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BRITISH AIR SQUADRON BOMBS MANNHEIM AUSTRO-GERMANS LAUNCH STRONG ATTACK ON NORTHERN ITALIAN FRONT ITALIANS DRIVE TEUTONS FROM ASIAGO PLATEAU POSITIONS DESPERATE FIGHT ENDS IN VICTORY FOR ITALIANS

Launching Attack on Asiago Plateau, Italy's Troops Win Back Positions and Guns Taken By Austro-Germans.

NINE THOUSAND ITALIANS CAPTURED, BERLIN CLAIMS

German War Office Reports Success in Austro-German Attacks on Asiago Plateau—Says Counter-Attacks Failed.

Rome, Dec. 25.—In a desperate battle which lasted all day yesterday, the Italians fought their way back to the positions from which they were forced the previous day on the Asiago Plateau, under an Austro-German attack, according to today's war office statement. Some guns and numerous machine guns which had been abandoned by the Italians in their retreat were recaptured when the old positions were reoccupied.

Berlin, Monday, via British Admiralty, per wireless press, London, Dec. 25.—The capture by Austro-German forces of Col Del Rosso and adjoining heights on the Asiago Plateau in Northern Italy, together with the taking of more than 6000 prisoners, was announced today by army headquarters. The statement reads: "Italian front: Between Asiago and the Brenta troops of Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorf stormed Col Del Rosso and the heights adjoining to the west and east. Up to the present more than 6000 prisoners have been brought in."



HELPING THE FORCES OF BRITAIN.—Macedonian children working among the hills, sifting stones for making military roads for the passage of British troops. The two children in the photograph are quite young—under ten years old, in fact—and at the time the photograph was made the temperature was 120 in the shade.

The text of the statement reads: "On the Asiago Plateau the battle, which continued fiercely and sanguinarily the whole day yesterday, diminished in intensity only at nightfall. Our counter-attacks, made several hours before dawn, succeeded, in spite of the difficult terrain and the very low temperature, in arresting the enemy and concentrating the fighting on to the positions from which we had moved the previous day.

Officers Captured. London, Dec. 25.—The Austrian official statement of Monday as received here supplements the German statement of that date regarding the capture of Col Del Rosso by reporting the capture also of Motte Valbella. It states likewise that a colonel and several Italian staff officers were captured.

"The enemy defended the ground gained with great stubbornness, counter-attacking our attacks and concentrating in front of his line a formidable force from numerous batteries.

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"During the vicissitude of the fierce struggle some batteries and many machine guns which had been left in the destroyed lines were recovered. An enemy column advancing from Bertico toward the heights to the west of Malga Costalunga was destroyed by our fire.

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MILD WEATHER FAVORS ENEMY UNDERTAKINGS

Absence of Usual Snowfall Tells Against Italians in North.

PIAVE BATTLE RAGES

Austro-Germans Expected to Aim New Blow at Italy.

London, Dec. 25.—The Associated Press correspondent at Italian headquarters in northern Italy reports most unusual weather conditions in this war theatre, with little snow and exceedingly mild temperatures—conditions which are greatly aiding the Austro-Germans in their operations, the shifting of troops and the forwarding of supplies. "The battle is still raging on the Piave front. The Italians announce that they have recaptured, despite stubborn resistance, the positions they had lost the previous day on the Asiago Plateau. Berlin reports, however, tend to minimize the setback, and lay stress on the repulse of Italian counter-attacks against the positions newly won by the Germans and a thrust at Monte Pertica. The Germans report the capture of nine thousand Italian prisoners in engagements around Col Del Rosso.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE GET BIT OF SETBACK

Bolsheviks Angered by German Ban on Conference of Socialists.

HUNS PLAY FOR TIME

Seek to Protract Negotiations, While Rushing Removal of Troops.

London, Dec. 25.—The Bolshevik commander-in-chief, Ensign Krylenko, reports the transference of large numbers of German troops to the western front and the southwestern Russian front.

Civil war in Russia seems to be spreading. The negotiations between the Bolsheviks and the central powers apparently are not proceeding smoothly. Time gained by the Germans in the negotiations would mean so much more time for the shifting of troops, now being carried out with the greatest speed possible.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has called the attention of the peace delegation to this fact. A special despatch from Brest-Litovsk announces the Germans were not ready yesterday to reply to the Russian peace terms, and consequently the meeting of the peace delegates was postponed until Monday afternoon.

It is reported that the refusal of Germany to issue passports to the German Socialists, Haas, Ledebour and Kautsky, who desire to go to Stockholm to acquaint themselves with the Russian revolutionary conditions, has produced in Russia an impression which may hamper peace negotiations.

Minister Trotsky has sent a telegram to his delegates at Brest-Litovsk in this connection, declaring that if the Germans refused their socialist passports this would create such a bad impression at Petrograd that it was deemed necessary that the German delegation, which is expected here Thursday, should go to Stockholm instead.

The Bolshevik commissioners have issued a manifesto to all Russian workmen declaring that as the armistice will probably be transformed at an early date into a general peace to all the European peoples, preparation of military equipment is a waste of national labor and funds, and that consequently the output must be stopped immediately and replaced by the production of peace supplies, which the country needs.

The newspapers announce that a delegation from the enemy powers is coming to Petrograd to participate in a conference presided over by Trotsky to discuss the political aspects of an eventual peace conference. Another enemy delegation will participate in the commission meeting at Odessa to discuss technical questions.

ENEMY STRIVES HARD TO BREAK THRU TO PLAIN

Austro-Germans Maintain Offensive Against Lines of Italians.

VARY THEIR TACTICS

Test Strength of Italian Positions in Brenta River Sectors.

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"Our night-flying machines bombed several of the enemy's airdromes with good effect. At daylight on Monday one of our squadrons bombed Mannheim on the Rhine with excellent results. A ton of bombs was dropped and bursts were observed in the large main station in the works and also in the town, where fires were started. Very heavy anti-aircraft gunfire was directed against our airplanes when they were over their objective and one of our machines was damaged and forced to land. Several of the enemy's scouts made repeated attacks upon our formations, but were driven off. The other machines returned except the one aforementioned."

These valleys lie on opposite sides of the Brenta River, with German divisions operating east of the river in an effort to push thru the valley of San Lorenzo and the Austrians fighting west of the river in an attempt to effect a penetration by the Franzella route.

The latest attack on the west side of the river was preceded by a heavy bombardment. This preparation was followed up by the advance of successive waves of infantry from a large concentration of enemy forces which succeeded in making a few hundred yards progress. The Italians, however, are still contesting the ground, their counter-attacks being yet in progress.

Enemy troops from the Russian and Rumanian fronts have been identified during the latest attacks. It is established that Austrian troops along the Piave are being shifted to the mountain region with the evident purpose of concentrating all attention on breaking thru from the north.

The menace to Venice from the recent success of the enemy in one of his numerous attempts to cross the old Piave has now been ended by a brilliant night attack. The Seventh Bersaglieri drove the enemy from his foothold on the west bank near the mouth of the river, and forced him back across the stream to his old position on the east bank.

British Attorney-General Arrives at Atlantic Port

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 25.—On a British vessel arriving here today was William E. Thompson, head of the American Red Cross Mission to Russia, who is returning to the United States to make a report of the condition in that country with reference to the work of his organization.

Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Company, and Sir Frederick Edward Smith, attorney-general for Great Britain, were also among the cabin passengers. A large number of wounded Canadians returned on the ship.

BRITISH AIRMEN BOMB MANNHEIM

Over Ton of Explosives Dropped on German City—Explosions and Fires Caused in Important Works.

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UNEARTH PLAN TO OVERTHROW SOCIAL ORDERS

Shilka Incident Believed First Move in World-Wide Scheme.

GENERAL PROPAGANDA

Bolshevik Enlist Support of American and Irish Agitators.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Evidence has been uncovered by government agents indicating that American Industrial Workers of the World, Russian Bolsheviks, Irish agitators and revolutionists in various countries, at war with Germany may be seeking to lay the foundation of an elaborate worldwide plan to overthrow existing social orders.

This was admitted today by officials here in connection with news of the discovery of a quantity of rifles, revolvers and ammunition in the Russian freighter Shilka, which has just arrived at a Pacific port, manned by a notorious Bolshevik crew. Government agents suspect that the guns and munitions were intended for Industrial Workers of the World here, although it was said a full report on the mysterious cargo has not yet been forwarded by officials at the port of arrival.

The Shilka incident is only one of many cases leading officials to believe the connection between parties in several of the allied countries may be more tangible than the indefinite link of moral sympathy. Certain Irish agitators and I. W. W. leaders recently have gone from the United States to Russia, after being in close touch with each other here, and reports have been received that Bolshevik organizers would come to America of record to spread their doctrine of "the action for communal organization."

Although prosecution of I. W. W. leaders has been vigorous, officials have evidence which they claim shows that the menace of this organization is being held to be supported largely by German money, remains strong. Further action against the agitators is foreseen. This will be hastened if it is found that the band is working with Russian Bolshevik leaders to bring about premature peace in Germany's interests, or to hamper America at home.

Extreme care is being taken by this government to avoid antagonizing the Bolshevik movement in Russia, despite the international trititions it has caused.

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FOE ARTILLERY VERY ACTIVE IN VERDUN REGION

Germans May Renew Struggle to Break Lines of French.

ALLIES PREPARED

British Airmen Do Much Damage to Enemy Base on Rhine.

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EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR PROHIBITION LAW

Union Government Receives Resolutions of Appreciation for Action From Organizations.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Hon. N. W. Rowell has received the following messages relating to the government's order-in-council respecting prohibition: From A. W. Coon, general secretary Alberta Social Service League, Edmonton: "Union government's Christmas box to Canada in form of prohibition greatly appreciated in Alberta. It will relieve our distressing situation. Council's action four days after return to power most commendable. Alberta Social Service League expresses its gratitude. Churches throughout Alberta will take it up tomorrow."

TWO PATROL BOATS LAUNCHED YESTERDAY

Polson Iron Works Put 1 1/2 to Water. Five New Vessels and Have Another Almost Ready. At 1:30 o'clock on Christmas afternoon two government fishery patrol boats were launched at the Polson Iron Works. One was christened by Miss Church and the other by Miss Russell, daughter of John S. Russell. Those attending the ceremony included Mayor Church, Douglas Eby, Lieut.-Col. J. B. Miller, Sanford E. Evans, Ottawa, Mr. G. W. McCon. In order to launch the boats, each 130 feet in length, the ice in the bay had to be cut thru to make a clearing. Both boats will be completed by the time navigation opens. The launchings yesterday bring the new vessels to the P. I. beam company. The water up to five, and another with work sufficient to progress on for launch in a few days. The vessels are to be used for patrol work in about a month. This latter vessel is to be used for ocean-going steel cargo boat of full canal size. The Polson company will also shortly commence the building of four more steel ocean freight boats.

ANARCHISTS ABUSIVE

Petrograd Mass Meeting Held to American Nation. Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 24.—A mass meeting of anarchists was held on Sunday afternoon, at which inflammatory speeches against the United States were delivered. The speakers urged their attacks, and arrests of Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and Louis Kramer. Some of the speakers urged violence against the American Embassy, but only a mild resolution of protest was the outcome of the affair. A co-speech of anarchists has been called to meet in Petrograd on Christmas day in the Russian calendar.

GERMAN RAID FAILURE

French Repulse Foe V to u—Dukirk is E mbed. Paris, Dec. 25.—The war office today issued the following statement: "There was intermittent cannonading at various points along the front. An enemy raid upon one of our posts at Caureux Wood (Verdun region) was without success. "Aviation: A German machine was brought down in an air combat on December 24, and another was forced to descend within the French lines in the evening of the 24th by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns. Duikirk and its vicinity were bombarded by enemy aviators, causing several casualties."

FATALITY AT CROSSING

Mrs. Amos Hughes, Napana, Struck by Train and Fatally Injured. Special to The Toronto World. Napana, Dec. 25.—Yesterday when Mrs. Amos Hughes and her son, 13 years old, were driving to town, in attempting to cross the C. N. R. crossing on the Selkirk road, ahead of a train, the rig was struck by the engine, badly injuring Mrs. Hughes, the injuries resulting in her death in a few or five hours after the accident.

DEATH CHEATS GALLOWES

Hallifax, Dec. 25.—Carmello Sofia Morabito, the Italian woman who was found guilty of the murder of her husband at Pictou and who was sentenced to the gallows on Jan. 15, died today in the Pictou County Jail. Death was due to rheumatic fever and heart trouble. Her partner in the crime, Natalie Neri, who is also under sentence of death on the same date, has been greatly affected by the death of Carmello.

ACTIVITIES IN WEST

Foe Report Millions Fighting at La Bassa, a d Near Cambrai. Berlin, Dec. 25.—(Via London).—Today's official statement by army headquarters on the western and Macedonian front operations reads: "Western front: In Flanders, at La Bassa Canal and southwest of Cambrai, the fighting activity revived at times on both sides of the Meuse, at Barwanwell roof and in the 'hewn' Valley the artillery fire increased at 11 p.m. "Macedonian front: On the Struna plain there was increased artillery fire."

SOLDIERS HAD TO SPEND HOLIDAYS IN BARRACKS

Twenty-one Hundred of C. O. R. Confined to Quarters By Quarantine Restrictions. By Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—Owing to the outbreak of smallpox, which resulted in a quarantine being placed in the east-end barracks, forty officers and 2,100 men of the C. O. R. Depot Battalion spent the holiday in the barracks. The men and officers had Christmas dinners in their respective quarters and held an entertainment in the evening. Col. McCullough, provincial health inspector, visited the barracks Saturday afternoon and also held a conference with Dr. Roberts, city health officer. They did not state when the quarantine will be lifted. At the present time the smallpox patients are isolated in a portion of the C. O. R. grounds with guards on constant duty. The quarantine will likely mean the cancellation of a draft of 600 C. O. R. members who were scheduled to leave for the east early next month. It was said that plans had been made to have the entire depot away by January 18.

Construction Corps Unit To Be Stationed at Hamilton

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Dec. 26.—The local garrison will be further strengthened here as the result of the arrival on Friday of the Construction Corps Depot under the command of Major Francis. The unit will be 600 strong and will be stationed in the old barracks. At the present time the Engineers are putting the quarters into shape for the new corps.

Aged Resident of Hamilton Smitten Suddenly by Death

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Death came unexpectedly on Christmas morning to Wm. Stivell, a well known resident of Hamilton for the past 40 years. He was 74 years of age and an Irishman by birth. For 20 years he was in the employ of the G. T. R. and for the past twenty years of the Steel Company of Canada. He is survived by three sons, C. H. of Clinton, Ohio, J. W. of Buffalo, N.Y., and G. C. of Youngstown, Ohio, and one daughter, Mrs. William Greenwood of this city.

SEEKS VENISON SUPPLY

Controller Jutten After Deer—Eleventh-Hour Five-Year Radial Lease. Hamilton, Dec. 26.—The receiving word from the government controller Jutten is hopeful of having a further supply of venison before the end of the week. An effort is being made to have 50 additional deer sent into the city. If the council is to ratify the suggestion of the special railway committee that a 5-year lease be granted to the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company on Mountain Park property, a deer forest extension purposes. It must do so tonight. It was learned last evening that Controller Tyrrell, Aldermen Peebles and Young have had a satisfactory conference with company officials.

WIND UP CIVIC BUSINESS.

By a Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Tonight the city council of 1917, which will, in all probability remain intact for another year, will wind up the business of 1917. There is little of importance to be disposed of in an air combat on December 24, and another was forced to descend within the French lines in the evening of the 24th by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns. Duikirk and its vicinity were bombarded by enemy aviators, causing several casualties."

DEATH OF MRS. A. W. BROWN.

By a Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—At the residence of her brother, 55 Oak avenue, yesterday, Harriet K. Book, wife of A. W. Brown, breathed her last in her 64th year. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Bryon Gibbard, Detroit, Mich. The remains will be taken to Stann's for interment tomorrow afternoon.

SUBMARINE MEN BEST FED IN GERMAN NAVY

In Order to Attract Recruits, Give Them Good Food, Despite the Shortage. New developments of a highly interesting character affecting Germany's food supplies are contained in information obtained here today. The submarine is now the best fed of the whole German service. In order to attract men to it, but at the same time, it is Germany's intention to do most of the submarine recruiting among the men in its mercantile service. The testimony of German submarine survivors has recently fully confirmed this.

St. Thomas Resident May Die Thru Being Struck by Train

St. Thomas, Dec. 25.—Miss Lottie Couchman, aged 23, of St. Ann's place, was found unconscious on the plot of the "Wolverine" Michigan Central Railway flyer, as it plied into the station here tonight. It was later found that she had been struck at the Metcalfe street crossing. She has a broken leg, several fractured ribs and internal injuries. At Almswood Hospital it is said she may not recover.

PRISONERS ARE TAKEN BY FRENCH DURING RAID

Paris War Office Reports Only Minor Infantry Operations. Paris, Dec. 25.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight says: "There was moderate artillery activity over the greater part of the front, quite spirited on the right bank of the Meuse. South of Cavincourt, the raiding the enemy lines and brought back prisoners. "Belgian communication: In the course of the last two days we have bombarded Schoor, Lekke and the region of Schoorbakke in retaliation for the use by the enemy of poison gas shells directed against Ramscour. There was light artillery action in the region of Dilschout. Last night enemy prisoners were taken in the region of Merckem. "Eastern theatre, Dec. 24: The day was calm."

FRATERNIZING CEASES ON WESTERN FRONT

German Methods Destroy Any Tendency of British to Display Slightest Goodwill.

British Army Headquarters in France, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was bright and cold on the western front, but there were no demonstrative celebrations. Also there was no fraternizing with the Germans, as happened on the first and even on the second Christmas of the war. The German methods have wholly destroyed any tendencies of that sort among the Britons. The British guns have been active during the last few days. Yesterday they achieved considerable concentration on the enemy infantry in the neighborhood of Beelare, and inflicted many casualties.

HAMILTON MAY CALL OFF ITS CIVIC ELECTIONS

Spin of Coin May Fill Vacancy and O. C. U. to be Continued for Another Year. By a Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—At noon today will be definitely known whether or not the council is to undergo the bitter strife of an election contest in any one of its eight wards. The spin of the coin is the big bone of contention. There is a vacancy caused by the death of the late Mayor, and it was thought that this vacancy could be filled by acclamation, but the labor organization sent James Cunningham an appeal, William Monk, and then nominated John Madden as alderman.

IS KILLED IN ACTION

Lieut. Jos. Marsh, Hamilton War Veteran, Makes Supreme Sacrifice. Hamilton, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—Word has been received here that Lieut. Joseph Marsh, brother of St. Marsh, 141 Maple avenue, this city, has been killed in action after serving overseas since the early days of the war. The late soldier enlisted in a private in the Royal Irish Rifles, and when he received his commission he was 26 years of age. A year ago he was slightly wounded, but recovered, and met his death in the fighting around Cambrai on November 23. A young wife survives.

JAILED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Hamilton, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—George Finch and Henry Richards were placed under arrest on Christmas Day. They are charged with being in charge of an automobile in an intoxicated condition.

DETAILS CANADA'S GLORY

Ambitious Project for History of Share of Dominion in War. London, Dec. 25.—(Via Reuters Ottawa agency).—The story of Canada's glorious deeds in the war, as they have been told, which already has been told in print as now to be told in glowing colors by some of the most distinguished artists of the day, British and Canadian. Under the auspices of the Canadian war records office a war memorial fund has been inaugurated with Lord Rothermere as chairman and Lord Beaverbrook as a member of the committee. The fund on now amounts to about \$75,000, the whole of it having been raised in the United Kingdom and Canada by the propaganda section of the Dominion Government, the object of which is to tell the people of Canada, down to the smallest detail, what their share has been in the war.

SCORE'S "BALACLAVA" SLIP-ON THE TOP-COAT OF DISTINCTION.

It may be a timely suggestion to some men who are in the city over the holiday season to make special mention of Score's "Balclava" slip-on, which is one of the most distinctive coats that a high-class tailor can make. It is made up from those special Scotch and Irish overcoatings and is an exclusive design, and rich color effects makes the ideal outer garment for winter. It is made in good style and superior quality, \$35 and up. B. Score & Son, Limited, 77 King street west.

GARB OF RICKSHAW DRIVERS.

In the City of Durban, Natal, South Africa, the rickshaws, which to a certain extent take the place of taxicabs, are given a distinctive appearance. The motor vehicles could ever possess, by reason of the costume worn by the natives who drive the two-wheeled carts. The rickshaws themselves are of quite modern make, with pneumatic tires and rubber tires, but the native attendants are decked out in a garb which is a strange combination of colored and ornamented jacket and headgear that is truly startling. The driver consists of a pair of trousers, a long and long plumes that hang down the back.

BRIDGE PAINTED WHITE.

For the purpose of increasing its visibility at night, a highway bridge spanning a stream in one of the most western states was painted white some time ago. The reason was so simple that the commissioners decided that all bridges in the county should be similarly finished as rapidly as their repainting became necessary. For a distance of four miles above the bridge, however, the steelwork, with the exception of the portal, was painted black. This, of course, was because mud splattered by passing vehicles would soon make the lower part of the framework unsightly if it were white.



Two men of the Coldstream Guards having a drink from a forward water supply. —Photo by courtesy of G. P. R.

HAMILTONIANS SPEND VERY QUIET CHRISTMAS

Weather was Seasonable, and Traffic and Trade Were "As Usual"—Turkneys Christmas. By a Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—Christmas festivities passed off quietly here yesterday. A keen west wind kept the citizens by their fireplaces, and owing to the fact that the holidays were spread over three days the incoming and outgoing traffic was not of such a size as to seriously hamper the schedules of the railways. Superintendent Gordon of the G.R.R. stated that the traffic was about equal to last year's figures, but much easier to handle, as the previous year's rush took place on a Saturday.

WIN MILITARY CROSS

Hamilton, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—Lieut. Leighton Perrie of the R.I.C. has been awarded the military cross, and at the present time is on leave in London, Eng. Information to this effect was received in a telegram from the young aviator to his father, Robert B. Perrie, a physician in Chicago. The smallest detail of his service was awarded a star on December 23. It may be a timely suggestion to some men who are in the city over the holiday season to make special mention of Score's "Balclava" slip-on, which is one of the most distinctive coats that a high-class tailor can make. It is made up from those special Scotch and Irish overcoatings and is an exclusive design, and rich color effects makes the ideal outer garment for winter. It is made in good style and superior quality, \$35 and up. B. Score & Son, Limited, 77 King street west.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY. Killed in action—R. M. Sims, Bowman, Man.; H. S. Wilton, Glenboro, Man.; R. Trade, Barwick, Ont.; C. E. Cox, Eng.; C. H. Fleming, Victoria; J. P. Wilson, Switzerland; A. Wash, Springfield, N.S.; J. Blount, Hamilton; J. H. Squier, Edmonton. Died of wounds—W. Hodgkinson, Eng.; W. G. MacPherson, Parkhill, Ont.; W. P. Matthews, England; A. Peters, Cornwall, Ont. Died—72160, H. D. Johnston, General Delivery, Toronto; A. P. Ireland, England; C. Vallis, Sarnia, Ont. Wounded—Lieut. W. Campbell, Norgate, Man.; W. Cox, not stated; A. J. Kirby, England; A. McDonell, Vancouver. Prisoner of war—O. S. Smith, Singapore. Wounded—A. H. Biegs, Pembroke, Ont.; C. J. Brown, not stated; H. McVeigh, Sharbot Lake, Ont.; J. West, Pargunavale, Ont.; A. Colvin, Ireland; F. Hall, Winnipeg; G. B. Hare, Winnipeg; 405—J. A. Mercer, 313 Salem avenue, Toronto; 672941, S. J. Caulfield, 113 Papa avenue, Toronto; 225883, A. Dwight, 118 Clinton street, Toronto; S. McGarry, Chicago; O. Carlson, Precocville, Sask.; C. W. Mitz, Stirling, Ont. Wounded—L. Langlois, Magog, Que. Seriously ill—W. G. MacPherson, Parkhill, Ont.; R. Whelan, Ireland; J. H. Joynt, Quebec; E. Pogonagabow, not stated; H. J. Graham, Richibucto, N.B.; R. Cromarty, Chilliwack, B.C.; L. Robertson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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WEATHER IS VERY COLD IN MOUNTAIN REGION

Some Snow Falls on British Sector in Italy, Where Situation Remains Unchanged.

London, Dec. 25.—The first statement by the British war office dealing with the Italian front, where British troops now occupy a sector, was issued last night. The text reads: "Since a portion of the Italian front was taken over by British troops there has been no change in the situation on the British front. There has been active counter-battery work and our airmen have given a good account of themselves, but have been hampered by bad weather during the last few days. "Some snow has fallen and the cold is intense, especially in the mountains. The health and spirit of the troops are excellent."

GERMAN BRUTALITY EXTENDS TO MURDER

American Sentry Had Throat Cut After Capture—Women Are Driven Into Snow.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 25.—Information concerning German savagery has reached the American troops in one of a series of bulletins read to them by the unit commanders and posted on the bulletin boards. Here is what they heard: "After a raid by the Germans on trenches held by American troops, a lone sentry of the infantry was found with his throat cut from ear to ear. He had been surprised by an overwhelming force of Germans and must have been killed after capture. "Such brutality is familiar to old soldiers who served against savages in the Philippine campaign. "Another bulletin tells the men how the Germans in occupied sections of France and Belgium are turning women and children out of their homes into the snow, the buildings being then used by soldiers, horses and material."

HOW ALASKA WAS NAMED.

The name Alaska is an English corruption or perversion of Alyeska, as it was called by the aboriginal inhabitants of the Aleutian Islands, lying to the westward. When the Russians first came to one of the Aleutian Islands they were told that a vast country lay to the eastward, and that its name was Alyeska. The Aleuts called their own island Nagai Alyeska, meaning the land lying near Alyeska. By a process of Russifying and Anglicizing Alyeska became Alaska, and Nagai-Alyeska became Unalaska. The original Aleutian word Alyeska meant "the great country," as the inhabitants of Coastered islands would naturally consider a vast continental region of varied resources and beautiful scenery as Alyeska or Alaska has since proved to be.

COULD ACCOMMODATE HIM.

Mr. MacWorth took his family to a farmhouse, where quiet and rest seemed to be assured. Close by, however, was a pigsty, the presence of which was a dated and certain wind conditions. Mr. MacWorth planned to go here again this summer, but who else he feared that the pigsty would have to be a terroir before he could accommodate him. "The farmer's reply was brief: "Can accommodate you all right. The pig sty has no pigs in this place since you left."

BREAKS FEMUR.

Nick Horchob, five years old, of 119 Niagara street, sustained a fractured thigh bone when he fell on a slippery pavement yesterday. He was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children.

Advertisement for A. G. E. Pipes of Superior Quality. The man who is particular about his pipe will strongly recommend the A. G. E. Briar. These splendid pipes are made from the finest selected briar root of great age. They require no breaking-in, and will be found cool and sweet from the first. With fair usage, one will last for years, and if regularly cleaned, will never become strong. The mouthpiece is made from the highest grade para vulcanite, and the pipe throughout is a model of high-grade workmanship. We personally guarantee each pipe against burning or cracking. A. G. E. Briars come in several straight and heart shapes. One price \$3.50. CIGAR DEPARTMENT MICHIE AND COMPANY, LIMITED 7 King St. W., Toronto ESTABLISHED 1835

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Fur Sets of Rare Beauty

Stoles, Capes and Capes in Alaska Sable (Skunk), Kolinsky, Fox and Mink with Muffs in Various Fashionable Designs

VERY handsome is a set of Alaska Sable (skunk) from Revillon Freres, which fact alone is proof of its excellence. The neck-piece is very long and wide, falling in cape effect over the shoulders, and trimmed all round with tails. The muff is unusual in shape, on the order of an exaggerated canteen, bordered on each side with tails, and lined, as is the stole, with heavy brown crepe de chine. It has a most attractive wrist ring, and strap of crocheted silk. \$350.00 the set.

Of Alaska Sable (skunk) also is a beautiful neckpiece in broad cape effect, ending in points over each shoulder, and continuing as a broad stole in front. The skins are very effectively matched and exquisitely soft and lustrous. Trimmed with tails and lined with crepe de Chine, this neckpiece costs \$200.00.

Charming use is made of silky Kolinsky, squirrel and ermine in a set of fur. The neckpiece, in broad cape effect, is of Kolinsky, with a deep pointed collar of ermine, edged with a row of tails. It is lined with taupe chiffon over white crepe de Chine. The quaint mink muff has deep cuffs of ermine, trimmed with tails, and is lined with brown crepe de Chine. The set is \$250.00.

Beautifully matched mole-skin forms another distinctive set, the cape-shaped neckpiece having a high turn-over collar, which may be turned back to show its ermine facing, the cape fastens with silk cords, attached to round medallions of cord and silk, on each side of the front, and ending in tassels. The fancy, bag-like muff ends on each side, in a conical point of cord and silk, with tassel and ring. The apertures for the hands are outlined in ermine, \$250.00 the set.

The ever-popular Fox appears in many a new guise this season. This particular set is of soft Lustrine Fox. The muff is in canteen shape with head, tail and paw at its base and deep crepe de chine frills at each side. Crepe de chine also forms the lining, and the wrist ring is of tortoise celluloid, \$75.00.

The neckpiece to which is in broad animal shape, with beautifully bushy tail, and crepe de chine lining. It fastens with little crocheted balls. Price, \$70.00. —Third Floor, Yonge St.

Music Cabinets, to Clear, at \$8.90

These and Other Odd Lines in the After Christmas Clean-up Offerings.

MUSIC Cabinets, an assorted lot in mahogany finish, pediment and mirror back style, with large door, some with shaped panel, well finished interior. Clearing at \$8.90.

Living-room Arm Chairs and Arm Reclining Chairs, assorted designs, in quarter-cut fumed oak, with shaped panel backs, extra large, deep spring seats, covered in leather and leatherette. Clearing at \$6.50.

Dining-room Chairs, quarter-cut oak frames, in golden finish, panel backs, 4-t. sides. Upholstered in leather. Five side chairs and one arm chair 4 pieces. Clearing at \$15.50.

Dining-room Extension Tables, two designs, golden elm and surface oak finish, square and round top, pedestal base, folding style, 4-t. sides. Clearing at \$10.00.

Folding Utility Tables, fumed and mahogany finished frames, metal corners, 20 x 30-inch tops, covered in green cloth. Price, \$2.75. Furniture Building, James and Albert Sts.



On Thursday in the Millinery Department

A Special Showing of Smart Mid-Season Hats

Featuring Particularly a Collection of Delightful Models for Palm Beach, California and other Southern Resorts—Models in Satin, Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe, Metallic Brocade, and a few in Leghorn and Panama Straw—Exclusive Designs of Latest Vogue for Formal and Informal Wear.

Included are a host of models in summery shades of blue, rose and yellow, trim mushroom and sailor effects for sports, motoring and morning walks; dainty broad-brimmed designs for use with simple afternoon frocks, and graceful picture hats for more ceremonious occasions.

Besides these are chic little turbans in satin and crepe de Chine, in black, taupe, brown and navy, delightfully chic and smart for traveling and general wear at home.

And throughout the whole display runs the note of distinct simplicity, embroidery in silk, wool or chenille, serving as the dominant form of ornamentation.

The collection consists of New York models, also reproductions and original creations from our own milliners. Prices run from \$8.50 to \$24.00. —Second Floor, Yonge Street.

Dresses of Foulard and Georgette Suggesting the Balmy Days of the South

And Offering Themselves as Well for Afternoon and Informal Evening Wear at Home—Models from Clever New York Makers

THE merest glance at these charming frocks of foulard and Georgette crepe, turns one's thoughts to green leaves, and birds and sparkling waves. Assuredly they are a happy choice for Southern wear.

One very smart dress is of figured navy blue and white foulard, the skirt having box pleats at front and back, with interesting flying panels at the sides, ending in dangling silk tassels. Interesting, too, is the white Georgette collar, trimmed with navy blue beads, which extends in a deep square at the back and has long tuxedo points in front. The Frock costs \$60.00.

Foulard also helps to form another charming model, this time in coral pink and white. The bodice and upper part of the skirt are of white Georgette, bands of foulard effectively appearing on bodice and sleeves. A most delightful collar of Georgette, hemstitched and edged with narrow picot-edged frills, adds a final touch of daintiness. \$45.00.

Refreshing in its simplicity is a blue and white Foulard Dress, with the Georgette bodice extending in a quaint little apron in front. Its only trimming is binding of foulard on apron, neck and sleeves, and a soft foulard girdle. It is also \$45.00.

Another simple frock, girlish in line and color, is of foulard, patterned in soft grey blue. Its sleeveless bodice is cut low to show the Georgette under bodice, with its becoming collarless neckline. Narrow insertions of valenciennes lace trim the neck and graceful bell sleeves. Moreover, to finally capture the heart of its beholder this dress boasts 2 clusters of long looped bows of narrow shell pink ribbons, at the waistline. \$35.00.

The material par excellence for summery frocks, is Georgette crepe—and a happy example of its use is a frock of soft blue, quaintly patterned in darker blue. It is quite reminiscent of the frocks grandmother used to wear, with its little Chemise and puffed undersleeves of fine white net, hemstitched and frilled, and trimmed with tiny pearl buttons. Decidedly modern, however, is the ribbon girdle with beaded motifs in blue, rose and white, \$45.00.

The color of the Southern sky, is an afternoon frock of crisp turquoise taffeta, shot with lavender. Its basque-like bodice extends in apron effect in front, and the skirt is draped at sides and back. Wisely relying for its charm, upon color and silhouette, it is unadorned save for tiny crystal beads on collar, girdle and cuffs, and silk tassels on each side of the skirt. Price, \$70.00.

No Southern wardrobe without its dinner or dance frock! This Cheruit model of oyster-white satin is most alluring—with the new straight décolletage, quite high at the back. It hangs straight from the shoulders, veiled, in tunic effect with filmy lace, and a soft girdle of satin encircles the hips; square loops of satin outline the sides. Price, \$69.50.

A dream of a dress for evenings under Southern moons, is one which looks like a primrose yellow cloud. It is made of layer upon layer of Georgette crepe, with satin, some combined with Georgette crepe or net and metallic laces; but a few are of velvet or serge. The designs are manifold and smart, as are also the colors, though rose, taupe, navy blue, black and white are most in evidence—the trimming is largely silk and wool embroidery. \$40.00.

French and American Dresses Reduced to \$35 and \$40

In the \$40.00 group are some French models, others from well-known New York designers, and they include afternoon, street and dinner gowns. Most are of heavy satin, some combined with Georgette crepe or net and metallic laces; but a few are of velvet or serge. The designs are manifold and smart, as are also the colors, though rose, taupe, navy blue, black and white are most in evidence—the trimming is largely silk and wool embroidery. \$40.00.

At \$35.00 are distinctive street and afternoon frocks in tailored effects. They are of serge, satin and combinations of the two, in purple, brown, navy blue and black. Buttons, braiding and embroidery are used with discrimination as trimming. \$35.00. —Third Floor, James Street.

You were Inquiring

IF YOU WANT HELP IN choosing your clothes, or furnishing your house, suggestions as to reading books to read or presents to give, write to the Shopping Service and one of the Shoppers will advise you, and buy for you when desired—act as your proxy in the Store. Should you wish a reply from the Scribe, mark the corner of your envelope, "The Scribe," and in the column below for the answer.

J. McM.—The sequence isn't exactly logical, but who cares a fig for that? Anyway, it's the inmates of the books that count, and for a dollar or two you can fill the whole top shelf of the book case with "good ones." In the Wayfarer's Library—Dent and Sons' publication, you know—there had any number of delightful things from the best of the modern writers: Novels, essays and biographies. One would suggest, for instance, The Astonishing History of Troy Town, by Sir A. T. Quiller-Couch, a charmingly amusing story of English country town life; Pebbles on the Shore, a collection of breezy essays by "Alpha of the Flog," (supposed to be A. G. Gardiner, author of Prophets, Priests and Kings); The Love of the Wanderer, an anthology of outdoor sketches by Hazlitt, Dickens, Stevenson, and our own Canadian writer, Alan Sullivan. Also various other tales by Chesterton, Arnold Bennett, Joseph Conrad, Barry Pain, and S. R. Crockett. They are to be had at 25 cents each, bound in cloth, the paper and letter press excellent. Then, too, in the little red cover Nelson Library at 10c each, you may get any number of good yarns, such as those gems of humor by Somerville and Martin Ross; Further Experiences of An Irish R. N.; Some Irish Yesterdays, and All On the Irish Shore. Also the Four Feathers, by A. W. Mason; Lame Dog's Diary, and the Portunes of Christina McNab, by Miss McNaughton; The Inviolable Sanctuary, by G. A. Birmingham; Set In Authority, by Sara Jeannette Duncan; and My Friend Prospero, by Walter Holland. So there you are, Madamella McDuff.

"Inquites."—The peculiar fashion of turning the dining-room into a display ground for china and glass has happily passed away. Dinner sets, berry bowls and cups and saucers are no longer strung along plate rails and marshalled out in full array on the sideboard. Consign your belongings to the cabinets and cupboards provided for them. Madame Inquites, and rest content in the thought that you are doing the "correct" thing.

M. L. W.—Not a sign of a large white ball head on the whole way from Dan to Beersheba.

B. E. M.—The spring coats arrive about the same time as the first robin—late February or early March. If your mother is in a special rush for her wrap, perhaps you would like samples of suitable silk to have it made. There is a beautiful black silk cord at \$4.00 a yard—14 inches wide, and a gros grain 40 inches wide at \$10.00 a yard. A fine, firm black satin, 36 inches wide, at \$2.00. Brocade that would serve delightfully as a lining may be had in black patterned with purple, in tan, with shadowy design in brown, and in grey and taupe with mauve or rose. This is \$2.50 a yard—27 inches wide. Samples of these will be sent to you if you will send your address.

The Scribe

Misses' and Juniors' Silk and Serge Dresses, Remarkably Low Priced, Thursday, at \$13.75

A CLEARANCE of a manufacturer's samples in smart frocks of satin, serge, crepe de chine and taffeta—all marked at a remarkably low price for rush clearance. Those of serge are mostly cut on straight and well-tailored lines. Of silks and satins there are various attractive styles with draped and plain skirts, variously adorned on bodice with collars of crepe or satin. Colors are green, brown, Holland, navy and black. Sizes 12 to 20. Special, Thursday, \$13.75. —Third Floor, Yonge St.

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ALL SOLDIERS GIVEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

Over Twelve Hundred at Exhibition Camp—Triangle Club and Hospitals Entertain.

Christmas cheer was brought to 1270 overseas troops at Exhibition Camp at noon yesterday by a fine turkey and plum-pudding dinner served under the auspices of the Military Y. M. C. A. in the large dining hall in the west end of the grand stand building. It was necessary to divide the soldiers into three sittings of about 400 each time in order to banquet such a large number. The Y. M. C. A. set the tables out in a very attractive way so as to make the men in khaki feel as much at home as possible. Decorations of Christmas bells, flowers, flags, and a program of appropriate music added to the pleasures of the occasion. Major-General and Mrs. Legie visited the troops while the Christmas dinner was in progress. The soldiers were waited upon by two hundred members of the women's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.

Another splendid Christmas dinner for soldiers and returned soldiers was held under Y. M. C. A. auspices at the Red Triangle Club, corner of East Queen and Victoria streets, 300 of the overseas men sitting around the festive board. Sixty members of the Y. M. C. A. auxiliary waited on the tables. By special permission of General Legie, the returned men were authorized to attend the dinner in uniform. A splendid program of vocal numbers by leading Toronto artists was a feature of the dinner at the Red Triangle Club.

Under direction of the Y. M. C. A., Christmas entertainments were also arranged for the soldiers at the Military Base Hospital, Gerrard street, and at the College street Military Convalescent Home.

SHE STOOD THE TEST

Women of Canada have had knowledge of public affairs thrust upon them during the past few weeks in a measure undreamed of 15 months ago. The bestowal of the franchise upon thousands of women who were eligible to vote in the federal elections Dec. 17 brought the woman of the home suddenly into the light of public life. It was not the women who sought the franchise who first got it; it came to those who least expected to take part in politics and to many who did not want to vote.

The eyes of the world were upon the woman of Canada when she dropped her first ballot into the ballot box. After it was all over, the smoke of battle cleared, the ballots counted and the cheering and all—the realization came that the women of Canada had stood the test of the franchise. Canada had saved the women of the returning officers in the different polling booths in Toronto were perhaps among the most surprised of all the men who had anything to do with the elections. They were in the best position to see and to know what heart women took and how they met the new situation. From these men come the greatest praise to the women. The door opened to woman she entered the mysterious place known as the polling booth; she accepted the little square of white paper given her by the man in charge, thanked him, went behind the curtain and placed her little cross for Union government on the ballot.

The action had not made her manly or taken her out of her sphere. She was just the same—but no, she was changed. Had she not faced the crisis, answered the call, stood for an instant on political ground with men? Henceforth women of Canada will be different; they will cling to the knowledge and demand the fullest measure of franchise.

BARLEY BREAD.

Barley bread is one of the finest of war breads and can be made with very little trouble according to today's bulletin from the national emergency food garden commission of Washington, working in conjunction with this newspaper in a national wide movement to conserve the food supply. The following recipe is recommended for a nation-wide campaign:

2 cups peeled and sliced potato.
2 cups boiling water.
The yeast cake in 1/4 cup lukewarm water.
1 teaspoon salt.
1 cup barley flour.
1 cup wheat flour.
1 tablespoon sugar.
1 tablespoon lard.

All measurements are level full. Roll the potato and water and put thru a sieve or colander. While still lukewarm add the yeast dissolved in one-fourth cup of lukewarm water. Stir into this two cups of wheat flour to make a sponge. Set this sponge in a warm place to rise for about three hours. Put in a bread pan or on the bread board two cups of wheat flour and two cups of rye flour. Open in the centre of this pile of flour and pour in the sponge. Add the sugar, salt and lard and mix all together, then knead well for about ten minutes or until it is elastic and smooth. Set to rise in covered pan in a warm place until it doubles in size. Then moderate oven for one hour. Remove loaves from pans and place them on cloth or bread board to cool.

To Those on War Duty

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ALD. DONALD C. MAC GREGOR, J.P., who has made good as a representative of Ward Six in the city council, is a candidate for the board of control. He has been one of the most active members of council during the past two years, meeting all the returning groups of wounded soldiers looking after the interests of the workingman, and keeping his duty to the ratepayers always before him. Nobody has ever accused him of sectionalism in council; while seeing to it that the ward he represented was taken care of, he always voted in the best interests of the whole city. Not the least important of the good works inaugurated by Ald. MacGregor was the transformation of Catfish pond in High Park from a dangerous swamp to a model recreation area with a fresh-water lagoon at the south end.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

EARLSCOURT CITIZENS WILL HEAR CANDIDATES

Public Meetings Have Been Arranged and Municipal Questions Will Be Discussed by Candidates.

The British Imperial Association of Earls Court has made arrangements for three meetings in the district to give candidates for municipal honors an opportunity to outline their platforms if elected in 1918.

This evening in the Earls Court School majority and board of control candidates will have an opportunity to address the meeting. Vice-President George Willis will occupy the chair.

On Friday evening aspirants for aldermanic and board of education honors will be heard, and on Monday next a grand rally of all candidates will take place, with Pte. H. Parfrey presiding.

In connection with the Christmas tree for the children of the men in khaki in Earls Court Pte. H. Parfrey states that a sum of about \$600 is at present on hand, which it is the intention to try and increase to \$1000 in order to make the event—which will take place in Earls Court Central Methodist Church under the auspices of the B.I.A., G.W.V.A. Earls Court branch and the Independent Women Workers' Association, on or about Jan. 2—more successful.

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ACCLAMATION RUMORED FOR YORK COUNCILLORS

Likelihood That All Members of Township Council Will Be Re-Elected Without Contest, It is Said.

In well-informed circles in York Township yesterday it was said that there was a likelihood that last year's members of the council would all be re-elected by acclamation, and in support of this view it was said that I. N. Woolner, who was nominated in opposition to W. H. Graham as second deputy reeve, had retired from the field. Just what action C. T. Lacey, who was nominated in opposition to Deputy Reeve Fred Miller, will take is not known, but in the event of Mr. Lacey remaining in the contest it is said that J. A. Macdonald of "Tom's Cabin" who was also nominated, will remain in the field.

SEVEN SONS OVERSEAS.

Earls Court Family Hears of Three Boys Incapacitated in War.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rogers, 14 Boon avenue, Earls Court, parents of seven sons at present overseas, have received information that three of them have been incapacitated in the conflict. Q.M. Sgt. action; Pte. Herbert Rogers, C.E.F., in hospital in England suffering from trench fever; and Pte. F. Rogers, C.E.F., has been invalided home to Canada.

CHRISTMAS AT EARLSCOURT.

Day Was Spent Quietly and Churches Were Well Attended.

Christmas Day in the Earls Court district was one of the quietest experienced for many years. Although the thoughts of the residents in practically every home were of their loved ones overseas, the children and young people spent the festive day in the good old English fashion in games and innocent merriment.

The churches were well attended for Christmas services and over 500 communicants attended the altar rail at midnight mass in St. Charles, Earls Court, on Christmas morning. Carols and contentment were everywhere throughout the St. Clair avenue civic carol singing, and the Royal George and Belmont theatres in Earls Court, and the new Oakwood Theatre, Oakwood, were filled with capacity audiences.

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This morning ushers in the greatest fur-buying event of a decade. We have a gigantic stock of the world's most sumptuous furs. We will not carry a fur over to next season. The fur-wearing season has just commenced. But the fur-selling season is short. We cannot get rid of this tremendous stock in the specified time without making stupendous price-sacrifices. Hence the monumental economies in fur-buying offered you today.

Our colossal display of furs is the criterion for style. In it are included the supreme conceptions of the foremost style creators of the world. Dazzling in their beauty, unrivalled for quality, these amazing bargains are offered you just when you need furs most.

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\$15.00 to \$17.00 NAT. CANADIAN WOLF MUFFS, new round style; finished with head, tail and paw; down bed; soft silk linings and silk wrist-cord. Regular \$10.00. SALE PRICE **\$10.00**

\$500, \$550, \$600 to \$650 MODEL HUDSON SEAL COATS, trimmed, large cape collar, deep bell cuffs, border 8", 10" and 12" deep. of Alaska Sable, Kolmsky, Blue Fox, Taupé Fox, Black Fox, Black Lynx and Black Squirrel; large full box, semi and close-fitting styles, with extra full ripple skirt; these coats are all made from selected quality Hudson Seal skins; linings are of rich brocade and pussy willow silks; lengths 42", 44" and 46". Regular \$500.00, \$550.00, \$600.00. SALE PRICE **\$395.00**

\$85.00 MEN'S FUR-LINED COATS, outside shell of good quality Beaver cloth; inside linings of extra good quality, full-furred Canadian Muskrat; large shawl collar of blended Beaver; 60" long. Regular \$85.00. SALE PRICE **\$49.50**

\$22.50 to \$25.00 CANADIAN MINK NECKPIECES, made to order with head, tail and paw; made from fine quality mink skins; best soft silk linings; trimmings. Regular \$25.00. SALE PRICE **\$14.95**

\$25.00 HUDSON SEAL COATS, neat, round neck style, extra fine quality fur; soft silk linings; down bed; ring wrist-holder. Regular \$25.00. SALE PRICE **\$14.95**

\$5.00 PAW NECKPIECES, made to order, made from good quality paw; best soft silk linings. Regular \$5.00. SALE PRICE **\$2.95**

\$15.00 and \$18.00 NAT. CANADIAN WOLF NECKPIECES, full animal style; made from good quality skins; finished with head, tail and paw; good soft silk linings. Regular \$15.00 and \$18.00. SALE PRICE **\$9.95**

\$50.00 to \$60.00 CANADIAN MINK MUFFS, new round and pillow styles; made from fine quality Mink skins, showing four and five distinct stripes; down bed; best soft silk linings and ring wrist-holder. Regular \$50.00 to \$60.00. SALE PRICE **\$42.50**

\$265.00 to \$300.00 MODEL HUDSON SEAL COATS, plain, made from finest quality skins, with large cape and crush collars and deep cuffs; loose box, semi and close-fitting styles; beautifully lined with soft brocade and pussy willow silk; finished with seal buttons, some with pockets; length 45". Regular \$265.00 to \$300.00. SALE PRICE **\$199.00**

\$225.00 to \$250.00 HUDSON SEAL COATS, trimmed, in full box style, with large collar, deep cuffs and border of Black Fox, Pointed Fox, Blue Wolf and Sable; made from finest quality skins; length 42". Regular \$225.00 to \$250.00. SALE PRICE **\$162.50**

\$175.00 HUDSON CONEY SEAL COATS, trimmed large cape collar, deep cuffs and wide border on bottom of best quality Natural Australian Opossum; loose box style, with extra full ripple skirt; best brocade silk linings; 46" long. Regular \$175.00. SALE PRICE **\$119.50**

\$135.00 HUDSON SEAL COATY COATS, plain, full box coats, with large cape collar and deep cuffs; extra full ripple skirt; made from fine quality skins; best linings and trimmings; finished with silk crocheted buttons. Regular \$135.00. SALE PRICE **\$97.50**

\$85.00 CANADIAN MUSKRAT COATS, made from extra fine quality, full-furred skins; large shawl and deep cuffs; finished with seal buttons; best quality silk brocade and pussy willow silk linings; 42" to 50" long. Regular \$85.00. SALE PRICE **\$67.50**

\$80.00 LADIES' FUR-LINED COATS, made from fine quality broadcloth; inside linings of fine quality Muskrat; large shawl collar and lapels; large shawl; 50" long. Regular \$80.00. SALE PRICE **\$62.50**

\$32.50 CINNAMON FOX NECKPIECES, full animal style, finished with head, tail and paw; made from extra nice quality fox skins; best all-silk linings. Regular \$32.50. SALE PRICE **\$19.95**

\$35.00 CINNAMON FOX NECKPIECES, large pillow and round neck styles; good full-furred skins; finished with head, tail and paw; soft silk linings and down bed. Regular \$35.00. SALE PRICE **\$20.45**

\$38.50 TAUPÉ AND GREY WOLF NECKPIECES, large full animal style; finished with head, tail and paw; best soft silk linings; made from finest quality full-furred skins. Regular \$38.50. SALE PRICE **\$25.00**

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People who live outside of Toronto who wish to benefit by these astounding bargains can order by mail. It matters not in what part of Canada you live. Our Mail Order Department will select the fur you order with as much care as if you were in the store yourself. Study the list of bargains carefully. Then mail your order today.

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MASSEY HALL HAS FAMOUS FILM AGAIN

"The Birth of a Nation" is Drawing Its Usual Full-House Audiences. This Week.

The greatest film spectacle of all time, "The Birth of a Nation" is back at Massey Hall again for a Christmas week run. This great drama of the screen has already been shown to 110,000 people in Toronto, but that it bids fair to be as undying as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is shown by the fact

CLASS GIVES STOCKINGS.

The boys and girls of Miss Preston's room at John Fisher School took over 30 Christmas stockings to the Davisville Soldiers Convalescent Home on Thursday, and presented them to the soldiers in bed.

Sporting Customer—A pound of cheese, please. Greener—Goronzoza or cheddar? Sporting Customer—Oh, I don't care. Start me both across the counter and I'll take the winner.

ST. AIDAN'S SERVICES.

Anglican Church at Balm Beach Well Attended Christmas Day.

St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Balm Beach, held three Christmas Day services. Two early communions were held at 7 and 8 o'clock, and the regular Christmas morning service at 10.30. All three were well attended. Rev. E. A. McIntyre, rector, gave a short address of Christmas greeting, in which he congratulated the congregation on the prosperity of the various activities of the church, especially those engaged in patriotic work such as the recent

PACKARD CO. EMPLOYS WOMEN.

Nearly 1000 men having been called to the colors from among the Packard Motor Car Company's employes, it has been necessary to introduce workers into the factory, to maintain production of motor cars, together with an increased production of trucks, in response to government demand. In line with Packard's thoroughness, a school has been established to train women in upholstery, trimming and other work calling for skilled operators.

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SOCIETY FASHIONS ADS FOR WOMEN

SOCIETY

CONDUCTED BY MRS. EDMUND PHILLIPS

Invitations were issued on Saturday for the skating and tobogganing parties at Government House, Ottawa...

Mr. George Beardmore was the host of a dinner last night at Chudleigh...

Mr. Robert Laurier went to Ottawa on Saturday to spend Christmas with Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier...

Mr. Clifford Brown has returned to town and is contemplating a trip to the south via Vancouver...

The Misses Stimson are spending the winter in California...

Col. and Mrs. Miller gave their annual Christmas tree yesterday morning...

Mr. and Mrs. James Dick are visiting Mrs. J. E. Leitch, Etchemin Bridge, Que...

Brig-General Macdonald and Col. Panet from Ottawa were in town for the funeral of Mr. Grover...

Miss Edith Davies has returned to Ottawa from Toronto, where she had been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Blackburn...

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Good, Montreal, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harton Walker...

Miss Geraldine Sewell is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Shaw, in Ottawa...

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Waldron, Kingston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Isabelle Mary, to Mr. John Hamilton Roberts, M.C., Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Roberts, Vancouver...

Mr. Norman Burrows, who has left the hospital in England after being there since Dec. 12 last year with a fractured shoulder, is now in the pay office at Millwall, London...

Major and Mrs. Bolston Carr-Harris and their young son, Kingston, are spending Christmas with Judge and Mrs. Morson...

Mr. John F. Dickson is in town to spend Christmas with his family. The marriage of Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. Dickson, to Mr. J. F. Shaw, of London on Saturday, Dec. 22, of Miss

Simple Way to Take Off Fat

There can be nothing simpler than taking a convenient little...

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WOMEN'S SECTION

IN WOMEN'S SPHERE HOME AND ABROAD

The Wanderer

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Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

Jether, the son of Jesse and Huldah, of the tribe of Judah, during the time of King Solomon, 800 years ago, is unhappy at home, where he is a shepherd boy...

CHAPTER VI. Tola laughed a mocking, sneering laugh as he faced the aged Jesse, who had raised his staff as to strike down the man who would tempt Jether to leave home.

Jether, indignant at the rebuke administered by his father, turned to the mother with an appealing look. She put her arms about his shoulders.

CHAPTER VII. "There lies Jerusalem, the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole world."

"Hasten, Tola," he cried. "I long to see the city."

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON and evening, Dec. 27, the "Birds of a Nation" will be given at Massey Hall under the patronage of Sir John and Lady Hendrie...

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BY WILLIAM BRADY M.D. NOTED PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR

Dr. Brady will answer all signed letters pertaining to health. Writers' names are never printed. Only inquiries of general interest are answered...

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 26.

The Board of Control.

Some changes will be made in the board of control for next year. One wholly unnecessary one is due to the withdrawal of Controller Cameron, who found himself unable longer to repress the mayoralty bug, and so takes this means of retirement, we trust only temporarily, from public life. Mr. Cameron was improving as a controller and gaining insight in municipal affairs, but impatient of apprenticeship, interrupts a useful career to gratify a personal ambition. He has no new policies to propose, and has nothing to offer more than Mayor Church has already presented.

Controller Foster has been removed to another place, thus leaving a second vacancy in the board of control.

To fill these vacancies there have been nominated Ald. Archibald, Ald. MacGregor, Ald. Maguire, T. G. Matheson, ex-Ald. McBride, Edward Meek, K.C., Ald. Robbins and ex-Ald. Vokes. It is unlikely that those without previous municipal experience will appeal to the electorate.

Of the others, Controller O'Neill is sure of reelection. He is in many respects the soundest-headed man in the council, and his business experience combined with his own native shrewdness makes him a valuable asset to the city.

Ald. Robbins should be promoted as a representative of labor as well as for his own merits. The Labor party has been finding fault with Ald. Robbins because he recognized the recent election as a Union election, in which all parties were expected to unite on one object. It is the Labor party and not Ald. Robbins who were out of step on that occasion. Ald. Robbins has been secretary of the Toronto Railway employees' union for ten years and is conversant with the street railway situation. He strongly favors taking it over municipally, and believes that a better and cheaper service can be given, as on the civic lines. He is also in favor of public ownership for the Toronto Electric Light Co., whose franchise expires shortly.

Ald. Archibald is one of the younger members of the council who has shown progressive inclinations. He has made a special study of the assessment question, than which there is none lies nearer the financial interests of the city. He is also sound on the question of public ownership.

The choice of the fourth member of the board will lie very much with minority voters. The one thing that the voters should be clear about is to exclude the silent street railway influence, which will be at work henceforward to make it difficult for the city to re-acquire the franchise, or to inflate the price unduly. Ex-Ald. McBride, for example, says he favors public ownership when it can be made to pay. These half-hearted supporters of the people's interests are suspect, and it is wiser to vote for those only who are clear on the issue.

Mayor Church stands for the taking over of the street railway in 1921 without any doubt or question, and he should have a board of control and council solid on this issue.

A Great Reform.

While a small minority feel peevish over the prohibition measures of the government the great majority are fully prepared for the change, and most of these welcome it as a great step towards a higher civilization. To the next generation it will seem as strange to think that we labored so long under this handicap, as it seems strange to us that our forefathers endured slavery, or submitted to be bled by a doctor for every slightest ailment, or permitted the traffic in opium.

It is stated that the revenue loss to the Dominion on account of the change will be \$12,000,000 annually. There will be great gains to offset this. Penologists are agreed that from 85 to 95 per cent. of all crime is due to liquor, and it is well known that the social vice add the consumption of liquor go hand in hand. The use of liquor is also a pregnant source of disease, so that the saving in the national cost of crime and disease will far outweigh any loss sustained in revenue derived from the traffic in liquor.

Practically all of Canada except Quebec has been under prohibition legislation, and the new regulations will merely give effect to the measures adopted by provinces aiming at prohibition. Ontario was unable to carry out the spirit of the regulations owing to the importation of liquor from Quebec and elsewhere. This is now to be prevented, and after April next the transportation of liquor will be stopped.

The Ontario regulation permitting the sale and consumption of liquors containing not more than two and a half per cent. proof spirits has been adopted by the government for Dominion purposes. This was at first announced as two and a half per cent. alcohol, but a correction has been issued.

The stimulus to general business in the country thru the turning of the vast sums spent in liquor into other channels will be very great. In Russia the suppression of the vodka traffic resulted in such accumulations of savings that all the banks had to open branches to be able to handle the business. The economic effect of prohibition will bring about very profound changes in the nation, and as the psychological changes in society will be no less remarkable there may be looked for after the war a series of developments of the highest importance to the whole human family. Canada is not alone in this reform, and there is little doubt that the United States will seek to make uniform for the English-speaking part of the continent the regulations just adopted by Canada.

Consolidating the Water Powers.

At a recent meeting of the State Railroad Commission of California a consolidation of all the power-

producing companies of northern and central sections of the state was considered. The object of the plan is to increase production. Much power at present produced by the several companies is, for various reasons, not available. Little jag ends of power, ineffective in themselves, if combined together would render useful service. Great economies of production and distribution, it was shown, could also be effected, and the whole problem of power management could be more usefully and cheaply handled. The idea is not a new one, for most of the power plants in the Los Angeles district are already linked up together. An immediate reason for adopting the plan is the possibility of utilizing 30,000 horsepower which co-operation would render available, and which could take the place of power generated from oil combustion. The saving in oil would be about 1,000,000 barrels a year.

These problems are of immediate interest to Ontario, where power is the most important problem before the manufacturer and all who rely upon him. The absence of coal from Ontario renders our water power doubly valuable, and the public character of the service done by such sources of energy as Niagara Falls makes it an anomaly that any of these powers should continue to be in private hands.

A long step was taken by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission in acquiring the Ontario Power Co., but much yet remains to be done. All the powers of Ontario should be in the hands of the trustees of the people. The demand for power is increasing and increasing. In the absence of coal it must be so, and the experiences of this winter will probably accentuate the problem even more fully than last year. Until all the powers from Ottawa to Windsor are linked together under the Ontario Hydro Commission, that body has about two-thirds of its work still to do. The Trent Valley system must be supplemented by the St. Lawrence powers which are still to be developed, and which must not pass into private hands.

Mr. Baker on the War.

Mr. Baker, secretary of war for the United States, in his weekly review of the military situation, calls attention to the activity of the Germans on the Italian front. He thinks that the Germans have conceived a strategic campaign designed to produce effects similar to those in Russia, Serbia and Rumania, with perhaps the further object of causing a revolution in Italy similar to that in Russia. Germany's aim in this respect is to defeat her enemies by dissensions in their own houses. How very willing some of our friends are to lend themselves to such designs is only too patent.

Mr. Baker is fully confident of the steadfastness both of the Italian troops and the Italian people. The stiffening which the Italian army has received from the presence of French and British troops is of the greatest value, and will react with beneficial results on the whole allied line in the west.

Mr. Baker interprets the German peace suggestions as intended to fill in the time before their new drive on the western front is ready. "Peace before victory" is the idea. The Kaiser is bragging again about the battering of his mailed fist and the shining of his sword and the unalterable alliance—not that he has made with God, but that God has made with him. History will doubtless comment on the Kaiser's inability to distinguish between the powers of darkness and those of light.

It is obvious to American observers, and others as well, that the last chance of victory remaining to the Germans will not endure beyond the activity of the United States armies now gathering in Europe. Mr. Baker, in admitting the most favorable possibilities for the Kaiser, thinks that "his effort will inevitably result in merely a local success, which can have no determining influence on the final outcome of the war." That is to say, the western lines as a whole will stand firm against any shock that Germany may be able to bring to bear.

The United States Government fully realizes its duty in the premises, and it has a solid action behind it to sustain it in its resolution. France, Great Britain and Italy have borne the brunt of nearly four years of warfare.

"It is our duty therefore," says Mr. Baker, "in looking to the future, to realize that if we are to fulfill the pledge we made on entering the war, if we are to fight this war to a successful conclusion, we must assume the full responsibility which rests upon us. We are the freshest in the struggle; we have the reserve man power and the reserve mechanical power. Our armies constitute the reserves of victory."

The Laughter of the English.

(New York Sun.)
 England, we know thee better now!
 Unhindered all thy sorrow;
 Thy humor wears the sterner day out
 And mocks the grim tomorrow.
 For while the world said, "Let none smile;
 There is no mirth hereafter!"
 The "golden lads" of Shakespeare's land
 Outfaced their doom with laughter.

We guess what inward throes must shake
 The stout heart still unbroken,
 What griefs lie in the silent deeps,
 What agonies unspoken;

But all the world hears is the quip
 That flouts at panic's rumor,
 Where toff and cockney carry on
 In high intrepid humor.

Simple and subtle is thy mood—
 Not honoring Fritz to hate him!
 Leaving him puzzled at thy jests,
 The scorn wherewith ye rate him.

England, we know thee better now!
 Thru all the years hereafter
 Shall thy name, England, ring for us
 A chime of vallant laughter.

Modern Phrases Are Ancient.

Boston Monitor: "Sun" is among the words contained in the latest issued sections of the Oxford English Dictionary. Eleven closely printed columns are devoted to it. It is quite interesting to find that the Kaiser's famous phrase "place in the sun" originated with Pascal, who used it to illustrate the beginnings of tyranny. Yet another well-known phrase—"on which the sun never sets"—was apparently first used in connection with the Spanish Empire 300 years ago. Its first application to the British Empire was made, in the way of a joke, by Thackeray in the pages of Punch.

WAR TAXATION IN GERMANY AND BANKRUPTCY.

By Manfred Emanuel.

If England can rightly be accused of having pursued no single definite policy on her finances, if England has been compelled to adopt methods of taxation which are far removed from the ideal, what may be said of Germany—the country of much-vaunted organization? The reply based on a careful examination of German finance can only afford the allies every consolation for their own shortcomings.

The Fatherland has long been bankrupt. It is difficult to see how she could have been otherwise when we consider that Germany was to all intents and purposes a huge manufacturing and exporting house which found itself bereft for months of the necessary raw materials and shut off from its usual customers. This isolation is proving her partial salvation as far as her status with neutral countries is concerned (because trade is so restricted), but it is also laying the heaviest burden of indebtedness which will cause Germany's whole financial edifice to crash to the ground in the first minute of peace.

Germany, it is true, was better financially organized for war than England or France. Her economic mobilization was remarkably effective, and her financial leaders before the war regarded "The Day" from the same point of view as the military party—both basing their plans on a speedy, decisive campaign. No German economist worthy of the name, no German financier, could have thought of even a lengthy war without the possibility of the probability of economic ruin.

Beckoning this on a short period of hostilities, and flushed with the initial successes in the west and in the east, Germany justifiably had recourse at first to long leases. Then came the bitter knowledge that the struggle would be fierce and prolonged, and that even in the most favorable circumstances a stupendous financial burden would have to be borne for a long period after the war, not only by the German Empire but also by the federal states, the municipalities and other public bodies.

The Imperial German financial authorities speedily renounced all hope of paying any portion of the cost of the war by means of the country's savings. These earnings were dwindling continuously, because Germany's manufacturing power was more and more absorbed by the war, and unproductive energy. Every shell fired from a German gun meant so many marks withdrawn from the financial structure—less to the nation than the marks made good to any extent by the commercial and industrial profits of the country, as in the case of England.

The German treasury was in fact hard pressed to meet the expenditure on the debt service. The government, which had resolved not to increase by taxes during the war the heavy burden which the German people had to bear, was soon compelled to reverse its declared intention, and in so doing decided to rely on indirect taxation in order not to interfere with the direct taxation methods of the federal states, municipalities, etc.

The progress of this necessary war-time taxation is the subject of a comprehensive study by Dr. F. W. Zimmermann, published in The Bank-Review. Let us set out briefly the taxes added to the statute book in 1916 to cover the deficit in the budget of that year, the estimated yields in millions of dollars:

1. Imperial war profits tax. A direct tax on property (250-750).
2. New tobacco duty (225).
3. Special war levy from post and telegraph dues (50).
4. Stamp duty on freight documents, extended to parcels traffic (15-17 1/2).
5. Stamp duty on goods transmitted. This tax belongs in the main to the levies on consumption (62 1/2).

The war profits tax is the only direct tax which yielded 225 million dollars and adding the 152 1/2 million dollars of the four indirect taxes, we reach a total of 487 1/2 million dollars—two-thirds direct and one-third from indirect taxation. As, however, the former was a single imposition, while the latter, the intended to be only temporary, were to be collected over a number of years, the proportions become reversed.

The amount raised was not by any means an imposing total, but the urgency of 1917 showed the real measure of Germany's financial plight. The great increase in the requirements of the debt service and other operations made it necessary to proceed further on the adopted road of war-time taxation. These were the taxation acts of 1917:

- (1) New war levy on the Reichsbank.
- (2) Amended Stamp Act imposing certain increases.
- (3) Act for taxing passenger and goods traffic.
- (4) Coal Tax Act—20 per cent. ad valorem (in force till July 31, 1920).
- (5) Supplementary War Profits Tax Act.

These taxes are estimated to yield \$315,500,000. Thus the German authorities have been compelled by the limited productive carrying power of the country to budget for an increase of revenue which, notwithstanding the growing debt expenditure, is actually smaller by \$175,000,000 than the increase by taxation in the previous budget.

Without entering into the no less grave financial problems which confront the federal states and municipalities, certain points and out clearly from this examination of the situation. They are as follows:

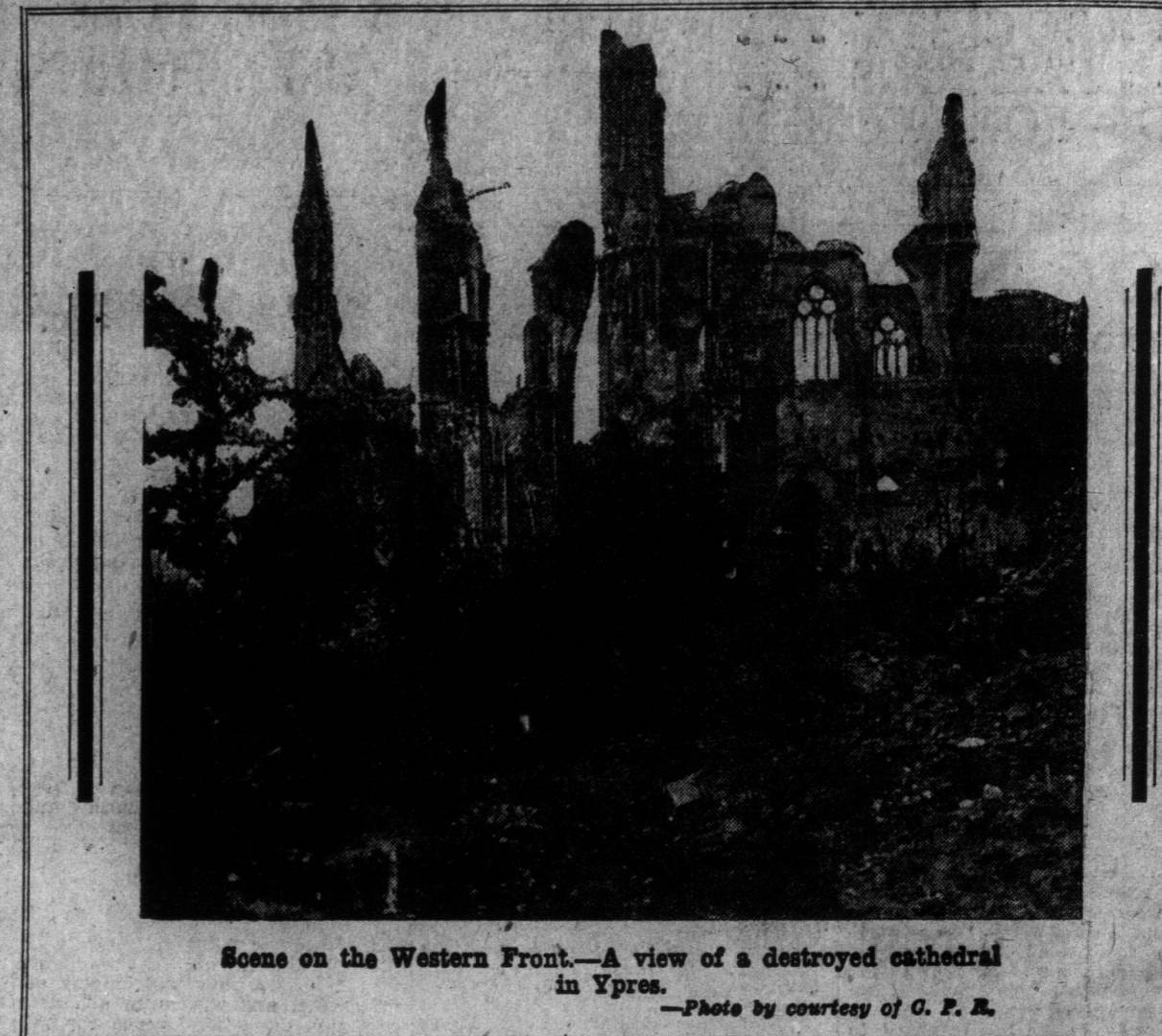
(a) While the war profits tax is an emergency measure and the coal tax and the "new" revenue "order" (the direct taxes) is only to be in force for three years, the taxation of passenger and goods traffic may be regarded as a more permanent character—a serious step in view of Germany's intended reumption of economic warfare after the war.

(b) Germany has been driven to adopt any and every method of taxation in ready money the maximum yield with the simplest methods.

(c) The ready money available for taxation purposes is reaching, if it has not already reached, the vanishing point.

"No optimism," says Dr. Zimmermann, "should blind us to the seriousness of the situation." The allies may well sit back contentedly and leave it at that.

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Scene on the Western Front.—A view of a destroyed cathedral in Ypres. —Photo by courtesy of G. P. R.

OFFICERS TO CARRY BOOK OF RECORDS

Will Contain Summary of War Services—Hospital for Canadians.

London, Dec. 25.—A new regulation already applied to officers in the imperial forces has now been extended to officers in the Canadian overseas force. This requires that every combat officer below the rank of lieutenant-colonel shall be provided with a book, in which his services will be recorded. The book is to be carried by the officer and produced whenever required by a superior officer.

Owing to the shortage of woollen gloves for the Canadian troops here, arrangements have been made for the issue of woollen mitts. These mitts will be used by troops while in England and also taken by them on going overseas until a supply of gloves is available.

In future only one identity disc, green, is to be issued to Canadian troops arriving in England. This disc will be marked with the soldier's name and religion only. A second disc, red, similarly marked, is to be issued to the soldier in order to be completed when the soldier arrives at his destination overseas.

A new Canadian military hospital, Leitham, Kent, is now open for the reception of patients. Complaints by civilians appear to have been received by Lord French, commanding the home forces, that lights are sometimes displayed in military camps, which may help the enemy raiders. While there is no direct suggestion that Canadian camps in England are offensive in this respect, a warning has been issued to commanding officers of all camps to see that the lights order is strictly observed.

CHRISTMAS MORNING BLAZE.

Fire which broke out in Dorewend's hair goods store at 109 Yonge street, early yesterday morning, destroyed a large part of the stock and considerably damaged the building. The Majest Co. Florists, next door, suffered \$500 loss, but Dorewend's made no estimate of their loss.

CANADIANS IN HOSPITAL

London, Dec. 25.—The latest patients at the above hospital are as follows, with their home town and battalion:

Major L. M. Thomas, 1st Amherstburg, Ont.; Capt. H. E. Banks, 14th R.M.R.; London; Capt. H. E. McKenna, C.E., Woodstock, N.B.; Capt. E. Fremlin, 3rd Div. Sig., Toronto; Capt. H. B. Poston, R.C.E., Quebec; Capt. J. H. Burnett, C.A.V.C., Vancouver; Capt. H. A. Gordon, C.A.M.C., Manitoba; Capt. B. Simpson, 72nd, Montreal; Lieut. J. A. Raymond, M.C., 52nd, Winnipeg; Lieut. E. D. Pittam, C.R.F., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Lieut. J. V. Kierstead, 26th, St. John, N.B.; Lieut. M. A. McKay, 85th, Scotsburn, Platoon, N.S.; Lieut. E. D. Pittam, C.R.F., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Lieut. A. J. Kirby, C.E., attached R.F.C., Toronto; Lieut. H. C. Hill, 26th Res. (2d Pioneer), London; Lieut. M. Roberts, R.F.C., Montreal; Lieut. C. G. Kipatrik, 72nd, Victoria; Lieut. J. W. Price, R.F.C., Moncton, N.B.; Lieut. C. H. McCrae, R.F.C., Lindsay, Ont.; Lieut. W. H. Baines, R.F.C., Orillia, Ont.; Lieut. S. M. Webb, 48rd, Winnipeg; Lieut. H. G. Menzies, 8th Res., Owen Sound; Lieut. G. G. Leslie, M.C., C.P.A., Owen Sound; Lieut. A. L. Stovel, R.F.C., Winnipeg; Lieut. F. A. Loosley, R.F.C., Hamilton; Lieut. J. A. Kingsmill, T.C., M.B., Toronto; Lieut. R. E. Harstone, 16th, Fort Arthur.

TWO CARS BURNED.

Two motor cars belonging to Richard Snell, were destroyed when a garage at the rear of 78 Birch ave. burned down yesterday. A lighted candle, left beneath one of the cars, was responsible for the fire. The building, which was owned by Mrs. Sarah Snell, suffered to the extent of \$100. The two cars were valued at about \$300.

PUBLIC MEETING TONIGHT.

Under the auspices of the Central Council Ratepayers' Association a public meeting will be held tonight at Central Y.M.C.A. auditorium to hear speeches from the candidates for mayor and board of control, and aldermanic candidates for Wards Two and Three. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock, and special accommodation is being arranged for women.

SUICIDES ON CHRISTMAS.

David J. Brown, aged fifty, of 4 Clarence square, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas yesterday. Brown, who was employed by the Canadian Express Company, was on duty during the morning. Returning to his boarding house at 10 o'clock he went directly to his own room, and when the landlady knocked on his door at 4:30 o'clock she found him dead in bed. He was unmarried.

TREAT CANADIANS WELL WHILE ON LEAVE IN PARIS

Elaborate Arrangements for Caring for Fighters Who Are on Furlough in French Capital.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Plans laid some time ago by the overseas Y.M.C.A. management for the carrying on of an elaborate program for the benefit of the Canadian soldier on leave in Paris are now in operation. The Canadian Y.M.C.A. is represented in the French metropolis by two centres of operation. Capt. A. A. Campbell, formerly of Winnipeg and Ottawa, who successfully supervised the work of the first division in France, has been sent to Paris. He is assisted by Captain David Marshall, of Shorncliffe area. The Hotel Richmond had been secured in the heart of Paris for use as the home for nurses attending to a large hut, centrally located in La Penitence Square, has been erected, and is manned by a group of Canadian ladies from England.

An example of the work already underway is that of the large corps of competent guides, who are conducting Canadian boys in khaki who are not able to "parler" about the city. Maps and information of all kinds are always available, and every possible service is being rendered to the Canadian soldiers.

Women Hired by Kaiser Shadowed in New York

In New York City alone there are said to be more than a score women spies. These women who are in the employ of the Kaiser are known to the police, and are being watched by the secret service department of the United States. One of these is American born of German parentage, and extremely wealthy.

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Great Sale of Women's Winter Suits

Special reductions are being offered on our entire stock of Women's Winter Suits, coats, dresses, blouses, and accessories. The fabrics are Broadcloths, Gabardines, Poirets, Serges, and Cheviots and are all high-class. Good choice of colors, including fine assortment in black. These before the assortment is picked over.

Women's Separate Skirts

Splendid values are offered in Women's Fine Cloth Separate Skirts in extra good quality Serges and Gabardines. Fine assortment of styles, which are all new and in the workmanship being of the very best. Splendid values from \$9.00 to \$12.00 each.

Millinery

We are now offering very special reductions on all our stock of high-class Winter Trimmed Millinery. Our stock is well assorted with all the newest models for present wear. Splendid values being shown from \$9.00 to \$12.00 each.

Special Prices on Made-to-Order Garments

We are quoting special prices in our Dressmaking and Tailoring Department on all made-to-order garments, such as suits, coats, gowns, skirts, etc. As this offer is only for a limited time we would advise customers to avail themselves of this opportunity at once. Mail Orders Promptly Filled.

JOHN CATTO & SON

BRITISH SOLDIER NEVER COMPLAINS

No Matter How Desperate His Condition, is Always Cheerful.

GOOD PHYSICAL HEALTH

Every Precaution Taken to Keep Men in First-Class Condition.

A field chaplain on the western front, in a little book, relates his experiences in the field, under the title, "The Cross at the Front." True, it is of British soldiers and the British mind that he writes, but, after all, men are "brothers under the skin"—unless it happens to be a Prussian—and the fellow-feeling is much the same.

THE WEATHER

Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 25.—The weather has turned colder in Ontario and Quebec and continues very cold in the western provinces.

THE BAROMETER

Time	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	20	29.89	18 W.
11 a.m.	21	29.90	18 W.
2 p.m.	21	29.90	18 W.
4 p.m.	20	29.89	18 W.
7 p.m.	19	29.88	18 W.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1917. Queen and Yonge night cars, both ways, delayed 15 minutes at 4.21 p.m. at Adelaide and Yonge, by fire.

RATES FOR NOTICES

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, not over 50 words	\$1.00
Additional lines, each 50 words	25c
No-logs Notices, not over 50 words	50c
Funeral Announcements	50c
Memorials	50c
Obituary notices, not over 50 words	50c
For each additional 4 lines	25c
Fraction of 4 lines	25c
Cards of Thanks (Reverence)	1.00

DEATHS

BARTELLO—On Tuesday, Dec. 25, at his son's residence (A. Bartello), 691 Bloor St. West, Angelo Bartello, aged 59 years.

THE KAISER'S CASE LIKE NAPOLEON'S

President Wilson's Pronouncement Similar to One Made by Powers.

OSTRACIZED BY WORLD

Both Held Responsible as Disturbers of Tranquillity of Civilization.

President Wilson's pronouncement in the case of the kaiser is similar to that made by the powers against Napoleon more than 100 years ago. Lord Castlereagh's plan to put Napoleon under the ban of Europe was blocked in 1814 by the Russian emperor. When Napoleon regained power after his abdication and renewed the war early in the spring of 1815 the allies issued their famous Declaration of Vienna, which put the Man of Desires in the position of an outlaw and a pirate.

HIS HEART BADLY AFFECTED

"Fruit-a-tives" Soon Relieved This Dangerous Condition.

632 Gerrard St. East, Toronto. "For two years I was a victim of Acute Indigestion and Gas in the Stomach. It afterwards attacked my heart and I had pains all over my body, so that I could hardly move around. I tried all kinds of medicine but none of them did me any good. At last I decided to try 'Fruit-a-tives.' I bought the first box last June, and now I am well, after using only three boxes. I recommend 'Fruit-a-tives' to anyone suffering from Indigestion.

ARRANGE EXCHANGES

Franc-German Agreement Regarding Prisoners Over 48 Years Old.

Paris, Dec. 25.—An official note today announces the reaching of an agreement between the French and German governments for the exchange of prisoners by which non-commissioned officers and men of 48 years of age or over who have been in captivity more than 18 months will be repatriated.

OTTAWA AVIATOR IS KILLED

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Flight-Lieut. Lawrence Hinchey, of Ottawa, was killed in an accident at Fort Worth, Texas, according to a message to his father received here today.

Election Cards

J. WARREN KERRIGAN
"A MAN'S MAN"
Also a Comedy, Matinee Christmas Day, 2:15.

MADISON BLOOR AT BATHURST

"OH, BOY" DANCE
HALIFAX SUFFERERS, HOTEL CARLS-RITE TONIGHT, AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.

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ROLLER FOR RUGS.
The tedious task of displaying rugs to purchasers is lightened by a new roller with which any rug may be withdrawn from its pile so that the whole of it may be viewed.

TORONTO SPENDS SOBER, PLEASANT CHRISTMAS

Citizens Make Day One of Family Gatherings and Quiet, Sensible War-Time Festivities.

Christmas Day in Toronto was characterized by the old-time Yuletide festivities. Perhaps never before in recent years have the people of this city spent the great anniversary in a more homelike family gathering style.

ALADDIN and the WONDERFUL LAMP

Master WESLEY NASH
BOY SOPRANO
NEXT WEEK MARY GARDEN in "Thais"

ALLEN TO-DAY

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "REACHING FOR THE MOON"
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Even though your savings may never bring you to "easy street" they will bring an easy mind.

Amusements

STRAND TODAY

"JOAN THE WOMAN" in Ten Mighty Acts

Amusements

ALEXANDRA

Oh, Boy!

NEW YEAR'S WEEK - MATS, TUES, WED, & SAT. SEATS TODAY

EMMA DUNN

In the Smashing Comedy, "OLD LADY 31"

Amusements

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Next Week--BROADWAY BELLES

PRO. HOCKEY ARENA

TONIGHT, 8.30
Canadiens vs. Toronto

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HANDICAP TO CHEER LEADER

Johnson Proves the Winning Rider on Holiday at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—The races today resulted as follows: FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds, claiming, purse \$500, one mile:

1. Tanlac, 102 (Johnson), 13 to 5, even, 1 to 2.

2. Green Grass, 98 (Mooney), 16 to 5, 6 to 1 to 2.

3. Little Princess, 107 (Garner), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 to 2.

Time 1:45 3-5. W. H. Buckner, Hope, All Best, Austral and Patrons also ran.

SECOND RACE—For all ages, claiming, purse \$400, 6 furlongs:

1. Hasty Coon, 106 (Johnson), 11 to 5, 4 to 5, 3 to 5.

2. Swift Fox, 108 (G. Walle), 5 to 1, 2 to 4, even.

3. Blue Bannock, 108 (M. Rowan), 2 to 1, 1 to 5, 1 to 6.

Time 1:17 2-5. Tiltston, Baby Cal, Redeye, Lewis Opp, Rubicon II, Lubers also ran.

THIRD RACE—For all ages, the Good-Old-Handicap, purse \$400, 6 furlongs:

1. Endon, 108 (W. Kelsey), 4 to 1, 1 to 2, 4 to 1.

2. Friction, 108 (M. Garner), 5 to 1, 3, even, out.

3. Pilsen, 104 (Marlin), 13 to 5, 2 to 1, 5 to 1.

Time 1:16 1-5. Bedtime Stories also ran.

FOURTH RACE—For all ages, the Christmas Handicap, \$1000 added, 1 1-16 miles:

1. Cheer Leader, 112 (E. Martin), 4 to 1, 2 to 5, 1 to 5.

2. Woodstone, 114 (M. Rowan), 2 to 1, 1 to 5, 1 to 6.

3. Brynmalh, 108 (A. Johnson), 2 to 1, 2 to 5, 1 to 6.

Time 1:51 4-5. Madame Herrmann, Bay Brother, Jonathan, Obolus and Firng Line also ran.

WARSAW, POLONIA, PENROD and Sasin also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$400, 1-16 miles:

1. Irregular, 110 (F. Robinson), 4 to 5, 2 to 3, out.

2. Firwood, 116 (R. Watter), 10 to 1, 1 to 2, 1 to 1.

3. Cliff Field, 116 (J. Notter), 9 to 2, 1 to 2, 1 to 1.

Time 1:55. Fred T. Stumberger, Billy Oliver, W. W. Clark and Huda's Brother also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$500, 1 mile and 70 yards:

1. Joyal, 96 (J. Mooney), 7 to 2, 6 to 1 to 5.

2. 107 (M. Garner), 10 to 1, 3 to 1, 5 to 1.

3. Dolna, 101 (O. Wills), 7 to 1, 5 to 1 to 6.

Time 1:51 4-5. Madame Herrmann, Bay Brother, Jonathan, Obolus and Firng Line also ran.

MAURAUDER, AT HAVANA, WINS THE HANDICAP

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 25.—The following is the results of today's races:

FIRST RACE—Claiming, purse \$400, 2-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs:

1. Rockaway, 110 (Hilly), \$5.10, \$3.30, \$2.50.

2. Dr. Nickel, 110 (Wingfield), \$3.40, \$2.50.

3. Betcha Milton, 107 (Collins), \$2.30.

Time 1:12. Laudator, Moxon, Twin Six, Fowels also ran.

SECOND RACE—Claiming, purse \$400, all ages, 5 1/2 furlongs:

1. San Job, 108 (Ball), \$13.60, \$5.40, \$4.50.

2. Joann, 108 (Crump), \$3.30, \$2.40.

TODAY'S ENTRIES

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Entries for tomorrow are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Purse \$400, claiming, 2-year-olds, one mile:

King of the Wind, 110 Clarissa O.E., 107 Courier, 102 Kokohi, 103 Miss Filley, 107 Austral, 105 Iris T., 102

SECOND RACE—Purse \$400, claiming, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs:

Miss Kruter, 117 Boboluk, 110 Master Karma, 111 David Craig, 111 Ina Kay, 108 Yermila, 107 Peaceful Star, 113 Hasty Coon, 106 Lark Man, 103 Busy Joe, 105 Hat West King, 107

THIRD RACE—Purse \$500, claiming, three-year-olds and up, one mile and a sixteenth:

Fairly, 111 Cruces, 104 Amulet, 109 Costumer, 109 Bonny Stewart, 111 Stetler, 109 Budweiser, 109 Regresso, 104

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$500, claiming, three-year-olds and up, one mile and a sixteenth:

Sam Slick, 111 Harwood, 109 Surpassing, 109 Lucky R., 108 Goodwood, 109 Longfellow, 108 Hiker, 108

FIFTH RACE—Purse \$500, claiming, 2-year-olds and up, one mile and a sixteenth:

King Humbure, 115 Sir Raymond, 111 Leah Cochran, 116 Little Bracer, 109 Corn Law, 106 Evelina, 106

SIXTH RACE—Purse \$500, claiming, 2-year-olds and up, one mile and an eighth:

Krifa, 116 Pella C., 112 Robert D., 106 Pater, 112 Thanksgiving, 107 Lucille P., 86

Apprentice allowance claimed. Weather, raining; track sloppy.

AT HAVANA.

Havana, Dec. 25.—Entries for Wednesday are as follows:

FIRST RACE—All ages, claiming, purse \$400, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Protection, 101 Katabidin, 101 Recorder, 106 Piquette, 105 Van Horn, 106 Lindenthal, 105 Purple and Gold, 105 Barnard, 108 Zodi, 115

SECOND RACE—All ages, purse \$400, claiming, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Radiant Power, 103 Merry Jubilee, 105 Theodora, 105 Hattie Burton, 105 Varda E., 105 Beverly James, 105 Jo Jan, 108 Malabar, 103

THIRD RACE—Two-year-olds, claiming, purse \$400, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Pretty Baby, 99 Miss Gove, 104 Ukale, 105 Phedden, 105 Sweet Marguerite, 108 East Princess, 109 Scabbard, 108

FOURTH RACE—All ages, claiming, purse \$400, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Brookfield, 108 Rhyme, 104 of Mint, 107 Deter, 108 Doh, 108 Ph. Philisthorpe, 108 Doh, 111 Mizzy, 111 Regular, 111 Dignity, 111

FIFTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$500, 6 furlongs:

Mesmer, 104 Alert, 102 Purr, 108 M. M., 108 Tover Bey, 107 Encore, 100

SIXTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$400, one mile:

Walter, 103 Baylan, 104 World's Wonder, 105 Princess, 108 Nephthys, 108 Chief Brown, 111

Weather clear; track good.

PRESTON SENIORS WIN OVER GALT OUTFIT

Galt, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day marked the opening of the hockey and curling seasons. In an exhibition hockey match Preston seniors outplayed the local intermediates, winning 13-6.

The game was a workout for both teams, changes being made frequently in the line-ups. The opening of the curling season was marked by morning and afternoon games between Galts and Grants.

At that time it is believed the franchise holders of that body will vote to discontinue activities of the war of the national affairs being in so much a condition that five of the clubs refuse to start in 1918.

Should the league decide to close its parks, the majors would benefit by throwing out of employment. There are several scores of toasters in the seaboard or out of employment.

The majors are certain to be hit so will all leagues, for that matter, but a lot under contract in the International that might be spared doubtless will find employment higher up.

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BASEBALL QUIET DURING HOLIDAYS

Magnates Seem to Be Saving Up Their Prattle Till the New Year.

New York, Dec. 24.—Having fired all the ammunition at hand on the occasion of their annual meetings early this month the magnates of both major leagues are strangely silent.

Not a peep has been heard about the retrenchment policies it seemed the owners were on the point of becoming hysterical over and the chances appear good for the gentlemen that conduct the national pastime in the big tent to enjoy the freedom of mind during the Yuletide period.

Save for a few rumors, which are just as regularly denied, matters of a startling nature in a baseball way are what can be justly called the dull season. Even Branch Rickey who, with Charley Wechsman, Grinn and Herron and Ben Johnson a battle for publicity this fall, apparently has taken a vacation.

Give the boys time to think the matter over during the holidays and there will be some tongue wagging. Baseball magnates are sometimes obliged to call a recess to think up new stuff, about the time the rest of the population is planning on making good resolutions and wondering how they will stick to them right in and run things up.

Perhaps William T. Baker and Connie Mack's silence is due to some figuring either might be doing on the prospects of trading the Liberty Bell and League Island navy yards to Charley Wechsman or Harry Frazee. After learning the extent to which the bases of the Phillies and Athletics will go to give to some ready cash it wouldn't surprise the average fan to hear that the pair collaborated in selling Old William Penn himself or swapping him for Kid Gleason.

One in a while one of the boys with money invested in the national game desires to be heard and comes right out with his grievances which all modern magnates must have to be successful. Barney Dreyfuss desires to see Charley Wechsman fired for his part in the Baker affair. That is he thinks he wants the owner plastered, but about the time some grudge which all modern magnates must have to be successful. Barney Dreyfuss desires to see Charley Wechsman fired for his part in the Baker affair. That is he thinks he wants the owner plastered, but about the time some grudge which all modern magnates must have to be successful.

Of the whole bunch, only those old cronies on the National Commission, Gerry Herrmann and Charley Wechsman seem to be at all businesslike. When the club owners dispersed from their joint meeting in Chicago last week, they authorized Gerry and Ben to devise a scheme of splitting up world's series money as a measure to stimulate interest in the teams toward the close of the races. Johnson favors splitting a percentage of the cash between the teams finishing in the first division only, while Herrmann suggests that all clubs but the tailenders get a cut. This would inspire the clubs to give their best efforts up to the last day of the season, thinks Herrmann.

The Case of Ed Barrow. Of all the men that have figured in baseball since the season closed, Ed Barrow is about the only one who can be said to feel that he got the worst of things. Any time a fellow's salary is cut from \$7500 to \$2500 in pruning, the guy whose stipend is affected can't be blamed if he nurses a grudge.

If anybody entertains an idea that the world war hasn't a depressing effect over on this side of the Atlantic Ocean, he can get an answer with the man whom the International League dealt so summarily with. Barrow's resignation from the organization is a case formal, the only act remaining to make it official is his appearance before the league meeting Feb. 12.

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Johnson Proves the Winning Rider on Holiday at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—The races today resulted as follows:

FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds, claiming, purse \$500, one mile:

1. Tanlac, 102 (Johnson), 13 to 5, even, 1 to 2.

2. Green Grass, 98 (Mooney), 16 to 5, 6 to 1 to 2.

3. Little Princess, 107 (Garner), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 to 2.

Time 1:45 3-5. W. H. Buckner, Hope, All Best, Austral and Patrons also ran.

SECOND RACE—For all ages, claiming, purse \$400, 6 furlongs:

1. Hasty Coon, 106 (Johnson), 11 to 5, 4 to 5, 3 to 5.

2. Swift Fox, 108 (G. Walle), 5 to 1, 2 to 4, even.

3. Blue Bannock, 108 (M. Rowan), 2 to 1, 1 to 5, 1 to 6.

Time 1:17 2-5. Tiltston, Baby Cal, Redeye, Lewis Opp, Rubicon II, Lubers also ran.

THIRD RACE—For all ages, the Good-Old-Handicap, purse \$400, 6 furlongs:

1. Endon, 108 (W. Kelsey), 4 to 1, 1 to 2, 4 to 1.

2. Friction, 108 (M. Garner), 5 to 1, 3, even, out.

3. Pilsen, 104 (Marlin), 13 to 5, 2 to 1, 5 to 1.

Time 1:16 1-5. Bedtime Stories also ran.

FOURTH RACE—For all ages, the Christmas Handicap, \$1000 added, 1 1-16 miles:

1. Cheer Leader, 112 (E. Martin), 4 to 1, 2 to 5, 1 to 5.

2. Woodstone, 114 (M. Rowan), 2 to 1, 1 to 5, 1 to 6.

3. Brynmalh, 108 (A. Johnson), 2 to 1, 2 to 5, 1 to 6.

Time 1:51 4-5. Madame Herrmann, Bay Brother, Jonathan, Obolus and Firng Line also ran.

WARSAW, POLONIA, PENROD and Sasin also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$400, 1-16 miles:

1. Irregular, 110 (F. Robinson), 4 to 5, 2 to 3, out.

2. Firwood, 116 (R. Watter), 10 to 1, 1 to 2, 1 to 1.

3. Cliff Field, 116 (J. Notter), 9 to 2, 1 to 2, 1 to 1.

Time 1:55. Fred T. Stumberger, Billy Oliver, W. W. Clark and Huda's Brother also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$500, 1 mile and 70 yards:

1. Joyal, 96 (J. Mooney), 7 to 2, 6 to 1 to 5.

2. 107 (M. Garner), 10 to 1, 3 to 1, 5 to 1.

3. Dolna, 101 (O. Wills), 7 to 1, 5 to 1 to 6.

Time 1:51 4-5. Madame Herrmann, Bay Brother, Jonathan, Obolus and Firng Line also ran.

MAURAUDER, AT HAVANA, WINS THE HANDICAP

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 25.—The following is the results of today's races:

FIRST RACE—Claiming, purse \$400, 2-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs:

1. Rockaway, 110 (Hilly), \$5.10, \$3.30, \$2.50.

2. Dr. Nickel, 110 (Wingfield), \$3.40, \$2.50.

3. Betcha Milton, 107 (Collins), \$2.30.

Time 1:12. Laudator, Moxon, Twin Six, Fowels also ran.

SECOND RACE—Claiming, purse \$400, all ages, 5 1/2 furlongs:

1. San Job, 108 (Ball), \$13.60, \$5.40, \$4.50.

2. Joann, 108 (Crump), \$3.30, \$2.40.

3. Grando, 108 (Cooper), \$3.30.

Time 1:11 2-5. Lockard, Seminoe, Baby Cole, Feather Duster, Captain Ben and Snip also ran.

THIRD RACE—Claiming, purse \$400, all ages, 5 1/2 furlongs:

1. Victoria, 110 (Cummins), \$6.50, \$3.40, \$2.70.

2. Brown Baby, 103 (J. Fitz), \$4.80, \$2.30.

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Mowat Hospital, at Kingston, Has Many Specially Adapted Courses. MEN ARE AMBITIOUS

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Provide for Impaired Health. This is more or less true in the convalescent homes, of course, but there the man is not usually suffering from impaired health...

One of the most interesting phases of vocational training in the Mowat Sanitarium is barbering. The men in the infirmary are shaved and shorn free of all charges...

In the motor mechanics shop they have four cars to work upon and a very complete little garage just finished in which to carry on the work.

work has been absorbing a great deal of their interest.

Very fine pieces of craft furniture in use in the sanitarium, desks and tables in many instances, show the fine work being done in the carpentry shops.

The commercial courses and those leading to civil service positions are well filled and the men generally are making fine progress.

ARMY CONTRACTS FOR CLOTH. Army contracts for 17,000,000 yards of cloth, to be executed between January and April, are shortly to be placed in the west riding of Yorkshire.

The country and its chief commercial bank are both celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year. The Canadian Bank of Commerce...

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Bank Celebrates Completion of Half a Century of Service.

SPLENDID EXPANSION

Ability of Canada to Finance War Needs at Home Shown.

The financial statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1917, just issued, shows a very real and vital interest to all who are interested in Canadian finances, especially at the present time.

The Bank of Commerce, in common with other chartered banks has faced new problems and obligations of a character and extent unknown before the war.

One of the most notable features of the statement covering the year under review is the growth of the bank's assets. They increased from \$100,000,000 at the end of 1916, to a total of \$244,875,000.

The bank's holdings of Dominion and provincial securities totaled less than \$2,000,000 at the end of 1916, but they have since increased to \$27,596,000.

With regard to deposits, the bank's business has shown extraordinary expansion. The prosperity of those doing business with the bank is indicated by an increase in demand deposits of \$24,000,000, whereas savings deposits stand at \$120,000,000, thus showing a growth of \$22,556,000.

At QUEBEC DISCHARGE DEPOT. Y.M.C.A. Co-operates With M.H.C. in Social Work for Maimed Soldiers Comfortable.

To provide a resting place for the wounded boys who are received from overseas at the Quebec discharge depot of the military hospital, the Y.M.C.A. arrangements are being made to rent two large rooms with a separate entrance in the Montclair Hotel for the use of the men when they go up into the city.

Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) \$149,822,028 44

Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest) 14,846,130 56

Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra 5,597,665 13

Overdue Debts (estimated less provided for) 237,796 39

Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the uncollected balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank) 1,236,999 52

Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank 1,136,999 52

Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off 5,390,075 44

Other Assets not included in the foregoing 5,090,075 44

NEED FOR STEEL HITS JAPAN HARD

May Force Withdrawal of Tonnage From European Service.

CURB TO PROSPERITY

Had Made Contracts in United States for Large Orders.

If the negotiations to lift the American embargo on steel for Japan has one, and only one, answer to make it possible to withdraw her ships from the Atlantic and European services. In a rough way there are about 200,000 tons of Japan's merchant fleet which either have been chartered by the other members of the entente group or are devoted exclusively to the service of transporting arms and supplies for her allies.

Some of the consequences of the embargo may not be quite clear in the minds of the American people—these, for example: Japan at present is building or has contracted to build 370 vessels of a combined tonnage of 1,300,000 tons.

The newly established Asano plant at Yokohama, which is actually building or has made plans to build nine ships of this class of a total tonnage of 66,976 tons, and the Mitsubishi dockyard at Nagasaki and Kobe have nine of a total gross tonnage of more than 52,000.

Effect of the Embargo. This amount of steel may enable the Japanese yards to proceed with the construction of the better class of ships, namely those being built under the subsidy law. It is quite out of the question for the yards to continue the work on smaller vessels.

Japan has contracted here and in the United States for about 400,000 tons of steel before the ban was announced. This steel was meant for the above-mentioned vessels, which the Japanese had not progressed very far on.

Recruits for the Polish army are sent once a week from Pittsburgh and other places to Camp Niagara. Many hundreds have already been sent from there, according to Dr. T. A. Starynski, 1203 Carson street, president of the Polish Falcons' Alliance of America, who is one of the three men in charge of the national headquarters, Pittsburgh.

As was stated at the outset, about 200,000 tons of Japanese merchant shipping is either chartered by the entente allies or serving them in their transportation work. To increase this tonnage by the additional 300,000 tons means that Japan would have to cripple—and to the point of annihilation—both her European and the Pacific services, for the reason that the 300,000 additional tonnage called for would include an overwhelming majority of all the efficient overseas boats under the sun flag today.

It has been stated in some quarters that Japan has an aggregate shipping tonnage of 1,900,000, about 1,300,000 tons of which are available for ocean-carrying. From that it would appear that Japan might be able to shift to the Atlantic service 400,000 tons without committing maritime liabilities. In the face of the above figures also the suggestion that Japan should sell to the United States, and, of course, for the cause of the entente allies—300,000 tons of ocean-

BOMBING MACHINES IN FRANCE. It has been stated that there will be twenty thousand aeroplanes in France next spring. What has not been stated is that they are practically all bombing machines.

PROBABLY SO. "They speak of borrowing trouble." "How do you go about borrowing trouble?" "I suppose you have to leave some security as collateral."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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NEW CRAZE.

The table manners of the Popplebury children were execrable. They kicked the legs of their chairs under the table, hummed snatches of songs over their shoulders and always ran down the window if there was anything on.

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1917

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, Net Profits, Dividends, etc.

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th NOVEMBER, 1917

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes LIABILITIES and TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.

ASSETS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gold and Silver Coin Current, Dominion Notes, Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve, etc.

B. E. WALKER, PRESIDENT. JOHN AIRD, GENERAL MANAGER.

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce

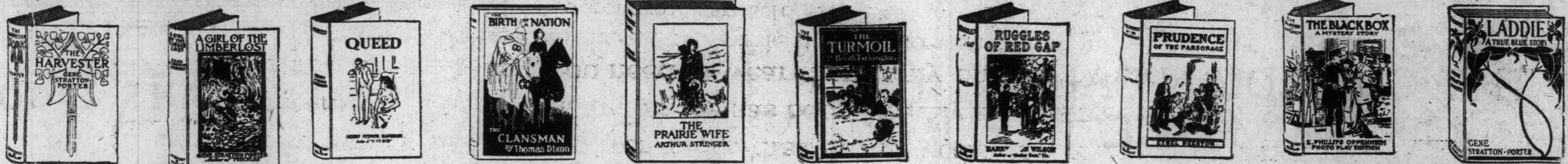
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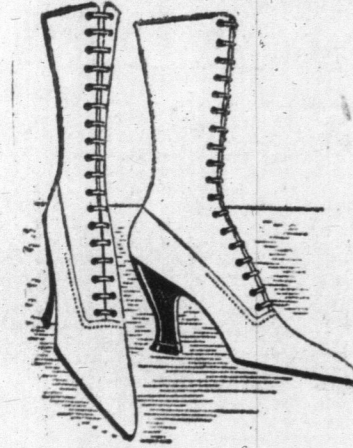
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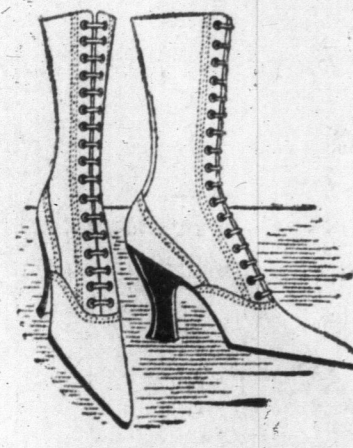
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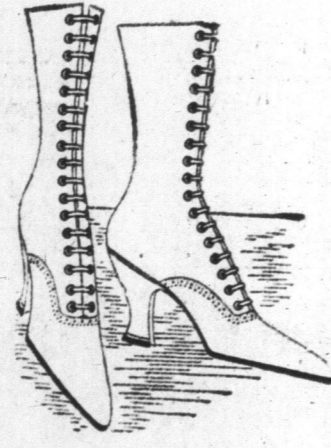


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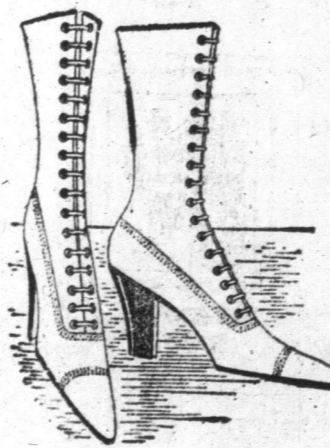


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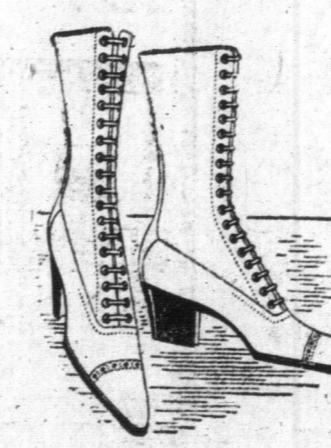
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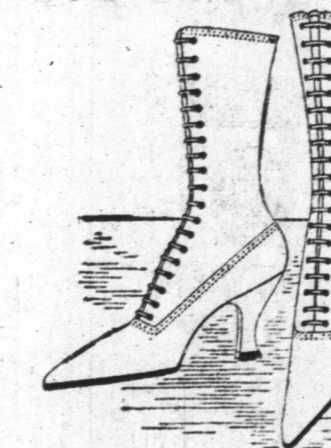
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