injured before the flames found them. The injured were taken to Hobart in motor cars, where emergency hospitals with volunteer nursing staffs ministered to their injuries.

The work of fighting the fire and rescuing the dead was hampered by lack of water.

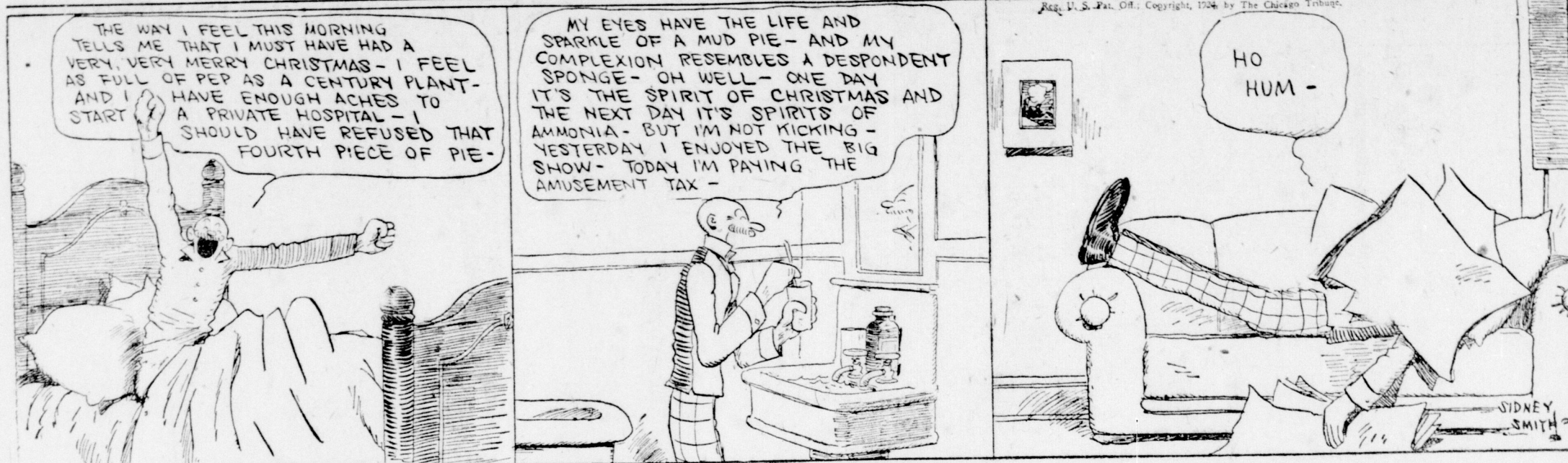
The Dead.

The list of identified dead, as revised tonight, follows:
T. C. Coffey, Mrs. T. C. Coffey, Maudie Coffey, Audrey Coffey, Orley Coffey, Ethel Coffey.
Mrs. Florence Perry Hill, teacher at the school in charge of the entertainment.
Vesta Jackson, a married woman from Fort Worth, Texas, near Juanita Clements, and her infant.
Among those listed as missing and believed to be dead were:
J. T. Goforth, Bud Biggers, Perry Biggers, Dowell Bolding, Eugene Bolding, John Bolding, Eugene Bolding, Duke, Paul Peck, Silas Peck, Opa Peck, William Curtis, 33, Mrs. William Curtis, 33, two Curtis children, 8 and 10, Mary Matz (child), John Matzburger, Curtis Peterson, Cyril Peck (child), Lila Reville, Lynn Reville, Gladys Clements, 22, Mary Lois Clements, 21, Mrs. Glen Young, Mrs. Rhoda Bradshaw, 37, Mattie Bolding, 13, Edward Bolding, 10, William Baker and Walter Vickers.

PREMIER HERRIOT AGAIN ABLE TO ATTEND DUTIES

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 25.—Premier Herriot, who has been confined to his room by illness since Dec. 10, was allowed to leave his bed for the first time today. The doctors, however, have ordered that the premier must stay off his feet for the present, owing to the continuing stiffness in the muscles of one of his legs. Consequently, for the time being, he will work in an armchair.

THE GUMPS—'T WAS THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



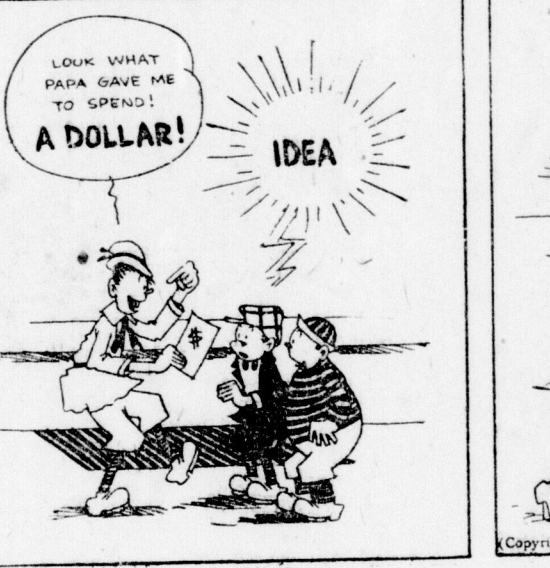
REG'LAR FEELERS



Showing Mallethead Around.



I KNOW A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET A BANANA SPLIT FRAPPE WITH NUTS, CHOCOLATE AND DOUBLE WHIP CREAM ALL FOR TEN CENTS! MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE THAT FIRST HUH?

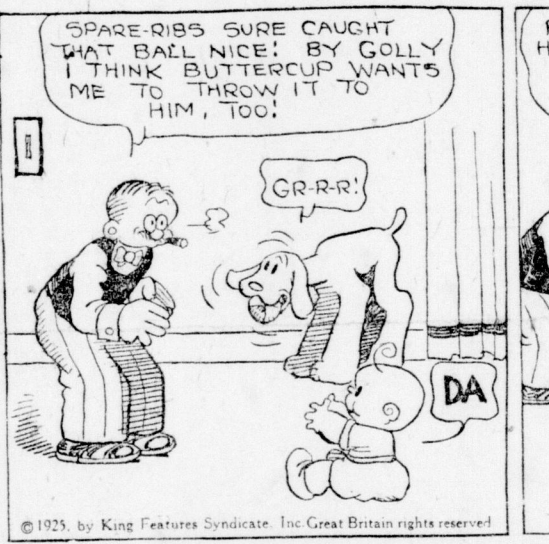


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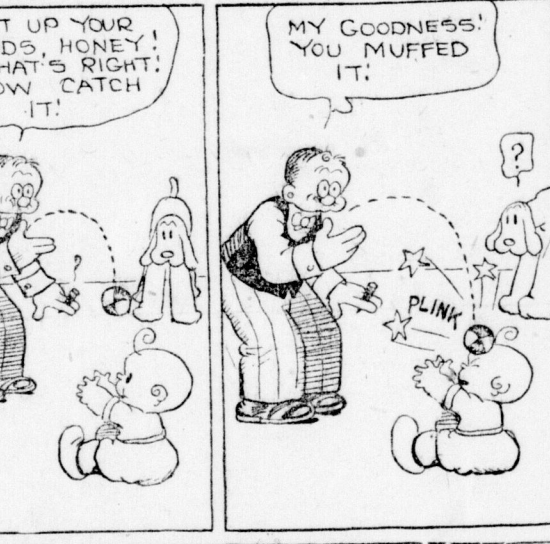
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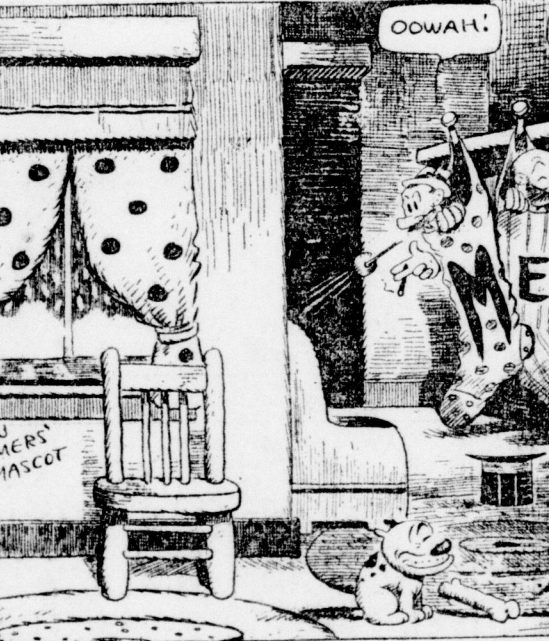


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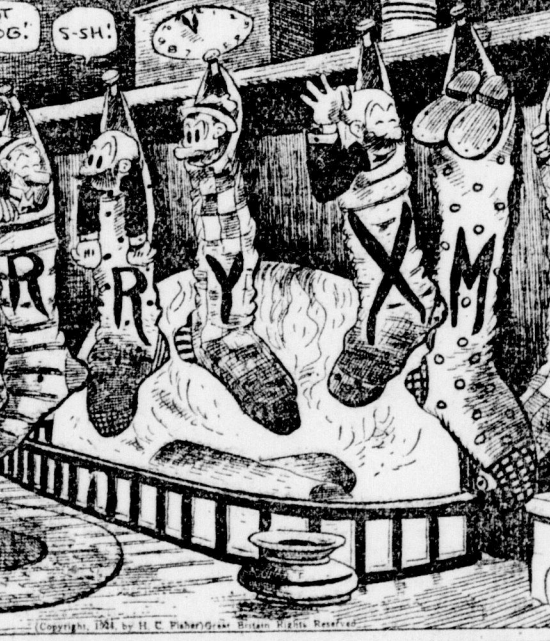
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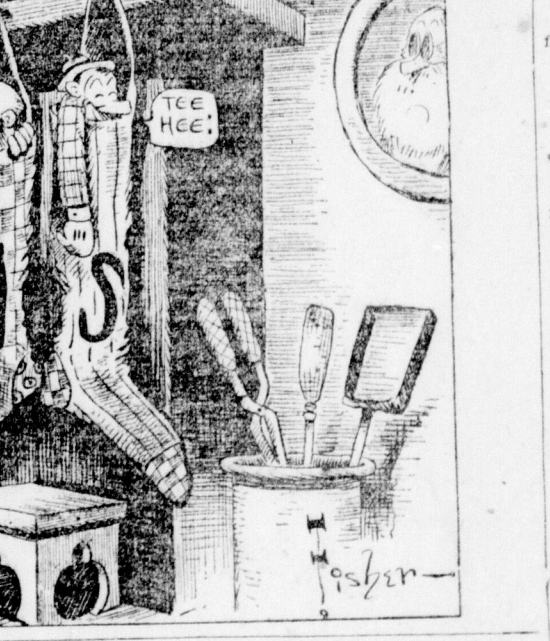
After Old Santa Makes His Visit.



By "Bud" Fisher



WIDOW'S FAITH IS REWARDED



COUNTLESS VICTIM OF JEWEL THEFT

Wife of Italian General Robbed of \$50,000 Gems in New York Street.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 25.—The Countess Daisy di Robilant, wife of General di Robilant, who commanded the fourth Italian army before Monte Grappa, and who represented his country on the supreme war council in France, was revealed by police yesterday to have been the victim of a \$50,000 robbery last Thursday.

The countess reported that she was walking through East 92nd street, between Park and Madison avenues. A handsome limousine drove up to the curb, stopped near her, and two well-dressed men got out. One of the men jumped her. She lost her footing and stumbled down two or three steps leading to the basement entrance of a home. Both men assisted her to arise. They asked her if she was hurt, and she assured them she was all right. She felt them pass their hands over her wrists and hands. Suddenly, she said, one of the men tugged at the waist-band of her dress, where she wore a handbag attached to a giraffe. In the handbag were her gems.

One of the thieves made off with the handbag and the jewels, including a diamond necklace, said to have been presented by Napoleon to his sister, and valued at \$25,000; a pearl necklace valued at \$7,000 and a diamond brooch in the shape of a crescent valued at \$2,000. The countess said the highwaymen had overlooked another piece of jewelry, valued at \$7,500, which she wore at her throat.

Santa Claus In Alaska Finds Mercury Stands At 41 Above

Nome, Alaska, Dec. 25.—Santa Claus was given a warm reception in this usually frigid town yesterday when he appeared on the main thoroughfare here in a sleigh loaded with Christmas presents and drawn by real reindeers. The presents were distributed to whites and Eskimos alike.

While Canada and the United States shivered from sub-zero weather, fur overcoats and heavy clothing was discarded here yesterday when the mercury registered 40 degrees above zero. Nearly an inch of rain which fell yesterday melted the small amount of snow on the ground. A temperature of 21 above zero recorded a week ago stands as the coldest day of the winter. The local hospital was without patients today for the first time in many months.

Winnipeg, has expressed the opinion that the human body has a much larger stock of reserve energy than is ordinarily believed, and further that greater mental and physical activity results from prolonged fasting.

During the 360 hours Dr. Goldstone took nothing but water, yet lost only 14 pounds in weight. He found, however, that his strength was not greatly impaired, and declared that he could easily have extended the fast another week. Dr. Goldstone continued his daily activities, and immediately after breaking the fast he ran five miles to prove his contention.

COLOGNE TROUBLE AROUSES GERMANS

Admit Laxity In Payment of War Claims—Discredits Liberals.

By EDGAR ANSEL MOWBRER.
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Berlin, Dec. 25.—The question of the evacuation of the Cologne zone is not only causing bad feeling and aiding Nationalist sentiment, but is preventing formation of a new German government, since it discredits Liberal elements and prevents Conservatives from accepting responsibility for a situation which they have not created.

Germans privately admit certain details of the so-called five points are still unfulfilled by the German government, but note that, according to the treaty of Versailles, German disarmament was to be followed by general disarmament, which failed to materialize.

Germans ask how long the treaty of Versailles is to be given purely unilateral application, and whether such application can be held to harm

Widow's Faith Is Rewarded

Special to The Advertiser.
Lynn, Mass., Dec. 25.—For five years, Mrs. Katie P. Carter, a widow of Great Woods road, North Saugus, set a lamp in the window each night and said a prayer for the return of her son, John Edward, unheard from since a short visit when he returned from the war.

Tonight the lamp was gone and Mrs. Carter was weeping tears of joy over a telegram saying her son had just arrived in New York on a ship from China, and would be home within a few days.

monize with the spirit of the Dawes plan.

Whether the German government intends serious resistance to the allied decision in the form of various economies and other reprisals cannot naturally be determined until it is certain decisions not to evacuate the Cologne zone have been taken and the basis for non-evacuation is established.

•SUGAR PRICE DROPS.
Special to The Advertiser.
New Orleans, Dec. 24.—The recent drop in the price of raw sugar here has taken at least \$1,000,000 off the value of the 1924 Louisiana crop.

HONORS COME EASILY IN SMALLEST NATION

Orders and Decorations Awarded For Donations To Charity.

By HIRAM K. MODERWELL.
By Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News.
Republic of San Marino, Dec. 25.—Americans, desiring titles, orders, decorations or knighthoods, may, if of good character, obtain the same by applying to the government of San Marino, the smallest nation in the world, according to a statement made to the writer by Commendatore Giuliano Gosi, secretary of state for foreign affairs, who directs the foreign diplomatic interests of its 12,813 inhabitants. It was pointed out by him that such honors are usually granted to persons who distinguish themselves by their beneficence toward the republic.

Secretary Gosi reminded the correspondent that San Marino's honors are not for sale, but suggested that the grand council would be disposed to consider bestowing high honors upon the donors. The republic grants two orders—the knighthood of San Marino and the order of St. Agatha.

RADIO

TOMORROW'S LIST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.

WEAF, NEW YORK—492.

6 p.m.—Weaf quartet.

7 p.m.—Cantor quartet, basso.

7:45 p.m.—Hobart harmony hour.

8:15 p.m.—Special Christmas program.

11 p.m.—Lopes orchestra.

WNYC, NEW YORK—526.

6:30 p.m.—Wooding's orchestra.

7:05 p.m.—Lavin's orchestra.

7:30 p.m.—Fisher's orchestra.

9 p.m.—American newspapers.

9:45 p.m.—Zither and ukulele.

9:45 p.m.—Lopes orchestra.

WJZ, NEW YORK—455.

7 p.m.—Waldorf orchestra.

8 p.m.—Alice Hurrell soprano.

8:30 p.m.—Williams College concert.

10:40 p.m.—Astor dance orchestra.

WGBS, NEW YORK—316.

6:50 p.m.—Ames Collegians.

7:30 p.m.—Vessey's orchestra.

9:30 p.m.—Corny artists.

10 p.m.—Musical program.

11 p.m.—Russian orchestra.

WOR, NEWARK—405.

6:15 p.m.—Jodel's orchestra.

7:15 p.m.—Daily sport talk.

8 p.m.—Schubert quartet.

8:30 p.m.—Corny artists.

9:45 p.m.—Poetic readings.

10:30 p.m.—Miss Radio Gang.

WIP, PHILADELPHIA—509.

6:07 p.m.—St. James orchestra.

7 p.m.—Uncle Wip's stories.

8:15 p.m.—Artists' orchestra.

10:45 p.m.—Cosgan's orchestra.

11:05 p.m.—Bonawitz organist.

WFI, PHILADELPHIA—395.

6:30 p.m.—Meyer Davis orchestra.

7 p.m.—Sunny Jim stories.

8:15 p.m.—Operetta "Miniature Lady."

9:15 p.m.—Instrumental trio.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH—326.

6 p.m.—Vocal quartet.

7:30 p.m.—Wimble the Wanderer.

8:30 p.m.—Vocal quartet.

WCAE, PITTSBURGH—462.

6:30 p.m.—William Penn orchestra.

7:30 p.m.—Uncle Kaybee.

8:30 p.m.—Musical program.

WRO, WASHINGTON—469.

7:15 p.m.—St. James orchestra.

7:30 p.m.—Vocal quartet.

8:30 p.m.—William Penn orchestra.

9:30 p.m.—Musical program.

WLS, CHICAGO—345.

7 p.m.—Ford and Glenn.

7:15 p.m.—WLS revue light.

KYV, CHICAGO—358.

6:35 p.m.—Children's stories.

7 p.m.—Dinner concert.

8 p.m.—Adele Brandt, contralto.

Lewis Mehan, tenor.

9:35 p.m.—Concert Classic.

12 p.m.—Concert classic.

WJZ, CHICAGO—446.

7 p.m.—Dinner concert.

8 p.m.—Children's stories.

WMAQ, CHICAGO—447.5.

6:30 p.m.—La Salle orchestra.

8 p.m.—Hickory and the gang.

8:40 p.m.—Radio photologue.

9 p.m.—Babalan and Katz revue.

WGN, CHICAGO—570.

8 p.m.—Classic hour.

10 p.m.—Chapman's orchestra.

WFAA, DALLAS—476.

8:30 p.m.—W. B. Rucker, basso.

11 p.m.—Adolphus orchestra.

(Pachet, Central Time.)

KGO, OAKLAND—312.

4 p.m.—St. Francis orchestra.

8 p.m.—Musical program.

10 p.m.—Halstead's orchestra.

KPO, SAN FRANCISCO—423.

8 p.m.—Weathers orchestra.

KHJ, LOS ANGELES—395.

6 p.m.—Orchestra, kid hour.

8 p.m.—Y. M. C. A. vocalists.

9 p.m.—Musical program.

KFI, LOS ANGELES—469.

11 p.m.—Burdell orchestra.

WIP, PHILADELPHIA—560.

8:45 p.m.—Knocky orchestra.

10:45 a.m.—Holy Trinity church.

4 p.m.—German town Y. M. C. A. meeting.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA—569.

2:30 p.m.—Bethany Sunday school.

6 p.m.—Sacred organ recital.

7:30 p.m.—Bethany church service.

WFI, PHILADELPHIA—395.

4 p.m.—MCA forum meeting.

7:30 p.m.—Avon St. church.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH—326.

11 a.m.—Church services.

4 p.m.—Organ recital.

4:45 p.m.—Vocal services.

6:30 p.m.—Dinner concert.

7:45 p.m.—Evening service.

WCAE, PITTSBURGH—462.

10:45 a.m.—Temple services.

4 p.m.—People's church service.

4 p.m.—Ott. Kolbe, pianist.

6:30 p.m.—William Penn orchestra.

WCAP, WASHINGTON—469.

11 a.m.—Morning service.

11 a.m.—Chapel service.

7:20 p.m.—Program from WEAF.

WGY, SCHENECTADY—380.

11 a.m.—Morning service.

2:30 p.m.—Organ recital.

7:30 p.m.—Evening service.

WV, SPRINGFIELD—337.

11 a.m.—Morning service.

8:30 p.m.—Organ recital.

WJAX, CLEVELAND—395.

9 p.m.—RAC orchestra.</

LORD BERTIE'S DIARY

What Britain's Ambassador Saw in the War.

The following extracts from "The Diary of Lord Bertie of Thame (1914-1918)" show the ex-ambassador to France in a lighter mood, and his casual tongue finds a word to say concerning M. Isoultsky, the Russian ambassador.

Very interesting is the story how Joffre compelled the French government to remove from his office M. Messimy, minister of war, by threatening to commit suicide.

Something is said on a matter which becomes more and more important as the war proceeds—the interference of ministers and the cabinet in questions of strategy.

Lord Bertie deprecates the keeping of hounds by officers of the B. E. F., despite the Wellington precedent.

III.

November 5, 1914.—The Turkish ambassador left with an unpaid hotel bill of £480. He said that he would send a check from Constantinople.

November 9, 1914.—President Wilson, writing to Herrick, says: "What an attractive light the letter of Grey (the British foreign secretary) shows him in. I have come to think that he is a man of very unusual quality."

November 10, 1914.—What a fool Javolsky said! The Russian ambassador said a few days ago: "Je n'ai pas d'amis. J'ai des rivaux et il y a des hommes dont je me sers." ("I have no friends. I have only rivals and some people of whom I make use.") At the beginning of the war he claimed to be its author: "C'est ma guerre." ("This is my war.") Now he says: "Si j'étais responsable en quoi que ce soit pour cette guerre je ne me pardonnerais jamais." ("If I were responsible in any shape whatever for this war, I should never pardon myself.")

I have, from a good source, the following inner history of the dissolution of the Viviani cabinet and its reconstruction at the end of August.

Joffre found it impossible to act with Messimy as war minister; he therefore sent a message to Poincaré to the effect that he could not resign to the face of the enemy, and that unless Messimy, whose name had been dropped, disappeared, he Joffre, must commit suicide and give his reason by letter.

Poincaré sent for Viviani and recon- stituted a cabinet, the whole thing being arranged, unbeknown to the doomed minister, with Millerand and Delcasse and two United Socialists.

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CROSS WORD PUZZLE NO. 63

This puzzle is of special interest as it contains two two-letter words which are new to cross-word solvers. The first is 19 horizontal, the name of a famous ranch in Alberta, and the second, 26 horizontal, the name of a city in Chaldees, where historical and Biblical data was obtained from excavations some few months ago. It also introduces three simple French words, of which 13 horizontal is "dit."

Each number in the puzzle indicates the position of the first letter of a word.

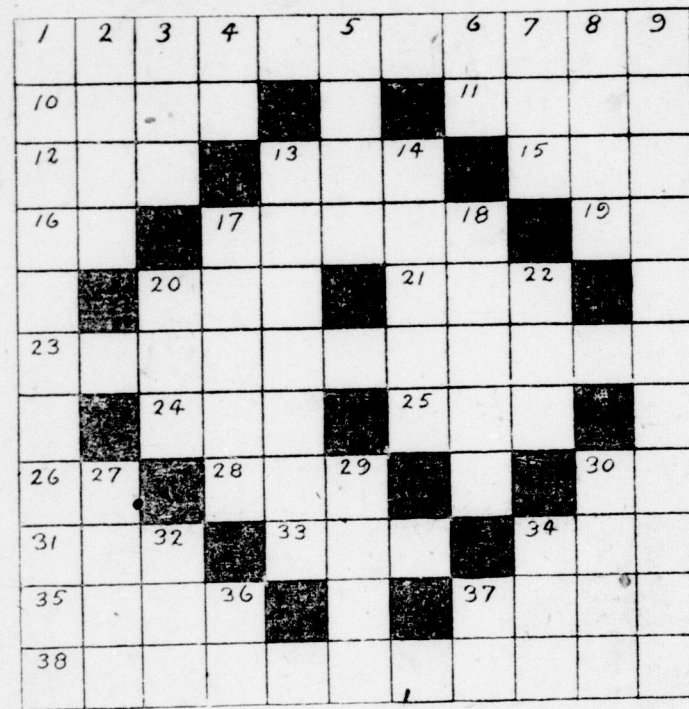
Each word reads from left to right (horizontal) or downward (vertical) according to position. Lettered in correctly, words that cross will interlock.

Each number in the white squares also refers to a definition in the accompanying table.

Each definition suggests a word possessing the exact number of letters to fit the white spaces allotted to it.

Each white space is to receive one letter only. Words start only in numbered squares.

THE ADVERTISER'S DAILY CROSS WORD PUZZLE.



HORIZONTAL.

1 Attribute of being always present.
10 Defiance.
11 A dam.
12 Grab.
13 Said (French).
14 Man's name.
15 Onward.
16 A royal ranch.
17 Prefix, meaning wrongly.
18 Vegetables.
19 Saucy.
20 Professional (abbr).
21 Canadian ex-patriate forces (abbr).
22 A city (Chaldea).
23 "SIBI".
24 Plural (abbr).
25 Kind of bean.
26 Errors, omissions excepted.
27 Baby's first word.
28 Eritrea.
29 Country in South America.
30 A fortnight ago (pl).
31 Disgusting.
32 The head (slang).
33 A within.
34 Part of a fence.
35 Point of the compass.
36 Three E's.
37 An African river.
38 Having three petals.
39 The right count-mand to animals.
40 Theme (males).
41 Wharves.
42 Doctrine or belief held.

VERTICAL.

2 Provincial legislator (abbr).
3 Great American expeditionary forces (abbr).
4 Within.
5 Part of a fence.
6 Point of the compass.
7 Three E's.
8 An African river.
9 Having three petals.
10 The right count-mand to animals.
11 Theme (males).
12 Wharves.
13 Doctrine or belief held.

SOLUTION TO NO. 62.

SOHO BACCVAM
TEARFARVEM
AT KOHLRABIS
ROCDANDNDOT
DRAGSMILEMINE
ONSETVELELEGAL
MSEASOWANEY
VEGETARIANISM
SRELYOSCATE
ALDSNUBELITE
PALSBESETORE
HIEJCNRIINOT
EDIDETICSWE
ABIBZASHLEER
DACEURSALTOT

door, with Edmond de Rothschild; only five, viz., he, his wife, Du Lau and Flameng, the painter, who is interesting for he has been much at the front since the war. He is now in the trenches and the bombarded towns and villages.

There was in some newspapers the picture of a general sitting at a table on the market place of a village under shell fire, writing his letters; it is a true picture. The said general, Grossetti, met some defeated French troops retreating at the instigation of their colonels; he shot three, stopped the retreat, sat several hours in the market place giving orders, and then led the troops to victory.

Joffre, so says Flameng, is a man replete of lies and friendships; he has dismissed several generals, his personal friends, and has court-martialed and shot many colonels and other officers.

Praise For Wilson.

Flameng praised French's chief of staff, which is the reverse of what I had heard from the French point of view. I discovered, however, that it was the assistant chief of staff—Henry Wilson—whom Flameng had in mind, and not Sir A. Murray.

Flameng described the spirits, "elan," and "camaraderie" of the French troops and their absolute certainty of victory over the Germans; he considers that the war will be the saving of France, which, had it not come, would have sunk lower and lower; he thinks that she will now rise higher, more, more, and will be commercially, when she has her Rhine frontier. Now Paris, as capital, is too near an invader.

The French thinking only of their material interests (those of Lille, Roubaix, Turcoigne), sent, on the declaration of war, a deputation to Messimy to beg that the north might not be defended, so that the invaders might not destroy the "usines." Messimy concurred; Lille was not properly defended, Maubeuge fell without reason, and the guns and ammunition there were taken by the Germans, and are being used by them against the French.

Gallieni, with Manoury, or his chief of staff, saved Paris; it is represented, but, according to Flameng (alias his military friends), Von Kluck followed Napoleon's maxim, that a big city must not be entered until the enemy troops near about have been defeated, and Joffre's armies had not been defeated. Von Kluck, therefore, would not have entered Paris until he had defeated Joffre.

Said Belgians Hate French.

Flameng says that the Belgians hate the French, considering that what Belgium has endured and is suffering is on French account. The Flemish are, in sentiment, more German than French, and would easily become German. Namur may have fallen by treachery; Antwerp surrendered owing to internal pressure, fear of damage by bombardment, and the interest of the city being largely German inclined for trade reasons.

Flameng sums up that Paris is not France; that the payzan is admirable, saving and heroic, and that the French woman is above everything in courage and good sense.

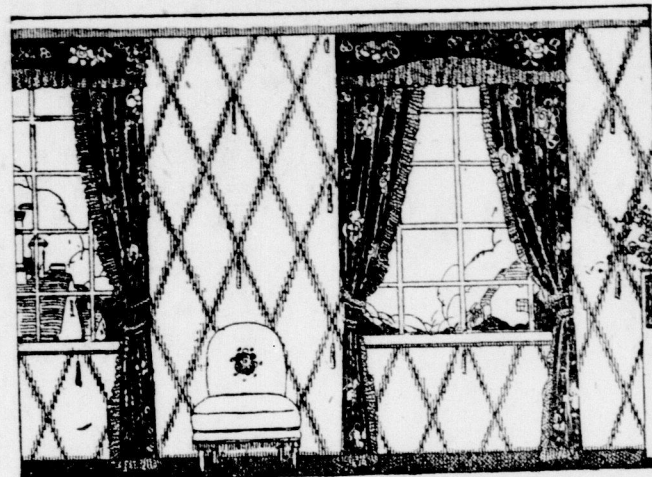
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