



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

"In the note the four allied (Central) powers propose to enter forthwith on peace negotiations. The propositions which they bring for such negotiations are, according to their firm belief, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace. "The governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical and also communicated with the Holy See and all other neutral powers."

notes Bulletin, London, Dec. 12 .-- A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says it is announced officially in Berlin, that Emporer William has notified his commanding generals of Germany's peace offer and has informed them it is still uncertain whether the offer will be accepted. Until that uncertainty is ended, the message says, they

"Soldiers: In agreement with the sovereigns of my allies and with the con-sciousness of victory I have made an offer of peace to the enemy." Whether it will be

"Until that moment arrives you will fight on."

Bulletin, Washington, Dec. 12 .- News that Germany and her allies were about to enter on peace negotiations was sent to President Wilson. Speaking for the Presi-dent, Secretary Tumulty said he was deeply interested, but could make no comment at least until it was learned what reception the proposal received from the Entente

allies of control over all railroads, telegraphs and posts and the release of all imprisoned Venizelists.

A repetition of the forceful m easures taken by Fournet two weeks ago will follo w any refusal on the part of King Constantine's Government to accede to the new demands, it is un

With the threat of a Tenton ic attack on Gen. Sarail's army in Macedonia, and of possible Greek intrigue against the allied forces hanging over their heads the alli es have decided that only the most irastic measures will hold the Gr ceks in hand.

Although the latest advices from British officials in Greece report con-ditions well in hand, a large number of entente nationals are continuing to leave Athens. The allied authorities ore taking stricts are sources for the near taking stricts are sources for the declared, diplomatically tried to imof entente nationals are continuing to leave Athens. The allied authorities are taking stricter measures for the declared, di sorship of messages sent from pose a policy tions, interest Greece. Wireless messages to be in-Constantine to Berlin have been in-tercepted by the Greek battleship Hydra, which is under the control of

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revolted, while an inconced their ments in Egypt have remounced their allegiance to Constantine. Want 'Timo Dethroned Paris, Dec. 12—A despatch to La Liberte from Canea, Crete, says the inhabitants of the city held a largely mention and passed a resoof the imprisoned Venizelist Advices from the British indicate that conditions calm. Large numbers of a



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came close to hiling the body of the church was a tribute to the fame of the celebrated basso, as well as a mark of appreciation to the mem-bers of the church who were to par-

mark of the church who were to par-bers of the church who were to par-ontario by at least sending them something to read. ZHON. ZHON. A very enjoyable social evening was spent last night by the members of Zion Church L. P. G. Miss A. Hart had charge and presented a very entertaining program includ-ing instrumental solos by Mr. Wright, solos by Miss A. Heath, Miss G. Garvin and Dr. Hart, readings by Miss K. Moyer and a duet by Misses Whitmer. carrying away their audience. The programme, in deail, was as Whitmer.

Organ, "Tannhauser" (by request) Richard Wagner; Mr. Clifford Higgin. Anthem, "God from on High hath heard" Edmund Turon High ner; The Choir. Song, "The Bedou-in Love Song" Ciro Pinsuti; Mr. Albert' E. Greenlaw. Organ, three

Albert' E. Greenlaw. Organ, three short pieces in warious styles, (a) "In the Highlands (storm scene) Clegg Stibelt, (b) "Prelude" Fred-eric Chopin, (c) "Caprice Chromati-que" Clifford Higgin; Mr. Clifford Higgin. Anthem, "The Radiant Morn hath passed away" W. W. Weodward; The Choir. Songs, (a) "Who Knows?" E. R. Ball, (b) "Sleep Little Baby of Mine" Denner; Mr. Albert E. Greenlaw. Organ. in the chair. Mr. Albert E. Greenlaw. Organ, "Louvain" (War Scene) by request, Clifford Higgin, (Daybreak, distant bells, service, attack, capitulation, approach and passing of soldiers); Mr. Clifford Higgin. Song, "Song of Hybrias the Cretan" J. W. Elliott; Mr. Albert E. Greenlaw. Anthem, "Lead us in the Paths of Peace" Edward Broome; The Choir. Song, "Good Bye" Poalo Tosti; Mr. Albert E. Greenlaw. Organ "Toccata in F" Jules Grison, (Organist de 'a Metropole Rheims.); Mr. Clifford

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church had for its subject last even-ing, the life of Tolstol, which was most ably taken by Mr. W. M. John-francs damages, and Raoul Guns ly accused, has demanded 200,000 ston. Great lessons could be taken berg, also a director, whom Daudet by us from this great Russian writer, accused of being a German, has also made a demand. who had for his life motto, "Love

and Truth." A very interesting solo was given by Mr. J. Rowan. The Vice-President, Mr. H. A. Jull, was Wanted—for the early part of next week, 500 Turkeys. Will pay 30 and 32 cents a pound. T. E. Ry-erson. Bell phone 183. Automatic



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For us Hollanders that moment has arrived, not through our own suffer-ings, but because we cannot longer passively contemplate the ghastly suffering inflicted by Germany upon Belgium, our neighbor. Belgium, our neighbor.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 12.—(New York Sun for three months campaigning against Monte Carlo in his paper L'Action Francaise, now faces deerected along the frontier, succeed in escaping to the Netherlands. From them we learn the terrible details of the unutterable despair of the women and children who are left behind, and of the agonizing scenes which take place when husbands, brothers and sons, dragged from their homes and women folk are packed into cattle and freight cars, and thus transport-

> Laid at Rest ------

Connor, took place Monday morning from her father's residence, 27 Grant street, to St. Basil's church, thence St. Basil's church, thence

to St. Joseph's cemetery. Rev. Father Burke took the service at the church and Rev. Father Murray at the grave. Ily, Miss Mary Mullaney. The pallbearers were Mr. P. Chee-vers, Mrr. P. Madigan, Mr. B. Madiand Rev. Father Murray at the grave. The floral tributes were: Pillow, from family; wreaths, Matthews-J. J. Kelly.

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staff of Neil Shoe Company, Young Montreal, Dec. 12 .- Mr. W. Ladies' Sodality. Sprays, Lillian and Essie Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-Baker, C. V. O., secretary to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company wards, Mrs. Robinson and Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Shellington, Mildred Cal-and assistant to the president has at beck, Douglas White, Mr. and Mrs. his own request been relieved from Wilde, Mr. S. Suddaby and family, firs from Caudwell and Beckett. Mass cards were sent by the follow-ing: Thomas Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cheevers and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cheevers and family, Mr. and Mrs. P.

Mr. Baker's association with the Karstadt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rice, Karstadt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rice, Mr. baker's association with the Dougald, Mr. and Mrs. Krby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayes and family, The Young Ladies' Sodality, Mr. Michael Heneberry, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Car-lin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blaney, Uncle

Bob, Mr. and Mrs. William Mullaney, | way.

SAVINGS MADE EASY Merchants Bank of Canada Installs a Christmas Club-Most Popular Form of Savings -Operated by Patented System

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will become the long. Many men and women, whether their incomes are large or small, find it difficult to "get anead" financially. They postpone the time when they will start saving to provide for the rainy day because they never seem to more to start a bank account. The Lindows Chub is a have enough spare money to start a bank account. The Christmas Club is great benefit to the people in this city to get started with the first sma payment, and, after all, the start is the important ming.

The Club opens week of December 27th and runs for fifty weeks, so that each member receives check in time for Christmas shopping. When payments are made regularly the bank allows interest on the account, which is always all encouragement to saving. Payments may be started now,

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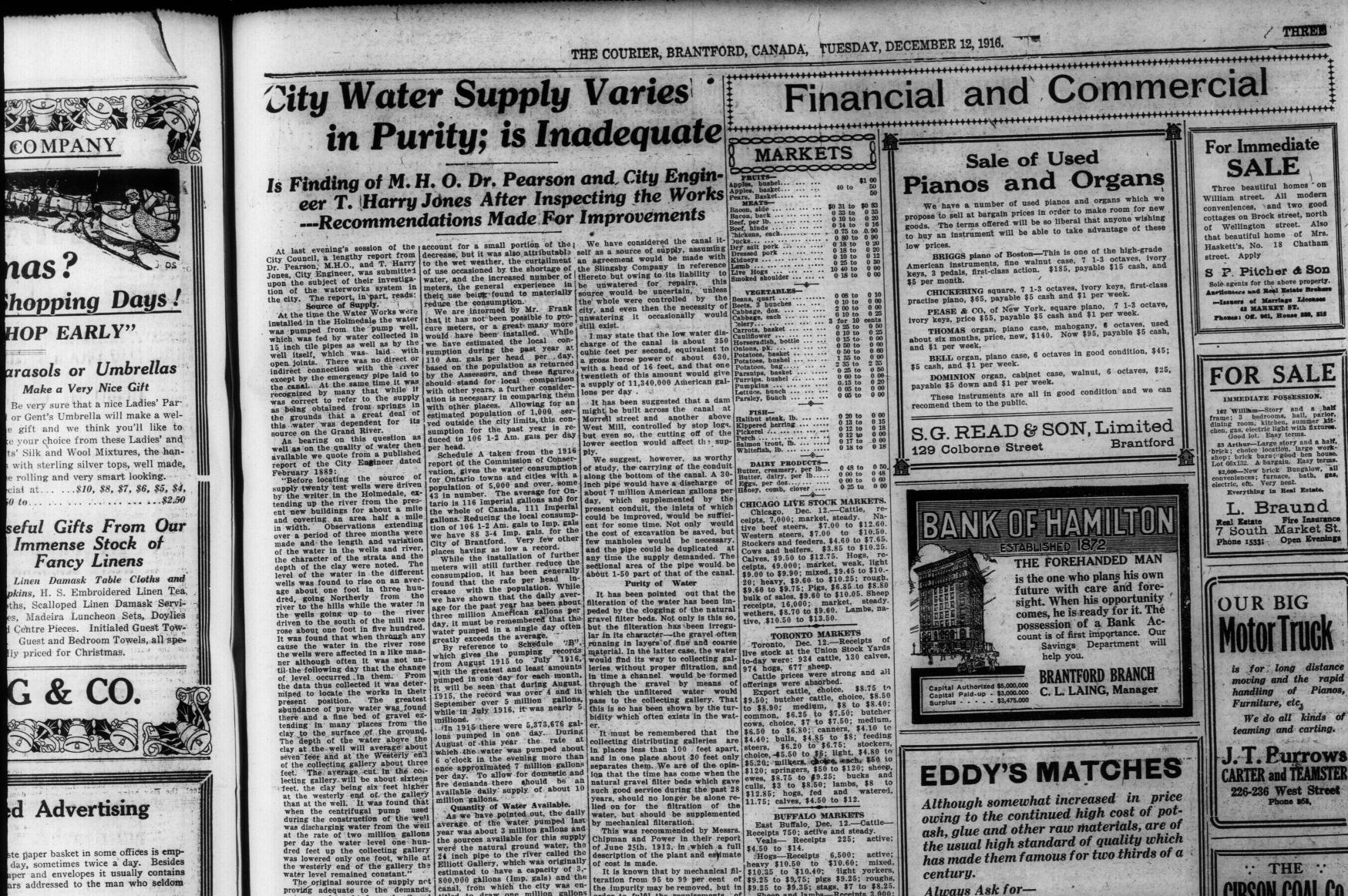
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was lowered only one foot, while at the westerly end of the gallery the water level remained constant." The original source of supply net providing adequate to the demands, water was brought from the Grand River part of which acted as a distributing gallery to the collecting galleries and later as a feeder vi the Moore distributing gallery—the water from which after natural filtration supplied the collecting gallery. The supply was also sup-plemented by discharging water on the Sorth of the canal was cleaned out by pumping into the dead creek and from the Collecting Galleries—the water in all these cases reaching the Collecting Gallers the of the collecting gallers and south all these cases reaching the Collecting Gallers the dead creek and from the collecting gallers. The water in all these cases reaching the Collecting Gallers the dead creek and from the Collecting gallers cases reaching the Collecting Gallers the of the collecting gallers and the distance and the distance by fine the collecting gallers and sout on the later and sout by pumping into the dead creek and from the Collecting gallers to the collecting ga A water not properly filtered is in addition injurious to the pumping Verity's last night succeeded in machinery. As a further reason why both mechanical filtration and C. A. bowlers in the Y.M.C.A. ten

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1913-1914 the new Collecting Gal- that both the distributing pipes and lery was laid as already described. It was also found that in emergency largely lost their function and gradcases it was necessary to resort to the Canal as a source of supply from which the water was pumped direct-ly. Quantity of Water Used and Re-guired

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quired. From schedules compiled from the local records, it will be seen that the number of gallons per head per day was 127 in the year 1912, that it rose to 151 during 1014 and doon. feet distant the water stood at 71.5 or over 13 feet higher. That the quantity of water available is insuf-ficient is further shown by the fact when the current is cut off, should be connected to the new well or the old Well lowered to make it available was 127 in the year 1912, that it rose to 161 during 1914 and drop-ped to 110 for the past year, while the number of meters in use increas-ed from 171 in 1912 to 1970 in directly from the canal on 25 differ-916. The oiling of the streets would read and the streets would and the streets would and the streets would and the streets would be street and the street of the street o

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both mechanical filtration and chlorination are absolutely necessary we would state that tests made at different times from water taken from the river, canal and upper col-lecting galleries, showed defective bacteria which chlorination alone at all times has not been able to re-move, and for that reason the boiling of the water taken all times has not been able to re-move, and for that reason the boiling

General Remarks The Holly pump on which the sup-Gibbs

directly from the year ending on July 31st, 1916. New Source of Supply Recommended We are of the opinion that the Grand River above the dam should be utilized as a source of supply. It has been recommended that a new has beld. After this meating, the ner

conduit 30 inches in diameter of glazed tile, or reinforced concrete, be built from the vicinity of the pumping station paralleling the pre-sent conluit to the river below the dam, the length being estimated at 4,000 feet and the cost \$20,000. The objection to this inlet is that the river channel is uncertain and shift-ing. Already one of the inlets has been blocked and when inspected by us on the 21st November, a booster mended to the Commissioners. A stand pipe for the Hill is also advis-able. The present supply of water for the cities in present supply of water for Howie and John C. Feely, in partnerbeen blocked and when inspected by us on the 21st November, a booster pump was supplying water to the 24,-inch conduit at an estimated rate of mearly three million gallons per day. Theoretically there should be no water coming over the dam other than taken by the fish slides and the repair of leaks in the dam would cut off the supply. If the proposed new conduit were carried to the dam, some 2,000 feet further, an addition-al head of about 8 feet would be available, not more than two feet of which would lessen by this amount the life of the pumps.



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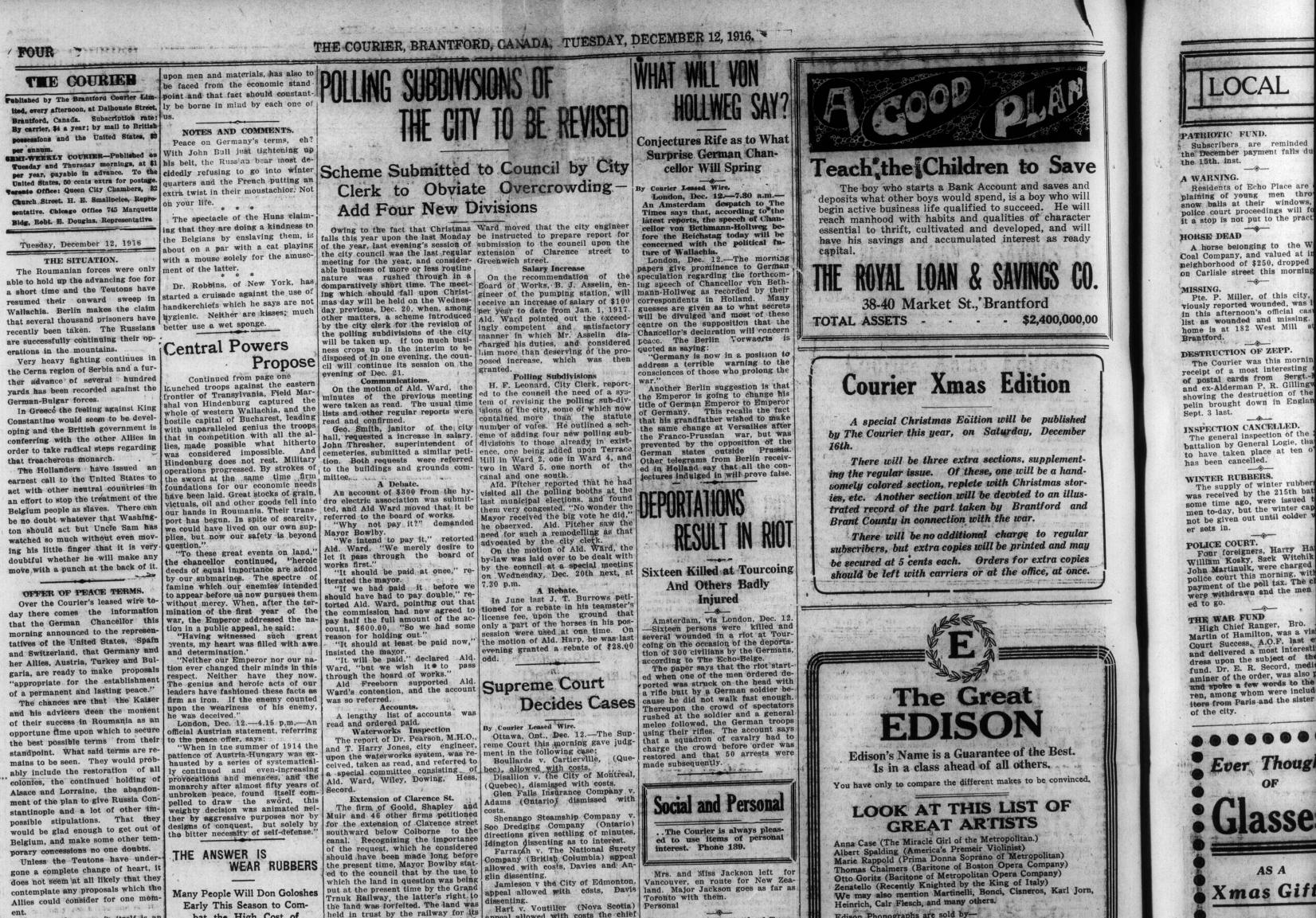
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Alsace and Lorraine, the abandonment of the plan to give Russia Con-

Belgium, and make some other temporary concessions no one doubts. Unless the Teutons have under- THE ANSWER IS

The Courier was this morning receipt of a most interesting of postal cards from Sergt.-and ex-Alderman P. R. Gillingy showing the destruction of the pelin brought down in Englar

INSPECTION CANCELLED. The general inspection of the : battalion by General Logie, that to have taken place at ten o

WINTER RUBBERS. The supply of winter rubber was received by the 215th bat some time ago, were issued t men to-day, but the winter cap not be given out until colder

Four foreigners, Harry Ha William Kosky, Sack Witchik John Martinulk, were charged police court this morning, with payment of the poll tax. The cl were withdrawn and the men

High Chief Ranger, Bro. High Chief Ranger, Bio. Martin of Hamilton, was a vis Court Success, A.O.F. last e and delivered a most interesti dress upon the subject of the fund. Dr. E. R. Secord, medi aminer of the order, was also n and spoke a few words to the ren, among whom were includ itors from Paris and the sister

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gone a complete change of heart, i does not seem at all likely that they contemplate any proposals which the Allies could consider for one mom-

ent. However the move in itself is an indication that they realize that matters can only reach the one ending as far as they are concerned. It must be admitted that up to date they have maintained a bold and successful front but the strain is daily becoming more and more strenuous and the internal condition of affairs in the Fatherland must appal even the most optimistic, with commercial and financial disaster becoming daily more and more apparent. As for the Allies they are more determined than ever to have any settlement on their own say so. wears.

THE NEED FOR ECONOMY. In London a short time ago hotels which had announced their usual elaborate preparations for Christmas this winter. dinners, were called down by the authorities in short order. Now it is announced that the new Government is likely to adopt a card system with reference to food, and to introduce meatless days and other measures. Germany of course, took drastic action with regard to food supplies long ago, and other countries are taking similar action. For instance, over the Courier leased wire to-day comes the announcement that the Italian authorities will place the fresh meat supply under Government control after January 1st next and will permit the purchase of poultry on two days only. The fact is that with so many millions of producers engaged in the war struggle everything is bound to become more and more scarce at constantly advancing retail figures.

The position of affairs is one which should be recognized by Canadians generally, and has not been thus far, to any noticeable extent. The lesson is one which applies to the rich as well as the less well to do-more especially to the former, for it is the universal rule in all communities that those not possessed of so much wherewithal try to emulate those who are. This great struggle, in addition to the world record drain which it is imposing

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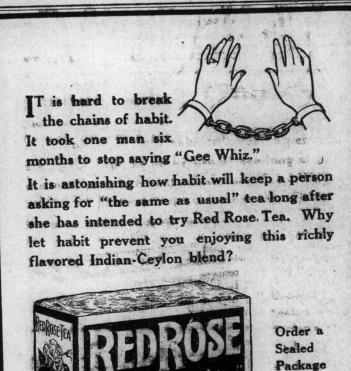
Early This Season to Comheld in trust by the railway for its own use only, in the original deed, bat the High Cost of Leather Foot-wear while at the present time it

rented by the railway to the Mickle "Buy rubbers," says the shoe-Dyment Co., and used as a lumber yard. The land could accordingly be reclaimed by the city. man, the dealer who plays fair with his customers.

The Mayor considered the exten-sion of Clarence street of the utmost importance, and warranted imme-Leather is up and shoes are up to such an extent that the buying of a such an extent that the bayang level importance, and wallanted importance, and wallanted with the acquiring of a new suft diate action. He explained the rea-son why he had taken no action beson why he had taken no action be-fore the present to reelaim the land. Mayor Will Stick "I have had so many irons in the fire for the G. T. R." he said, "that I have been trying to got access?" the economical person will don rubbers as soon as the weather gets the least bit "damp under foot"; not only for the protection to the have been trying to get some of

health that the rubbers afford, but them out before dealing with others. The St. Paul's avenue subway, for to save the costly shoes he or she example. "That's right" averred 'Ald Pit-There was never a problem in "Stick with the St. Paul's Ave economics that was not solved sooner or later, and rubbers and cher. subway

"I intend to" nodded the mayor, overshoes seem to be the answer emphatically. to the augmented price of shoes Seconded by Ald. Freeborn, 24



To-day

Hart v. Voutilier (Nova Scotia)

appeal allowed with costs the chief justice and Anglin dissenting. Belanger v. King (Quebec) appeal allowed with costs. if the parties cannot agree on the assessment of

damages they are to be fixed by the xchequer court. Boles v. King (Quebec) dismissed

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Cost of Paper

Washington, Dec. 11.—The in-quiry into all conditions that affect news print paper prices to be made by the federal trade commission at public feeting here tomorrow, it was announced today will go into the reasonableness of contract and current prices; costs and profits of paper manufacturers, gross profits of jobbers, factors affecting the sup-ply and demand and remedies for the situation.

At a previous hearing during the summer, paper users declared they would later present evidence to show there had been collusion among news print producers to raise

Among those expected here to tes-

Among those expected and tify tomorrow are: P. T. Dodge, president of the In-ternational Paper Company; George C. Chahoon, jr., a Canadian manu-facturer; E. W. Backus, of the Min-nesota and Ontario power company and George H. Mead of Dayton, Ohio, and J. I. Carey of the Inter-national Brotherhood of Paper Mohors Makers.

STATUS QUO.

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 12.—Advices from Berlin to the German embassy indicate that Germany's peace terms, in general measure propose the re-storation of the status quo before the war with the exception of the establishment of independent king-doms of Poland and Lithuania. They are understood to propose the complete restoration of the occupied portions of Belgium and France in return for Germany's captured colonies and to dispose of the Balkan situation because of its ex-tremely complicated nature, in the ace conference.

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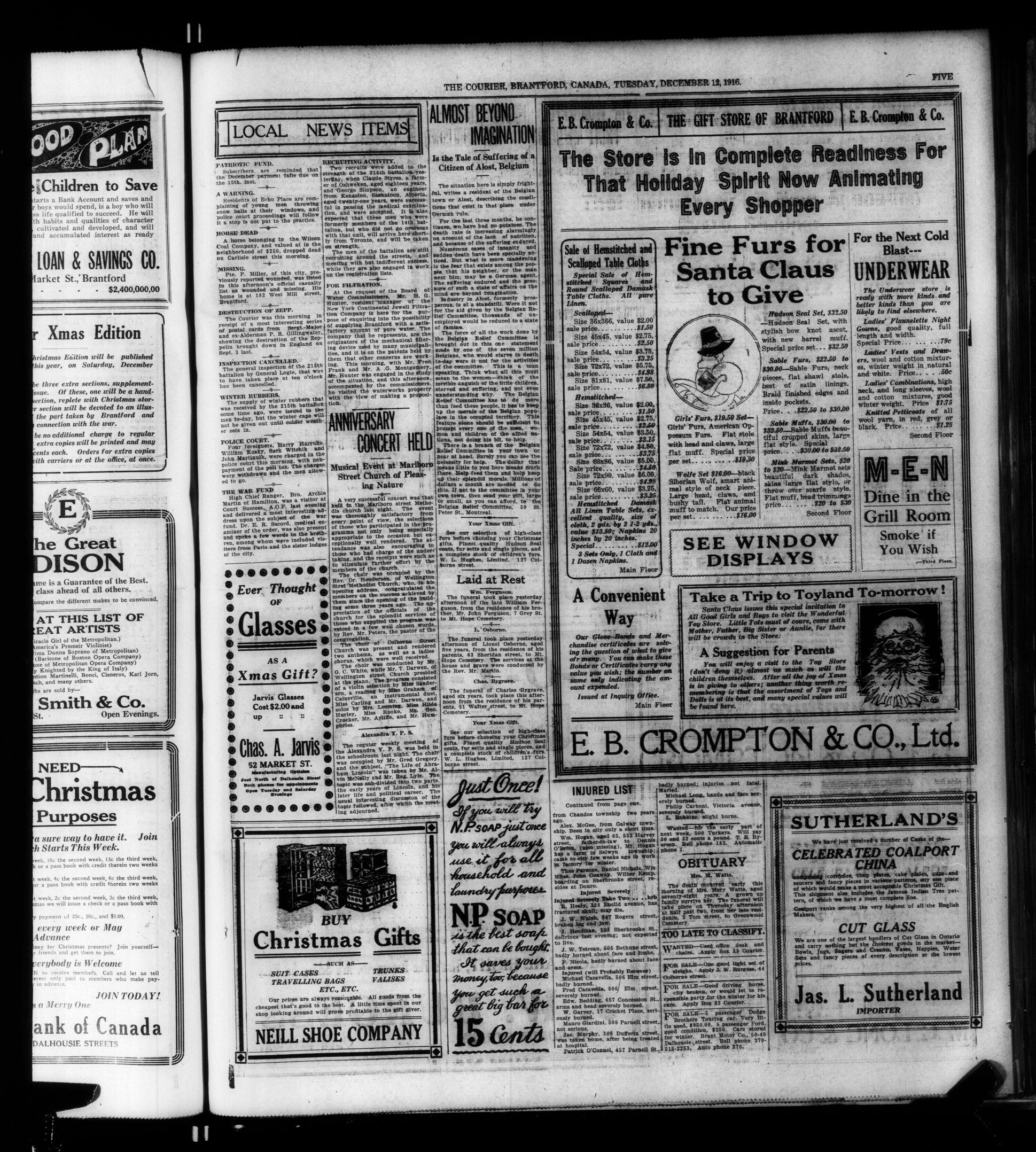
The Christmas Savings Club IS NOW OPEN to receive members. Call and let us tell you about our plan, and take your membership. Interest only paid to members who make pay-ments during week they are due and those who pay in advance.

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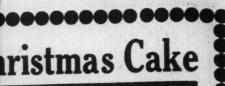
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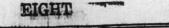
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last year, came direct from German consular officials here. Louis J. Smith, defendant in the ase, who is said to have revealed





Cas Question May be Near a Settlement

Directors Meet Tomorrow and Mayor Bowlby Will Represent the City—The Matter Dealt With by the Council

The gas question was once more day and would probably return this upon the tapis at last evening's evening. session of the city council, when a "The Mayor explained that he had session of the city council, when a heated debate occurred between the Mayor and Ald. Ward upon the subject of the former's attitude to-ward the Gas Company. Mayor Bowlby submitted a report to the council dealing with his efforts to bring the Gas Company to order, and he asked Mr. Hawkins if he and he was empowered to act in the were willing to allow the latter

and he was empowered to act in the were winning to allow the latter interests of the city at a special meeting of the company to be head on Wednesday, Dec. 13. By virtue of his office, the mayor is a member of the board of directors of the Gas being seen by His Worship, the

Mayor as director, but that in the absence of Mr. Curtis, he had no Company. He submitted the following reauthority to allow such to be done.

port: Brantford, Dec. 11, 1916. To the Council of the Corporation, of the City of Brantford. Gentlemen: I have the honor to report to To use for a state of the to be done. "The Mayor stated that Mr. Curtis had intimated to him that he would he left with the request that Mr. Hawkins would ask Mr. Curtis at once to notify the Mayor, officially,

your honorable body in relation to once to notify the Mayor, officially, our position in reference to the of the attitude of the Company in antford Gas Company. When I came into office as Mayor about which the Mayor called, Brantford Gas Company.

When I came into office as Mayor in 1907, the Gas Company had paid no dividend on the common stock held by the city of \$15,600.00 for interest only on the bonds of the City, amounting to \$15,600, but that resting and the company had paid the company had paid the coupon interest only on the bonds of the city, amounting to \$15,600, but that city amounting to \$16,600, but that city amountin

City, amounting to \$15,600, but that year and for several years thereafter they paid 8 per cent dividend on the common stock, besides paying the interest on the bonds, the last pay-ment being made in January, 1914. In coming into office as Mayor this year as an ex-officio director of casions apologized for what ap-the statement to be great carelessness on

the Gas Company I attended the peared to be great carelessness on annual meeting of the Gas Company some officials in not forwarding the held 31st March, 1916, and from last statement to Mr. Bunnell. heid 31st March, 1916, and 170m 1 the information there acquired I dis-covered that the Gas Company had received in gross the sum of \$117,-640.83, and had claimed an expense account of \$98,479. so large (un-less disbursed on capital account) as would shock the normal con-science, I therefore requested that

the manager should furnish our Treasurer in detail a financial state-

a disbursed on capital account) would shock the normal con-ance, I therefore requested that manager should furnish our asurer in detail a financial state-nt of the then current year end-31st March, 1916, Such state-nt not having been received by treasurer on the 2nd day of 7, 1916, I instructed the treas-t a would shock the normal con-state of the then current year end-at s p.m. matter up again with the officials." Since which I have been advised that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gas Company is at 3 p.m. Lhave, as the chief executive of-the city to make a full report, and the city to make a full report, and the would shock the reas-to ask for instructions from your the city to make a full report, and the work the company is at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gas Company is tat a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gas Company is tat a p.m. City council make representations to the Federal government in favor of proper safeguards, of the butter sub-stitute know as margarine; a cheap and nutritious food commodity which has been in large demand in Britain and other countries for many years and has been found to be acceptable and of great public ment of the then current year end-ing 31st March, 1916, such state-I have, ment not having been received by ficer of the our treasurer on the 2nd day of our treasurer on the 2nd day of the city to make a full report, may May, 1916, I instructed the treas-to ask for instructions from your user and he wrote the Gas Comp-honorable body. pany for their financial statement. All of which is respectfully submit-

he Gas Company has not as yet ted. Your Mayor strongly feels it is high time to know what has become of all

this money. I went to Tilbury on the 27th

The Mayor Would Act Ald. Ward proposed that the mat-September, 1916, to inspect the Gis ter be referred to a committee. May-Company's purification plant and in or Bowlby thought it should be left a previous message to your Horor-able Body made a report thereon. ered that the Mayor had acted wisely, Upon my return as no quarterly and moved that his report be receiv-meeting had been called by the Gas ed. The Mayor requested that he be company's officials since the an-nual meeting in March, 1916. I requested the local manager at Brantford to call a meeting of the

Brantford to call a meeting of the ing. directors. He promised several Ald. Ward recalled that two years CHRISTMAS MESSAGE and on the 26th November 1916 I tion, had obtained a financial stateand on the 25th November 1910 1 thon, had obtained a manchar state gave instructions to the city solicitor ment of the Gas Company, which the city had been challenged by the com-pany's solicitors to submit to the public, with the result that nothing

or other necessary war service pur-poses, the city council should en-courage a campaign of economy among our citizens. To this end the committee suggests that ministers of religion, teachers, public bodies and individuals having authority or **USE MARGARINE AS** and individuals having action of or influence with the citizens, be urged strongly to recommend the elimina-tion of waste in the use of food or other necessaries, and particularly that the same be urged upon people of biet purchasing nower that the **Recommendation** Made by Special Committee to **Council Last Evening**

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1916.

said corporation.

The general question of the high cost of living and a number of sug-gestions made by the special committee in charge of that matter re-ceived considerable attention at the hands of the city council last even-ing, when a report from the special committee was submitted by Ald. Ward. One of the principal recomward. One of the principal recom-mendations was that of the intro-duction into Canada of the product of margarine, to be used as a sub-stitute for butter, owing to the ever increasing cost of the latter. Dis-cussion, generally favorable, was evelod by the report which follows: evoked by the report, which follows: To His Worship The Mayor

To His Worship The Mayor and the City of Brantford, The special committee appointed by the city council to make investi-gations as to the high cost of living begs to make the following interim report and recommendations: 1. That the city clerk acknowledge the letter dated November 29, 1916, received from the Food and Fuel Committee of The Hamilton city council with an intimation that

this council will be pleased to co-op-erate with the said committee on erate with the said committee on the subjects therein referred to and the subjects therein referred to and that this council has already ap-pointed a special committee to in-vestigate the high cost of living and which is holding meetings regular-

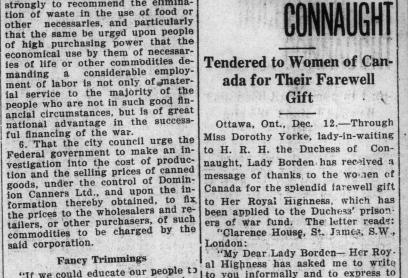
public, the Federal government be urged by the city council to prohibit the exportation of potatoes to other

W some officials in not forwarding the last statement to Mr. Bunnell. "This statement," Mr. Bunnell stated, "fhad not yet come into the hands of the city, although Mr. Cur-tis had recently promised to take the matter up again with the officials." Since which I have been eduted

support other municipal councils, in ecuring legislation from the legis-

being attributable to shortage in production owing to withdrawal of labor from productive for military

The Hospital for Sick Children



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"If we could educate our people to to you informally and to express to buy less fancy boxes and wrapping you how very much delighted and with their goods, as we did years ago, pleased she was to receive the cable with their goods, as we did years above things might sell much more cheap-ly,' observed Ald. Minshall, who con-sidered that Canada should have free trade, so far as food products Montreal in London. This wonderful farewell gift of the women of Canada has touched her very deeply were concerned. Margarine Ald. Ward spoke upon the subject and she hopes you will convey to all

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of oleomargarine, telling of its gen-those who worked so hard in col-eral use throughout the United lecting the money, her very great appreciation of their kindness. She feels especially grateful to you for "The soldiers get it as soon as feels especially grateful to you for they land in England," declared Ald. all the trouble you have taken in the States and England. igh matter. The sum has been placed at on deposit at the bank, so the inter-Pitcher, "and what is good enough for them is good enough for us est upon it will add substantially un till the money is needed. home here.

Yours very sincerely, Butterless Day A butterless day, after the manner

of the Finglish meatless days, was suggested by Ald. Wiley, who attri-buted the high cost of butter to the creameries to which the farmers CASTORIA were now accustomed to send their

cream. Ald. Pitcher attributed the In Use For Over 30 Years cost of butter to the scarcity of milk and cream, caused in turn by a shortage of grain which prevented Always bears the farmers from feeding their cows the usual quantity of grain. "Speaking of meatless and butter

less days," he suggested, "how would a doctorless day suit the public?" "If less butter were eaten there might be less need for doctors," observed Ald. Wiley.

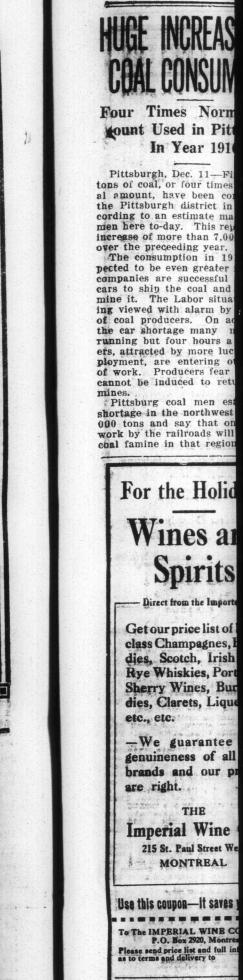
"I eat my fair amount of butter,' reiterated Ald. Pitcher, "and con-sider myself fairly healthy."

Ald. Second supported the remarks of Ald. Pitcher concerning the shortage of grain and vegetable products. Harp, as a grocer, consider-Ald. Harp, as a grocer, consider-ed that the grocers of the city might well eliminate the sale of butter enwell eliminate the sale of butter en-tirely without much loss. He favored the introduction, of eleomargarine into Canada, but realized that it would be met with opposition from the dairymen of the country. "The high cost of labor," he ob-served, "is largely responsible for the high cost of living."

Ald. Jennings thought the report

of the committee was brought at rather a late hour for action upon by the present council, which had almost completed its term of office.





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4. That the city council initiate, or lative assembly of Ontario permit-ting the establishment by munici-palities of stores warehouses and painties of stores warehouses and yards for the purchase wholesale of all or any of the necessaries of life and for the sale thereof to the citi-zens of such municipalities. 5. Much of the high cost of living

Company stating that the Gas Com-pany's business was not being con-ducted according to their by-laws in calling quarterly meetings and no had since came of it. **Pure Gas**

assurance had been given as to a pure gas supply. The attention to "Is there any probability of gurer supply of gas?" demanded Ald. these matters would save costs. The Freeborn

Gas Company having disregarded this letter, on the 8th December, "That is what we must ascertain, 1916, in company with the city treasurer and Miss Rand, one of the at this meeting of the gas company," returned the Mayor.

city stenographers, I attended the Gas Company's office having made a previous appointment to meet Mr. Curtis the local manager for 3 p.m., of that day and the following is the Ald. Freeborn demanded prompt action, embodying a supply of pure gas sufficient for the needs of the city. He denounced the vacillating policy of the council. notes of such meeting. December 8, 1916. A Clash

Ald. Ward pointed out that follow-To Wit: "The inquiry was made of Mr. Harry Hawkins, who stated he was the clerk in charge and that Mr. ing his visit to Tillbury, Mayor Bowl-by had completely changed his mind upon the question, and appeared to be satisfied with the actions of the Curtis was out of the city for the

Fas Company. "That is an untruth," retorted the

Mayor. "I never so changed my mind. It is a positive untruth." "If it is a matter of truth and un-uth," observed Ald. Ward, "I leave truth. it to the council as to which of us is speaking the truth in this matter."

Supported the Mayor Ald. Minshall moved that the

J. W. BOWLBY,

Mayor.

Mayor be empowered to act as he saw fit at the meeting of the gas company. Ald. Ward considered that the gas committee of the council was being ignored, and that the Mayor should be supported by other mem-

Gas Committee

bers of the council. Ald. Minshall ex-pressed the opinion that by its inaction, the Gas Company had forfeited its right to much consideration..

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changed.

ing bonbons and other Ald. Ward objected to the sole confections without cookpower of action being invested in the person of the Mayor, "for," he added, "he is just as likely to do ing. Ask for it by name wrong as he is to do right."

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can judge how great that need must be when last year 3,045 sick little ones were treated as in-patients, and as will be seen from the 1916 figures, 592 patients were admitted from 242 places outside Toronto. Last year 271 in-patients were treat-ed for deformities, such as club feet, bow-legs, knock-knees, Pott's disease of the spine, lateral curvature of the spine, dislocations, infantile paralysis, tubercular disease of knee, hp, anklé. The the Hospital for Site Children to death to take babies out of their cradles? That is the question. One gift more in the Hospital's trea-sury means one coffin less in the LITTLE WHITE HEARSE. The Hospital must be digging up help for little children from the soil of human kindness, or sextons will be dirent gravane for little children to

human kindness, or sextons will be

human kindness, of scalad an ar digging graves for little children in the soil of many a cemetery. The Hospital for Sick Children can only volunteer its mercy in so far as you friends of little children volunteer rous money for service in the Hosyour money for service in the Hos-pital's never-ending battle for the lives of the little ones. Let your money fight in the trenches

of some mother's trouble and rescue some little child from the dugout of pain, disease and death.

pain, disease and death. Can the Hospital leave children to die because the fathers of those chil-dren have left home to fight for lib-erty on the British battle line, and can the Hospital help the children of Can-ada's soldiers with its care unless you help the Hospital with your each? ada's soldiers with its care unless you help the Hospital with your cash? You have money enough to help every other war fund without keeping back a dollar from the Hospital's war fund—the fund that helps the Hospital save the lives of little children, includ-ing the soldiers' little children. Do not let the little children pay, in the lows of the Hospital's care, the con-

Ald. Pitcher refuted the belief that the Gas committee had been pas-sive during the past year. The Gas

Do not let the little children pay, in the loss of the Hospital's care, the con-tribution that should be given and must be given to the war funds. Your money can send a message of cheer to some father in the trenches— yes, send that message from the cot where the Hospital nurses some little child back to life, the child of the father who is fighting your battle in the trenches. Company, he declared, was sending gas to Hamilton to which he bellev-ed Brantford had a prior right. He endorsed the actions of the Mayor in the matter in the past, and considered that the latter was not now receiving too much authority. The motion of Ald. Minshall was then car-

the trenches. Every dollar kept from the Hos-pital's power to serve the little chil-dren is a weight added to the burdens and a grief added to the porrows of ried, empowering the Mayor to act at the meeting.

and a grief and a to the point of the second FECT ON TEA MARKETS. Although the far-reaching influ-

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