

DENY ONTARIO EXCEEDS LAWFUL WATER SHARE

Ottawa Refutes Charges of
Chicago Engineers Regarding
Niagara Power.

BOARD INVESTIGATES

International Body Makes No
Report of Breaking Treaty
Limitations.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Careful inquiries
here were met with the positive
statement that treaty limitations on
the quantity of water to be diverted
at Niagara Falls for power purposes
are not being exceeded on the Cana-
dian side.

The statement is said to have been
made by engineers of the Chicago
sanitary district that Canada is ex-
ceeding the amount permitted by the
treaty by 7,500,000 cubic feet per
second. This was given absolute
denial.

It was also stated that on the sug-
gestion of United States interests an
international board of engineers had
been appointed a few weeks ago to
see that the treaty limitations are
being lived up to. The board, it was
stated, had been at work several
weeks, and up to the present no re-
port had been made by it to either
government which would indicate
that treaty limitations were being
exceeded.

PLAN LECTURES ON DENTISTRY

Dental College Faculty Arranges
For Meetings Through-
out Province.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Newer develop-
ment in dentistry, including the re-
lationship between dental diseases and
diseases of other parts of the body,
are being presented to local groups
throughout the province by a plan of
extension lectures arranged by the
dental college faculty. In many com-
munities the dental and medical
practitioners have met together to dis-
cuss problems common to both pro-
fessions.

Numerous extension lectures are
being arranged this year, and already
plans have been completed for meet-
ings in Kingston, Hamilton, Ottawa,
St. Catharines, London, Kitchener,
Port Arthur, Brighton, Oshawa and
Peterboro.

CLARK'S ECONOMY STORES

CASH AND CARRY—
Special Bargain List For Fri-
day, Saturday and Monday:

CALIFORNIA ORANGES
Fancy quality, thin-skinned and
full of juice. Regular 40c size;
Special Christmas price; 29c
Per dozen

MIXED NUTS.
Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts and
Brazil; 20c
Per pound

CHRISTMAS CANDY.
Mixed Candy; 20c
Large Broken Rock; 25c
Per pound
Gum Drops; 20c
Per pound
Chocolate Drops; 30c
Per pound
Mixed Creams; 25c
Per pound
Chocolate Bars; 6 FOR 25c
At

GRANBERRIES
The dark red Cape Cod
quality; Per lb. 19c

DOMESTIC SHORTENING
1 lb. Cartons; 18c
Each
3 lb. Pails; 52c
Each

RICH QUALITY DATES
2 LBS. FOR 25c

COCOANUT SPECIAL.
Fine sun-dried quality;
Per pound 25c

SEEDED RAISINS.
Large packages; new fruit;
2 PKGS. FOR 25c

SEEDLESS RAISINS.
2 LBS. FOR 25c

**CHOICE CREAMERY
BUTTER.**
Clover Brand; 45c
Per pound
Tipperary Brand; 47c
Per pound

CLARK'S ECONOMY STORES

Where You Buy Cheaper.
719 RICHMOND ST.
754 DUNDAS ST.



CHIEF MAGISTRATE.
W. H. Willis, who has been chosen
mayor of Wingham for the year 1924.

DEPOSITORS WILL ASK FULL AMOUNT OF THEIR SAVINGS

Huge Mass Meeting in Toronto
Demands Full Payment
of Losses.

FROM GOVERNMENT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 19.—The slogan "A
hundred cents on the dollar, with the
federal government responsible for
the payment," was the keynote of a
big gathering of depositors of the
Home Bank which met in Massey
Hall tonight in an effort to impress
upon the Dominion authorities the
fact that they are quite serious in
their demands for full return of all
deposits.

The meeting produced a resolution
along that line asking that the fed-
eral government assume responsibil-
ity for seeing that all the deposi-
tors receive the full hundred cents on
the dollar, in view of the fact that
one more than one occasion the con-
dition of the Home Bank had been
brought to the attention of the de-
partment of finance and that steps
were not taken to see that proper
precautions were provided.

W. T. J. Lee said he was not satis-
fied, as a depositor, with the bank
act. "What we want," he continued, "is
some system of government inspec-
tion whereby we will know where to
place the responsibility. It is the
business of the government to ascer-
tain the solidity of all banks, and
they cannot be relieved by the bank
act as it exists at present."

National Problem.
"The matter is not a local or pro-
vincial one," said Controller Gibbons
of Toronto, "it is national. It affects
every class of citizens in the country.
There has been done an injury which
will go down to the discredit of Cana-
da unless something is done to cor-
rect it."

In recalling the changes which
were made in the bank act during the
last session of the House of Commons,
Thomas Church, M. P., pointed out
that his attitude had been that each
bank should be allowed a year's per-
mit under which to operate, and after
that they should all be compelled to
put all their cards on the table and
show whether or not they should be
permitted to continue in business.
The Canadian Banking Association,
he defined as the greatest trust in the
Dominion. "It is a sort of high
court of justice of Parliament," he
continued. "Their word seems to be
a law unto Parliament. All parties
should stand condemned as a result
of the disaster, for all governments
since confederation have borne a
share of the responsibility."

Tell of Suffering.
Dean Hand told some pathetic in-
stances of the suffering in his part
of the city. About 80 per cent of the
people he knew in that locality used
that bank, he pointed out, and there
were cases of widows and old men
and women, sufferers from sickness
and lack of employment and other
causes, whose whole savings had
been wiped out by the bank's failure.
So the responsibility becomes a na-
tional one and should fall upon the
government.

He believed that 90 per cent of the
depositors put their money in the
bank, thinking that depositors could
not lose. Dean Hand went on, "but
they found that it was in a glass
house, subject, not to the attack of
bandits from the outside, but to the
thieves and schemers within the
sanctum of the directors."

Col. T. A. Hunter presented the
case on behalf of the returned sol-
diers, and Mayor Maguire made an
appeal from the moral side of the
case. Joseph Harris, M.P., was will-
ing to stake his future as a politician
on the prediction that justice would
be tempered with mercy, and Rev.
Dr. Hinks presented a carefully-
reasoned argument, in which he
demonstrated that the responsibility
is a national one.

Announcement was made by A. B.
Campbell that the payment of the
25 per cent dividend to depositors
would commence on Monday next.

**COMFORT ROUTE FOR
HOLIDAY TRAVEL.**
During the Christmas and New
Year holidays the Canadian Pacific
will provide extra equipment to give
its patrons the same service and
comfort as it furnishes to them all
the year around.

To insure an enjoyable Christmas,
send the folks a Canadian Pacific
appeal from the moral side of the
case, and then be good to yourself—
travel Canadian Pacific—Advt.



A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR THE OLD FOLKS

Here are our three best bot-
tles. All are guaranteed to
last over two years.

The S. D. L. Bottle \$2.29
The Royale Bottle \$2.49
The Zonox Bottle \$2.79

FREE—A wool-lined cloth
cover with each bottle free,
while they last. Our stock
of these is limited.

Mary Garden Gift Set



Real value in a real leader
among toilets, \$3.50 per set

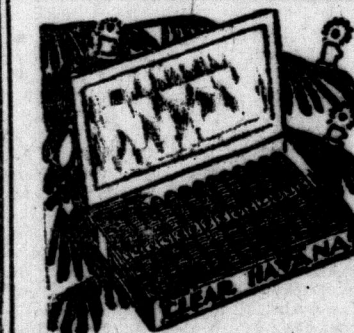


This is the No. 10 set; the
most popular of all the Djer
Kiss holiday sets, Price \$3.25

Thermos Bottles and Lunch Kits

Make useful and appreciable
gifts.

Bottles at \$2.00 up
Kit complete at \$3.75 up



BOXES OF TEN CIGARS

Ola 54c
Sir Haig 50c
Mona 65c
David Harum 35c
Jap 85c
Bachelor 85c
Simon's Dimple 90c
Simon's Panetelas 1.20
Simon's Roosevelt 1.40

BOXES OF 25 CIGARS
Mona 1.50
Cosmo Panetelas 2.00
Jap or Bachelor 2.00
David Harum 2.00
Simon's Cigars 2.25 to 3.50
Tuckett's Cigars 2.10 to 3.50

Neilson's Chocolates

"The chocolates that are
different." In holiday
boxes. Prices at

30c to \$3.00

STANDARD DRUG STORES

EXPECT TO BE

Sold Out of Holiday Merchandise Before Christmas Day

We are offering you this year a greater variety of new, clean, dainty, delightful yuletide gifts than ever before, and at prices so low they are apparently easily and quickly sold. From our out-of-town stores, as well as the local stores, comes the call for more Christmas gift merchandise. Many lines are selling so rapidly that we are afraid we shall have to disappoint many of the last minute buyers.

We tell you this in hope that you will take heed and visit your nearest Standard Drug Store before our stocks have become so depleted that there will be little choice left.

Read This List Carefully—Save This Advertisement for Reference

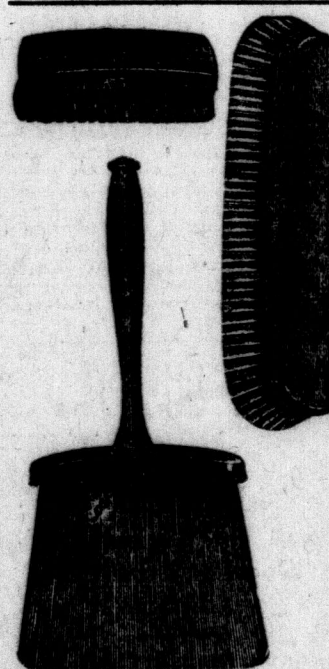


Gage's Holiday Stationery

Unsurpassed for quality and
value 50c to \$2.00

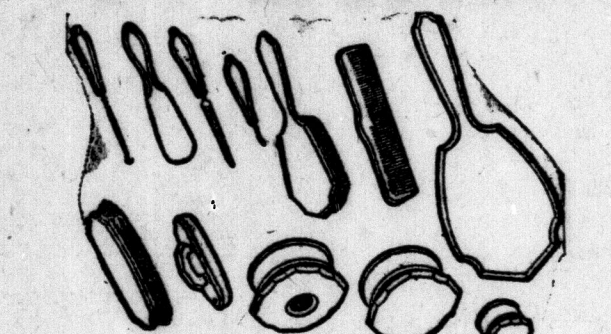
OTHER GIFT SUGGESTIONS

French Ivory Dressing
Combs
Hard Rubber Dressing
Combs
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Shaving Mirrors
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Baby Hairbrushes
Bath Brushes
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Toilet Soaps
Manicure Roll-Ups
Toilet Creams
Talcum Powders
Shaving Lotions
Toothbrushes, etc.



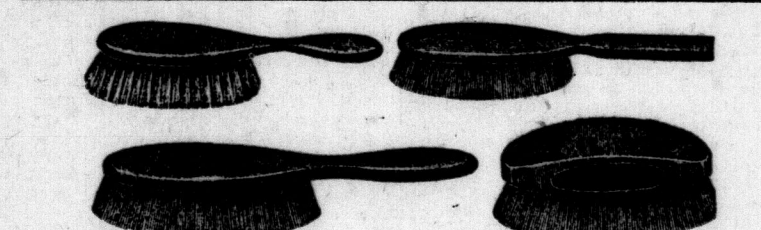
Nailbrushes, the kind that
last. At 25c up to \$1.00 each
Bonnetbrushes and Hat-
brushes, in French ivory.
At \$2.00 up
Clothesbrushes, plain, ebony
French ivory. At 50c each up

"IVORIS"



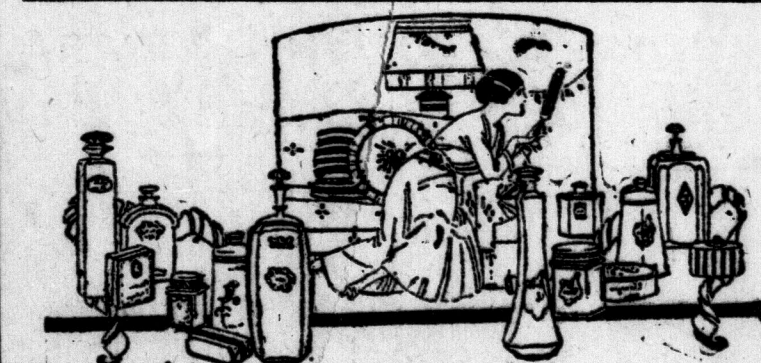
A BRAND THAT SIGNIFIES THE FINEST IN FRENCH
IVORY TOILETWARE.

Bud Vases ... \$1.25 and \$1.75
Talcum Powder Holders
..... 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Jewel Boxes at
..... \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75
Trays at
..... 50c, 75c, \$1.50 and \$2.25
Pincushions at 85c each
Powder Boxes, also Hair Re-
ceivers to match at
..... \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$3.25 each
Picture Frames at
..... 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00
Soap Boxes at 50c each
Clocks at
..... \$4.25, \$5.50, \$6.00 and \$8.00
Shoe-horns at 50c and \$1.00
N. B.—We invite comparison. You
will then, be able to appreciate
these values.



Keystone Brushes of Quality

HAIRBRUSHES, with
French ivory backs, at
..... \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$7.50
HAIRBRUSHES, with solid
ebony backs, at
..... \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.75,
\$3.00 and up to \$10.00 each

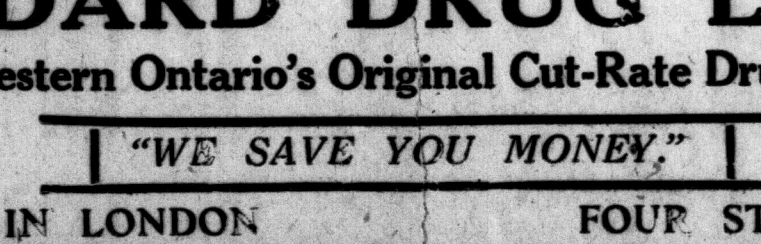


Perfumes Toilet Waters

"Made in Canada" and im-
ported French brands, such
as Jergen's, Corson's, Hud-
nut's, Coty's, Houbigant's,
Djer-Kiss, Piver's, Mary
Garden, etc., at prices that
range from 25c to \$4.25

All such well-known makes as
Colgate's, Hudnut's, Min-
ty's, Mary Garden, Piver's,
Djer-Kiss, Day Dream,
Coty's, etc., at prices that
range from 50c up to \$4.25

ANSOO, BUSTER BROWN AND FOLDING POCKET CAMERAS. PRICES AT \$3.00 UP.



They give satisfaction. They
last for years. Priced at
..... \$2.50 up



Safety Razors

Gem or Ever-Ready 89c
Auto-Strop ... 98c and \$5.00
Gillette ... \$5.00 and \$6.00

Simms' Set-In- Rubber Shaving Brushes

Guaranteed
not to shed.
Priced at
50c to
\$4.00

BARGAIN SPECIAL IN Cutex Manicure Sets

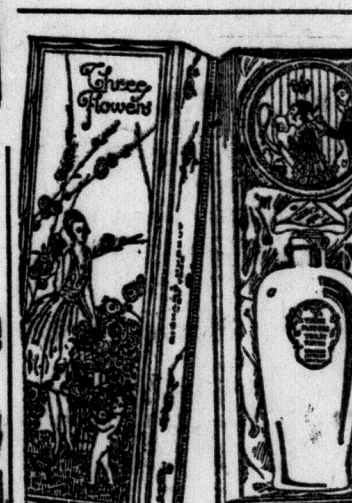
In Holiday-Wrapped
packages.
Reg. 60c set 44c
Reg. \$1.50 set \$1.29
Reg. \$3.00 set \$2.49
From now until Christmas.

French Ivory Electric Lamps
at \$8.50 to \$16.50



A SPECIAL BARGAIN IN French Ivory Mirrors

All beveled glass mirrors of
extra fine quality.
Ring Handle Mirrors, med-
ium size, regular \$4.00. At
..... \$2.98
Long Handle Mirrors, bon-
net shape—
Small size, reg. \$6 ... \$4.98
Large size reg. \$7.50 ... \$5.98



Richard Hud- nut's Yuletide Packages

This is Violet Sec Toilet
Water. We also have Gar-
denia and Rose of Omar, in
similar packages, at \$1.00
each.



The Violet Sec three-piece
Set; a wonderful value at
\$1.75.

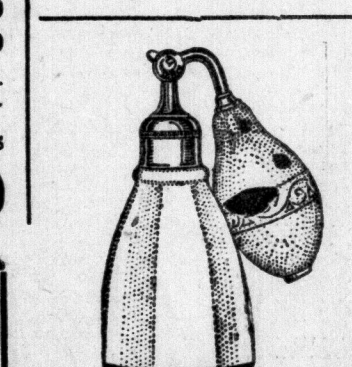
RICHARD HUDNUT THREE FLOWERS TOILET WATER

Delightful and Refreshing
The finishing touch of a
perfect toilet. Offered in
attractive frosted bottle—
A Dainty Toilet Table
Accessory

Three Flowers Toilet Water
in a very attractive box.
Price \$1.50.



Three Flowers Two-Piece
Holiday Set. Price .. \$2.75
Also in Three-Piece Sets at
..... \$4.50 and \$6.00



DE VILBISS PERFUMIZERS

Guaranteed to give satisfac-
tion; a very dainty gift.
Priced at \$1.00 to \$3.50

STANDARD DRUG LIMITED

Western Ontario's Original Cut-Rate Druggists

"WE SAVE YOU MONEY."

FOUR STORES IN LONDON

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FIND CANADA'S TRADE CONDITIONS BRIGHT

LONDONERS HEADING SOUTH, FEW GO TO BRITISH ISLES

Ticket Agents Report Greatest Migration in History of City.

EXPECT HEAVY TRAFFIC

Date of Christmas Holiday Tends to Interfere With Long Trips.

The lure of the sunny south is claiming many Londoners, according to statistics given out this morning by the C. N. R. and C. P. R. city ticket agents. Traffic for the winter has been exceptionally heavy on both these lines. Apparently London climate in the winter does not meet with the approval of many citizens for it is reported that more than 20 Londoners left the city last week for points in California.

This, according to the ticket agents, is the greatest migration to the southwest which they have ever experienced. Of 26 London people who left last week for California, 20 purchased one-way tickets and indicated they intended to live there permanently. More than a dozen London families have left the city for the south this year.

The ticket agents report that many reservations for the south have been made for a period of several weeks after Christmas.

European traffic has been fairly light this winter, said the ticket agents. All over Canada a decided falling off in overseas travel has been noted. Few people have left for England and other European points for the Christmas holiday this year, which is contrary to the general habit of extensive travellers. Europe has in past years been a Mecca for Americans and Canadians during the festive holiday.

Both city ticket agents expect a heavy local traffic for the week-end. Although the rush for tickets to nearby points is yet noticeable, H. J. McCallum of the C. P. R. expects Saturday and Monday to be the big days for the railroads. He expects a greater distance from London than 100 miles. It is his opinion that many clerks working in the city who would ordinarily spend a week-end out of town are unable to do so this year because of the working day interrupting the holiday.

TALBOT PUPILS HOLD EXERCISES THIS AFTERNOON

Varied Christmas Program Will Also Be Put On Tonight.

TO AID SCHOOL FUND

Pupils of the Talbot Street School held their closing Christmas exercises this afternoon and will repeat the excellent program again this evening for their parents. The concert will begin at 7:15 this evening with Inspector G. A. Whelan in the chair. A silver collection will be taken at the door in aid of the school fund. The program this afternoon, rendered entirely by the scholars, includes recitations, dialogues, skits, carols, choruses and solos, and is as follows:

Chorus, "Sweet Christmas Bells," grade 1; chairman's address, Inspector Whelan; dialogue, "The Rag Dolls, kindergarten; dialogue, "The Seasons," grade 2; recitations, "The Bethlehem Bells," three pupils from grade 2; dialogue, Christmas with the Ruggles, grade 5b; Pageant of December, grade 1; dialogue, "A Christmas Lesson," grade 3a; dialogue, "Buttercup," grade 3b; dialogue, grade 6; Recitation, "The Crippled Dolly," Hilda, Siskind; chorus, "Chiming Bells," grade 3b; Dialogue, "Christmas in Naughty Land," grade 3c; recitation, "The Christmas Eve," grade 7; dialogue, "The Doctor's Patients," grade 8; folk dance, girls of grades 7 and 8; dialogue, "King Alfred and the Cakes," grade 7; dialogue, "The Olden Days," grade 7; chorus, "Gather Round the Christmas Tree," grade 6; God Save the King.

FORBIDS HUNTING TO HALT EPIDEMIC

British Minister of Agriculture Takes Drastic Measures to Check Cattle Plague.

London, Dec. 20.—The rapid spread of the foot and mouth disease among cattle in this country has induced the ministry of agriculture to make a drastic order that will bring dismay to thousands of sport-loving Britons. It is nothing less than the absolute prohibition of all hunting with dogs throughout the areas affected by the plague, the assumption being that the disease may be spread by dogs.

As the order comes at the very height of the British hunting season and is of the widest application, it will deprive thousands of persons of their cherished winter sports and will throw many people out of work. The Prince of Wales, because of the order, has cancelled his arrangements in the Midlands, planning to hunt in the southern counties, which are free from the plague. Nearly 39,000 domestic animals have been slaughtered in an effort to stem the spread of the disease.

Solve Mystery of Ghostly Hands

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 20.—A committee of eminent scientists, after an exhaustive series of experiments at the Sorbonne with the famous Polish medium Guzik, has issued a statement in which the members conclude that in every case the touches of "ghostly" hands came either from the elbow or the leg of the medium. When movement of the limbs was controlled the phenomena failed to materialize.

BELL MANAGERS MAKE COMPLETE DISTRICT SURVEY

Improvement Noted in October With Considerable Activity in Building.

BANK REVIEWS FUTURE

Reports on conditions throughout the territory of the Bell Telephone Company, made by the managers, are optimistic, according to a review just issued by the company from the general commercial engineer's office. The report is as follows:

"Our managers' reports of conditions throughout the territory while not showing as much improvement as in October, are optimistic. There are not as many new industries reported, yet some centers report considerable activity.

"The English Silk Company, Courtland's Limited, has located at Cornwall, and have already built a railway siding, and will go ahead with their plant at once. They do not expect the factory to open till next winter, as it will be quite a large concern.

"The building trade fell off considerably during November, though some districts report a busy month. Very little unemployment is reported. "There are very few failures reported. According to Dunn's Bulletin, there were 457 reported in November, 1923, as compared with 575, while in November, 1922, there were 456 reported. Business in general is not, however, reported to be very good.

"The National City Bank of New York, in its monthly periodical, makes the following interesting comment about the future of Canada: 'The burden in Canada will diminish relatively with the increase of population and wealth in the country, which is certain to be very great in the coming years. There is no occasion for anybody to be pessimistic about Canada. Her credit has the best of backing—abundant natural resources and a population of the sturdiest and most reliable character.'

"According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics there was an increase of over three hundred million dollars in the total of Canadian trade for the twelve months ending October 31st last, as compared with the previous twelve-month period.

"The net increase in company stations for the year up to Nov. 30, 1923, was 46,143, as compared with 29,515 stations for the same period last year. The increase for this year is the largest in the history of the company.

Obituary

JOHN UNGER.

John Unger, for 40 years a resident of this city, died this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital in his seventy-seventh year. Mr. Unger was an employee of the McClary Manufacturing Company for 25 years. He is survived by two sons, John and Frederick of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Correll of Toronto. The funeral will be held from the residence of his son, John C. Unger, 623 Dufferin avenue, on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 10 o'clock. The service will be held at St. Peter's Church at 10 o'clock, and interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Funeral services for Peter Taft, who died Sunday in Dayton, Ohio, were held this morning at 8:30 o'clock at St. Peter's Church. The funeral took place from E. C. Killingsworth funeral parlors. Requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Father O'Donnell. Interment was made at St. Peter's Cemetery. The pallbearers were: F. Penny, H. Gillegan, J. McKenzie, J. Parke, J. Cooper and P. Taft.

BAILIFFS IN KU KLUX TRIAL THREATEN TO USE GUNS

Associated Press Despatch.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Bailiffs in charge of the jury in the case of Philip E. Fox, held here for killing S. C. Cobb, a Ku Klux Klan attorney, had to threaten to draw their guns on six men who had attempted to forcibly interfere with the jurors while they were taking outdoor exercises early today, the officers reported to court officials.

FLOCK OF WILD GESE HEADS INTO THE NORTH

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—C. H. Leader of Winnipeg reported today that he had just seen a flock of twelve wild geese flying north over the city. The birds are supposed to be the cause of the phenomenon. The coldest weather recorded in Western Canada last night was at Prince Albert, where the thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero. At other points the temperature went to 20 below.



U. S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Senator Hiram Johnson of California (left), candidate for the U. S. presidential nomination, and Frank Hitchcock (right), his campaign manager.

Highland and Manor Park Term Results Presented

Report of Highland and Manor Park School for the fall term, 1923, is as follows:

The pupils of the different forms are divided into four classes, according to merit, as follows:

(1) Class 1—First class honors, those who made from 75 to 100 per cent.

(2) Class 2—Second class honors, those who made from 65 to 74 per cent.

(3) Class 3—Third class honors, those who made from 50 to 65 per cent.

(4) Class 4—Those who made below 50 per cent.

Classes 1, 2 and 3 constitute the standard for promotion.

Kindergarten.
Class 1—Sarah Di Paolo, Billy Crosby, Irene Bryan, Joe Higgins, Fred Brown, Jennie Luciano, Lily Harvey.

Class 2—Mary Farnigola, Frank Luciano, Frank Farnigola, Herbert Elvson, Hylda Hughes, Francis Dunscombe, Eddie Lizmore, Eddie Johnson, Daisy Johnson, Margaret Grant, Gertrude Bear, Frank Holmway.

Class 3—Edmond Johnson (absent), Herbert Jury (absent).

Junior Primer.
Class 1—Phyllis Bell, Leonard Reed, Mervyn Parr, Fred Grant, George Break, Walter Bear.

Class 2—Keith Caspell, Willie Dutton, Lily Vanasse, Hilda Pawley, Tony Oakley, Teddy Cooper, Beatrice Richardson, Annie Fleming, Lily Wright, Mary Di Paolo, Clara Lydall, Millie Fletcher, Bertha Parsons.

FORM 1.
Class 1—Ross Woodhouse, Billy Harvey, Lily Claret, Gordon Williams, Daisy Asser, Searle Brown, Dorothy Woodhouse, Rose Dunscombe, Gertrude Osmond, Benny Dutton, Janet Osmond, Gladys Di Paolo.

Class 2—George Everts, Robbie Johnson, Molly Durham, Alberta Gardiner, Helen Southern.

FIRST BOOK.
Class 1—Cissie Oakley, Pearl Moir, Mildred McLarty, George Valle, Mary Kellettine, May Johnson, Fred Bear.

Class 2—C. Lounsbury, Bobby Williams, Vera Kellettine, Eddie Vantassel, Vincent Gray, Violet Davey, Helen Oakley.

Class 3—Bruce Johnston.

Class 4—Marvella Woolson (absent).

FORM 2.
Junior Second A.
Class 1—Leonard Soutare, Kitty Gray, Hilda Harding, Billy Bradley, Lily Parr, Violet Fletcher.

Class 2—Madeline Pawley, Stephen Hart.

Class 3—Edith Richardson, Eva Peaker, Godfrey Moir, John Johnson, Phyllis Husband, Elsie Young.

Class 4—Dorothy Spittal.

Junior Second B.
Class 1—Lionel Southern, Jack Plumridge, Orval Kellettine, Bernice Lacey.

Class 2—Lily Lewin.

FORM 3.
Junior Third.

Class 1—Margaret Elvson, Fred Clark, Thelma Steggall and Annie Harvey (equal), Phyllis Break, Reggie Dunscombe, Billy Caspell, Clara Whiteley, Adolphus Bell, Helen Johnson and Hilda Davey (equal), Fred Young.

Class 2—Leslie Wells and Fred Peak (equal), Frank Stewart, Donald Osmond, Louise Lydall.

Class 3—Alfred Grant, Wilfred Loune, Leonard Bear (absent), Edward Powell (absent).

Senior Third.
Class 1—Leonard Brown, Doris Plumridge, Annie Everts, Aubrey Mayes, Thelma Scaldwell.

Class 2—Ruth Lizmore, Alice Bear, Albert Jones, Elvina Gardner.

Class 3—George Clark, Percy Williams, Fred Newby, Alison Wright (absent).

FORM 4.
Junior Fourth.

Class 1—Florence Young, Walter Taylor, Martin Andrew, Wm. Brackstone.

Class 2—Dan Richardson, Sanford

Drug Cache Is Found On Ship

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—Investigating strange markings on the walls of the ship, customs officials ran down a large cache of narcotic drugs, Chinese pearls and silk cloth, aboard the Empress of Russia, which docked Tuesday from the Orient. The stuff was packed away in secret compartments in the Chinese quarters of the ship, and obviously was intended for great headway in the year in their badge work, and at the present time are among the leading groups in Canada in the number of badges.

MILK AND MONEY PURLOINER TELLS NO WORK STORY

Lloyd Was Wont to Enact Doorstep Trick—Remanded for Week.

HAILS FROM OHIO

Lloyd Weymouth, from the U. S. A. but who has been residing in a shack on Princess avenue east has been living on milk without the honey for some weeks past. Lloyd didn't stray out to country lanes to milk the cows he just "pinched" milk bottles from the door steps of Princess avenue residents as the cold, gray dawn poked its way through the darkness. Once in a while there was a little cash in the empty bottles and Lloyd beat the milkman to the money. He admitted this to Chief Birrell this morning, after having spent a night in the police cells on a charge of vagrancy.

"I've been all over town trying to get work, but it's no use," said Weymouth. "I have an uncle here, but I can't get on with his wife, that's why I don't stay there."

Weymouth was remanded a week by Deputy-Magistrate Gladman and steps will be taken to deport him to his old home.

Questioned by the court, the prisoner who is but 20 years of age, stated that he was born in Middleville, Ohio, and came to London from Dover, Ohio, last September. He got a job with the C. N. R. in the claimant yards, but was laid off a month ago. He had enough money to last him two weeks he declared.

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Y PLANS FESTIVE SEASON PROGRAM FOR CITY BOYS

Many Attractive Features on List of Holiday "Stunts."

As a Christmas and New Year's present to the boys of London the "Y" are presenting a particularly attractive program at the "Y" home on Wellington street.

Dr. R. J. Gordon chairman of the committee of the boys' division of the Y, assisted by the committee consisting of Wilfrid Spensley, Dr. Warren, Kathleen Merrilees, and the two physical directors, George E. Sinclair and Gordon Butler, the program will be put on the stage with promptitude and according to Hoyle.

The program is such as will appeal strongly to the boys of the early 'teen years and its various activities can be gathered best from the list of shows it includes which are as follows:

Monday, Dec. 24—Game rooms open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 25—We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Wednesday, Dec. 26—Game rooms open 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. 10 a.m.—Intermediate and Senior School Gymnasium Class.

2:30 p.m.—Educational Trip, Advertiser.

7:15 p.m.—Night Junior Gymnasium Class.

9 p.m.—Christmas meeting, Apex Club.

Saturday, Dec. 29.
Game rooms open 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Special tournaments.

10 a.m.—Prep. Gym. Class.

11:15 a.m.—Prep. Bible Study Groups.

2 p.m.—Toboggan Party (weather permitting).

2 p.m.—Rifle Club.

Sunday, Dec. 30.
10 a.m.—Kyso Bible Class.

Monday, Dec. 31—Special room 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Special tournaments.

10 a.m.—Intermediate and Senior School gymnasium class.

7:30 p.m.—Moving pictures.

9:00 p.m.—General swim.

11:00 p.m.—Watch night service (for all boys 16 and over). A. R. Kennedy will be the speaker.

12:01—Happy New Year.

The New Year's Day program is as follows:

10 a.m.—Finals in all game tournaments. 1:30 to 3 p.m., ping-pong tournament for all boys in the city, 12, 13, 14 years.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., ping-pong tournament for all boys in the city, 15, 16, 17 years. 3 to 5 p.m., rifle club.

6 p.m., swimming for all boys. 7:30 p.m., moving pictures for all boys.

The program will conclude with some stunts by Alexander Knox, and the singing of the National Anthem. All boys are cordially invited by the officials of the "Y."

MUSICAL RECITAL.
Special to The Advertiser.

Wheatley, Dec. 19. A musical treat was given at the home of Mrs. S. G. Johnson on Friday evening last, when her vocal pupils were heard in recital. Those taking part were: Miss Margaret McDonald, Mary Helen Young, Mrs. Johnson.

After the program Mrs. Johnson sang several delightful songs in splendid voice, which were greatly enjoyed. A guessing contest was an amusing feature, the prize being won by Miss Young.

SAYS GOVERNMENT INSULIN MEASURE PRAISED BY WORLD

Dr. E. Seaborn Tells of Effect of Free Formula Offer.

RETURNS FROM TOUR

The Canadian government has won the respect and admiration of the world of medicine through its decision to give the formula for the manufacture of insulin free of charge to all recognized medical institutions. Dr. Edwin Seaborn informed The Advertiser today.

Dr. Seaborn yesterday returned from a prolonged trip to Europe where, he said, Dr. Banting's marvelous discovery was being much discussed. At first the fact that Canadian government had patented the process of manufacturing insulin was criticized by England and France. When these countries learned, however, that they might obtain the formula gratis, that criticism was turned into admiration.

"Our government will furnish any institution of standing with the complete insulin formula," Dr. Seaborn said. "The process has been patented merely as a protective measure. In Germany and France the Banting improved formula has been taken up. The inferior process formerly used by these countries is no longer considered."

"For instance, what do people in London think of Shakespeare?" the question comes as a surprise from a question which the actor carries on a conversation, shooting off at all sorts of odd tangents from time to time. Answering his own question before the interviewer has time to consider London's attitude on the Bard of Avon, he goes on, "Probably think a bit dull, eh? Well, I can't say. Shakespeare is usually presented would make any play dull. Now in the production we are giving in London this week it is the play that counts."

"You don't come" with another vehement stamp of the stick, "to see Martin Harvey in Hamlet. You know of every way you take it. It comes to see the play of Hamlet as it was written, and the disclosing of the author's character analysis just as he intended it and thought it."

Sir John, who speaks with an accent that comes only from the old country, and who has that nervous energy of the mind, which is the usual concomitant of every form of art in humanity, regards his work from two rather antithetical points of view. There is an apparent and obvious surrender to the presentation of a character and a play, and there is just as apparent, a physical reaction toward the strain that it imposes on the body and mind of the performer.

... Hardest Ordeal.

Hamlet, he states with the conviction of a multitude of past Hamlets rising in his memory, "is the very hardest ordeal an actor can pass through. It is the most exacting part I know of every way you take it. It is such a complex part. The mind of Hamlet takes such totally different angles and twists and turns, and there is so much physical activity in it, that it is a very hard thing to do."

Of the "Cigarette Maker's Romance," he is more tolerant, describing it as a charming little romance, "which you know had a remarkable following in England, and indeed everywhere it has been given," which Sir John has won fame and renown on both sides of the Atlantic, is another of his favorites. "It's a wonderful play, but I couldn't present it here. It needs so much room, such a mass of scenery, and such gigantic settings."

Active Mind.

He gives one an impression at times of a certain lack of energy, but it is physical, but which in conversation is dispelled entirely by his active mind and carefully enunciated phrases, and which proceed to be merged by the mental abstraction of a kind emerged in thought and naturally wondering as to the reception awaiting him in this Ontario London. This is Christmas week," he says, "with the eagerness of a child. "People are going to be very busy then't they with all sorts of amusements, all kinds of things? I hope we are going to have a good house tonight. What do you think?"

Being reassured, he relaxed in his armchair, and the drumming of the stick on the paved floor grew less, and finally died away altogether, only to be renewed when he started to discuss Hamlet, or some part in which he has played and earned the applause of his audience.

From his day dreams on his art he was awakened by the dinner gong, and with a smile and an apology at having to "run away" he hurried to look after the inner man, for even Hamlet in his most melancholy moods ate something, and Sir John is no Hamlet, except on the stage.

SEEK TO DOUBLE NUMBER AT WORK TRIMMING TREES

An effort will be made by the public utilities commission to double up the number of men employed for tree trimming purposes, Mayor Wenig stated this afternoon, pointing out that the object of the \$5,000 grant to the commission from the city council was to provide work at this period when it is most needed.

WOODSTOCK POLICE HUNT FOR PASSERS OF CHECKS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Woodstock, Dec. 19.—The police today received a number of complaints from businessmen who had during the past day or so been the victims of a worthless check artist. The checks have all been made out on local firms for the sum of \$24.50. The swindler visits the store, makes a small purchase, and receives the balance in cash. The chief of police states that two are concerned in the swindles, as the writing is not the same on all the checks.

HOLD CHRISTMAS TREE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Clinton, Dec. 19.—The Willis Presbyterian Church held their annual Sunday school Christmas tree Tuesday night. Several classes sang and a dialogue by the young ladies was given. There was a large attendance.

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BELIEVES ATTACK PLAN TO DISCREDIT DAY LABOR

DOUGLASS WARNS CONTRACT SYSTEM NOW BEING URGED

Chapman Believes Attempt Being Made to Win Over New Council.

WOULD OPPOSE PLAN

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, foresees a deliberate effort in certain well defined quarters to discredit the "day labor" scheme for city construction with the hope that the members of the 1924 city council may be influenced to return to the "contract system."

"That is the whole secret of this attack upon the methods of testing pavements inaugurated this year by City Engineer Near," Chairman Douglass charged. "Once the council sanctioned a return to the contract system of paying pavements, it would leave the way open for certain well-known contractors to secure contracts with the municipality and make some easy money."

"I will be absolutely opposed to any move to return to the 'day labor' scheme as was once used," the chairman continued. "City Engineer Near will be quite capable of handling the work, as he has done this year, when just as much pavement was laid as in 1922, despite the fact that the work was commenced several weeks later."

"The engineer has a good staff at his disposal and it is my opinion that no contractor would have been able to handle the Richmond street job as well as the city engineer's department did this year. Certain delays were necessarily encountered with the public utilities commission and with the street railway company with reference to ties and rails. A contractor would not have been able to cope quite so successfully with these problems as did the city engineer."

"The same problem will be encountered next year and whenever we have to pave streets with the car line on them. We will be undertaking, for instance, the Richmond street job from Richmond street to Adelaide. A contractor might lay an inferior pavement at a cheaper price, but none like Richmond street."

"There will be no return in 1924 to the contract system with my vote, and I can plainly sense that this attack upon the city's method of testing pavements during the current year is chiefly a part of an agitation to influence, if possible, the new council to abolish the day labor scheme. That is the secret of what is behind this unwarranted criticism—and I will vote to leave the work entirely with the city engineer, who has ever watched the interests of the ratepayers."

PAYS 13,000 KRONEN FOR A CUP OF COFFEE

Dr. and Mrs. E. Seaborn and Daughter Have Interesting Experience in Austria.

The interesting experience of paying 13,000 kronen for a cup of coffee in Austria was but one of many which marked the visit abroad of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Seaborn and their daughter, Miss Dee Dee Seaborn. After more than a year in Europe they have now returned to their home on Park avenue.

The first three months of their sojourn in the old land they spent in England, going later to Paris for six months. A seven weeks' journey through France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Austria and Switzerland gave them an opportunity of seeing practically the whole of Europe. During their stay abroad, Dr. Seaborn was engaged in research work, and Miss Dee Dee Seaborn spent some months in a French school.

CONTENT WITH 32 MILLS.

Mayor Wenige would be content with a 32-mill rate for 1924, he explained today. He trusts that the new council will not exceed this, however, and he would be more satisfied with a 30-mill rate.

HOLD EUCHE DRIVE.

Members of the Forest City Camp No. 1, W. O. W., expect that their eucue drive in Ulster Hall will be a huge success.

COULDN'T SLEEP HEART WAS BAD NERVES A WRECK

Mr. H. A. Reid, Upper Musquodoboit, N. S., writes: "I am very thankful for the benefit I have received by using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills."

"When I came home from overseas, in 1920, my heart was very badly affected by concussion, and my nerves were a dreadful wreck. I was very short-winded, and could not possibly sleep at night. In fact, I was in such a condition I felt as if I did not wish anyone to speak to me. I thought I would try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and before I had taken two boxes I could enjoy a good night's rest as well as anyone."

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JEAN V. PARMENTIER, formerly an official of the French ministry of finance, will be one of the members of the expert committee of the reparations committee to inquire into Germany's resources.

CHINAMEN GIVEN BENEFIT OF DOUBT IN CIGARET CASE

Cafe Proprietor Swears Smokes Were Not Sold to Boys.

COOK ALSO TESTIFIES

Although two small boys stated positively that Gung Foy a cook at the City Cafe, Richmond street, had sold them a box of cigarettes last Friday night, at the cafe, the charge against Foy of selling cigarettes to a minor was dismissed by Deputy-Magistrate F. W. Gladman, in police court today.

The proprietor of the cafe and the cook both swore that no cigarettes had been sold, the cook stating he never went into the dining room to wait on customers.

Constable Aitken told of questioning the boys on Simcoe street when he saw them smoking and he took them to the cafe to identify the man who sold them. He was not there on Friday night, the officer stated, and he took the youngsters back on Saturday night and they identified Foy.

Foy and the proprietor both claimed they were there Friday night and that the boys didn't say anything at that time.

"I submit that these boys should be fined," declared A. M. Judd appearing for the Chinamen. "They seem to know all the places to buy cigarettes and try to induce people to sell to them."

Mr. Gladman stated while there was not enough evidence to convict he would warn the Chinamen to be more careful in future cigarette transactions.

GOLD HEADED CANE GIVEN TO TEACHER

Pupils of Tech Honor J. C. Anderson on Retiring From Staff.

J. C. Anderson, who is leaving the staff of the Technical School at the end of the year, was presented with a gold-headed cane this afternoon by the boys of the school. The presentation was made by William Shouder, who in a brief address expressed the students' regret at losing Mr. Anderson. The boys wished him all success in his new undertaking. Mr. Anderson recently tendered his resignation as chief of the woodworking and cabinet making department.

Sing Old Carols At L'Alliance

Life of Louis Hemon Studied at Meeting Held at Miss Blackburn's Home.

An exceedingly interesting meeting of the Alliance Francaise was held last night at the home of Miss Blackburn, Talbot street, when the chief feature was the singing of old French carols by the members, led by Miss Katharine Cronyn, the president.

Further interest was provided in the reading in French of the life of Louis Hemon, author of "Marie Chapdelaine," by Mrs. W. J. Baxter, and Mrs. D. Hodson read a short but interesting French Christmas story by Daudet.

Miss Cronyn is arranging to entertain the members of her conversational group at her home on the last Tuesday in January.

PASS ACCOUNTS OF \$1174.72 AT FINAL BOARD SESSION

Accounts totalling \$1174.72 were passed for payment at the final meeting of the vocational advisory committee of the board of education held last night.

TEN SPEEDERS FINED. Ten speeders each handed over \$5 and costs in police court this morning, while five others paid \$2 and costs for infractions of the M.V.A. which netted the city \$60.

BOYS AND GIRLS ARE ENTERTAINED BY MISSION BAND

Ever-Ready Group Delightful Hosts at First Methodist Church.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

Fifty small boys and girls of the First Methodist Church enjoyed something particularly delightful in the way of treats when the Ever-Ready Mission Band held its annual Christmas meeting yesterday afternoon. Addressed in gay Christmas caps the children first met in Wesley Hall, where several of their number took part in the program and then adjourned to the lower hall for supper and games. Here the tables were set in a square, around which rushed Santa Claus and his famous eight reindeer, set forth in Christmas crepe paper. At the head of the table a lighted Christmas tree glowed, and flowering plants and poinsettias were arranged along all sides. At each place there was the perfect favor, a tiny Christmas stocking, filled with goodies and an orange and living up to the spirit of their band many of the children took their stockings home unopened to give to some other little child who was not fortunate enough to be there. The stockings were made by Mrs. Harley, who assisted the band leader, Mrs. A. J. Stevens, in preparing for the affair. Following their supper the children presented Mrs. Stevens with her Christmas gift, a lovely plant, which was presented by one of the boys. Rev. Bruce Hunter, who was a guest of honor, told the band a Christmas story, and later in the evening Rev. W. Jewitt conducted an hour of games for them.

Louise Stevens presided over the program, which took place in the upper hall and it included recitations and a piano solo by Beth Harkness, a recitation by Isabel Mortimer, a song by Myrtle Riley, recitations by Josephine Pratt, a piano solo by Bernard Cottle, and a recitation by Max Fenton. At the conclusion of the supper Beth Harkness moved a vote of thanks to the ladies of the congregation who had assisted with preparing the supper and it was seconded by Louise Stevens. A number of C. G. I. T. girls took charge of the serving.

The guests of honor included Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Harley, Mrs. J. S. Barnard, Miss Gurd, Miss Mara, Miss Coates and Miss Hornby.

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MILITARY TRAINING FREES STUDENTS

Dean Fox Announces Those Taking Course Exempt From Tax.

According to an announcement made yesterday by Dean Fox of the University College of Arts, those students enlisted in or joining the C. O. T. C. will be exempt from the threatened collection of the statute labor tax of \$5 per annum.

As some of the students have from three to four years' tax arrears on this basis, this might be an added inducement to take the course. The dean stated this exemption had been authorized by the board of governors of the university, through the city council. Those living in London only for the university term might also be exempted, it was said.

POLICE EXPENDITURE ROW SAID UNLIKELY

Mayor Believes 1924 Estimates Are a Trifle Less Than This Year.

It is scarcely likely that Mayor Wenige and members of the 1924 council will become involved in any disturbance over their police expenditures as is now featuring the city of Peterboro.

Tentative estimates for the coming year from the local department are about the same as this year, the mayor states. He is not positive, but he is inclined to think that they are a trifle less, if anything. This is as it should be, his worship states, and with no increase no reasonable criticism is to be expected from the councillors.

"All estimates should be lower than in 1923," the mayor stated, referring to the tentative estimates submitted by the various spending bodies, and awaiting consideration at a joint session of the old and new councils, at some date before the end of the month.

AGREED TO SELL WIFE FOR HALF A MILLION

Associated Press Despatch. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—A half million dollars was the price for which Elsie La Zelle, a motion picture director and theatre magnate, agreed to sell his wife Helen to a wealthy negro of the Juarez, Mexico, underworld, according to a divorce complaint filed in superior court here today by Mrs. La Maie. According to the complaint, La Maie broached the alleged \$500,000 marriage purchase to his wife in 1919, and at that time told her she could keep \$150,000 as her share of the "transaction."

Notwithstanding her anguished repudiation of such a proposal, the complaint continues, La Maie continued negotiations with the negro, Lou Harris Baker, for four years, and recently became "violently angry" when his wife persisted in her refusal.

MAYOR WENIGE BELIEVES COCKSHUTT IS RIGHT MAN

Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt is the "right man in the right place," according to Mayor George Wenige, who attended yesterday's luncheon in the Government House, Toronto. His worship reports that he was numbered among the speakers at the gathering.

WARD THREE RECOUNT TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY

The Ward 3 aldermanic recount commences tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day until completed. City Clerk Baker reckons that the job will take six or seven hours, if the ballots for all the subdivisions are to be checked over. Ald. Gordon Drake is holding his seat with a one vote margin.

CHAPMAN AND MANUEL LEAD "Y" SWIMMERS

Donald Chapman and Jack Manuel are leading in the five-mile swimming event which is being staged at the Y. M. C. A. tank. Three meets have already been held and Don Chapman has covered two miles and 232 yards. The standing to date is as follows: Class A—J. Manuel, 1 mile, 1,614 yards; L. Fitzgerald, 1 mile, 1,132 yards; B. Walker, 1 mile, 340 yards. Class B—D. Chapman, 2 miles, 232 yards; M. Dale, 1 mile, 1,570 yards; M. Grant, 1 mile, 1,141 yards.

WILL ATTEND GAME.

Mayor Tom Brown of Stratford has notified Mayor Wenige by letter that he will be on hand with five friends Saturday night at the Stratford-Kitchener hockey game.

POLICE ADDITIONS IN 1924 ARE NOT CONTEMPLATED

No additional policemen for 1924, was the promise today from George Wenige, mayor and chairman of the police commission. "This is a pretty decent law-abiding community," he reminded, "and I don't consider that there will be need for any increase in the personnel of the police department."

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If His Gift is still unchosen remember here are

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You'll give him the newest colorings and patterns if you choose from this very special lot of rich cut silks, florals, stripes, jacquards, tweeds. Ties you would expect to pay much more for. \$1.15

Silk Knit Ties

They're all high quality lustrous silks in the very newest colors and designs. Dainty, trim novelty weaves, stripes and plain colors. Gifts to be appreciated. Others 75c to \$3.50

Silk Lined Gloves

Follow the practical gift idea—give him gloves he would choose himself. Select from these silk-lined gray or brown mocha gloves, serviceable and dressy. Outseams, gusset fingers. Others \$2 to \$3.50

Wool Lined Gloves

He won't mind cold, sharp winds with a pair of these! Tan or gray cape or mocha suede wool-lined gloves; expertly made with outseams, strap wrist, closed palm. Others \$1.75 up

Scotch Knit Gloves

Fine imported wool knit seamless; heather mixed and gray shades, close wrists. Others \$1 to \$4.50

Hickok Belt Sets

Serviceable, strong belts of genuine walrus grain cowhide with attractive cut-out initial, heavy plate buckle. Individually boxed gifts. Others \$1 to \$4.50

Gift Umbrellas

It's a very good time to give him an umbrella, he'll agree with you! Choose now from this assortment of real gift umbrellas, attractive tape edge, inlaid and sterling silver mounts, guaranteed steel frames. Suitcase Folding Style, \$5

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Gauntlet Mitts, Gloves.....65c to \$1.25
Scotch Knit Gloves.....50c to 85c
Wool Sweaters, Jerseys.....\$1.35 to \$4
New Shirts, Blouses.....85c to \$1.50
Knit or Silk Ties, special.....50c
Hickok Belt and Buckle.....50c to \$1
Brushed Wood Mufflers.....65c, 75c
Knitted Caps, Toques.....50c to \$1.25
Flannellette Pyjamas.....\$1.50 to \$3
Boys' Stockings.....25c to \$1



English Wool Robes and House Coats

Greet him Christmas morn with one of these handsome imported wool robes or house coats! It'll be a gift he'll treasure for many long, comfortable evenings at home before the fire. New tans, overplaid, plain colors and dark heather mixtures, finished with silk cord binding. Robes, \$11.50 to \$25 House Coats, \$9.50 to \$18

Special Gift Pyjamas

Cream shade in smart striped patterns, fine soft fabrics; silk trimmers. Others, \$1.95 to \$6.50



Silver-Tone Mufflers

They're silk knits with unusually attractive silver and bronze two-tone effects; self striped designs, fringed ends; one of the most attractive mufflers shown this season! \$3

Warm Wool Mufflers

Choose one of these finely woven, light weight wool mufflers for a sure way to please him! Popular heather mixtures and plain gray, brown and camel shades. Others \$1.00 to \$3.50



Fine Silk Hose

Gift special! Pure thread 12 strand silk of rich durable lustre; all popular colors. Boxed for gifts. \$1

Clocked Wool Hose,

Extra fine quality, imported heather mixed, wool hose with fancy contrasting silk embroidered clocks, or plain styles—both good for gifts! \$1.25

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He'll appreciate the fine quality of these imported Wolsey hose! Smart ribbed effects, heather mixtures knit from soft English wools. Fine value! Other wool hose 50c to \$1.50



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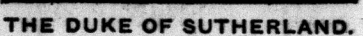
HOUSE OPENS JAN. 15

Associated Press Despatch

King George will open the new parliament in state on January 15.

THANKFUL FOR CANADA

for peace could be brought to bear upon the matters at issue, strife of the most serious character might

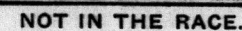


MURDERERS SOUGHT

Afghan treaty, it had been found necessary to prevent the passage of

HIS FRIENDS DIFFER

Associated Press Despatch.



RECOVER FIFTH BODY.
Houston, Texas, Dec. 19.—The fifth body burned beyond recognition was

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will take place from the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bott, 99 Ontario street, to Eden Mills Cemetery, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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WAREHOUSE BURGLARIZED.
Dustin, Dec. 10. This morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock, a burglar broke into the warehouse of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, located at the corner of 1st and 2nd streets, and stole a large quantity of goods, including a large quantity of clothing, and a large quantity of other goods. The burglar was seen by a watchman, who called the police, who arrived at the warehouse at 11 o'clock, but the burglar had already fled. The police are now searching for the burglar, and have a reward of \$100 offered for his capture.

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Canadian Press Despatch.

**WHERE WILL YOU SPEND
CHRISTMAS?**

CHRISTMAS?
In all the cycle of the year there

no matter what time that brings families together as does the Yuletide. Though the holiday is the end of the year, you would long to be home for Christmas and if it were at all possible to make the journey, you would travel when traveling facilities were more limited, people journeyed many miles to be with their families and perhaps that they might be with friends and loved ones on Christmas Day. The new rail service, the Canadian National Railway enables you to cross the continent in a few days in comfort. The heavy promises to be the year of travel, north, south, east and west, and in order that you may reach your destination in the shortest time possible, Canadian National Railways are making preparations to pay for the traveling expenses of relatives or friends from any one of the lines. The money is in the hands of the nearest ticket agent of the line; our representative will charge to your friends at the other end in a few hours. When traveling by the Canadian National, you

League Members and Hungarian Premier Struggle Over Restoration Project.

restore the monarchy on a smaller scale. The allies seem to regard Hungary's political position as paralleling that of Germany.

Associated Press Despatch.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.
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25c, 50c, 60c, 65c

Kid and Mocha...\$2.00, \$2.75 to \$5.00
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You will please Him in a big way

Boys Gowns \$6.50 to \$8.

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you the wonder char-
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you full particulars of
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**THIS DOLL WILL BE
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For a Few Hours of
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*Offer Open to
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She is really a very accomplished
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will walk along beside you—just like
a real live baby. She has learned
to close her eyes when she goes to
sleep and says mama when she wakes
up.

She is a "character doll," has real
hair to brush, has two front teeth,
and shows her little pink tongue.

Her face, hands and legs are made
of durable material and are colored
just like a real live baby's skin. She
is 26 inches tall, more than one-half
taller than this picture.

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and stockings, when removed, show
pretty pink toes.

She will stand a lot of hard knocks,
too. The people who manufactured
her made her strong enough to stand
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You needn't be afraid of breaking
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a tumble now and then, as all babies
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You will want to keep her "al-
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Write me today and I'll tell how
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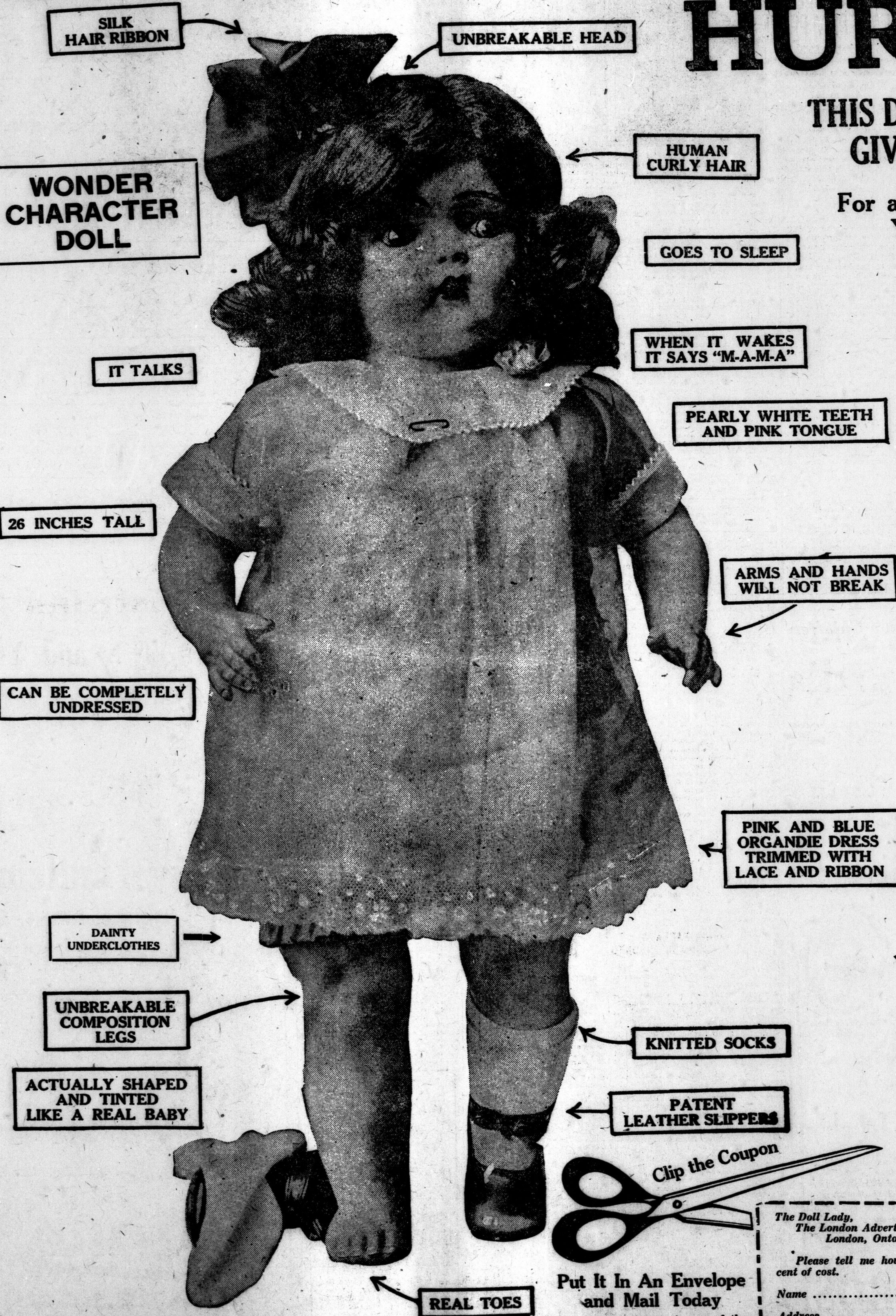
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Please tell me how I can get a "Mama" Doll without a
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Hairnets Made in Chinese Homes.

Ninety-five per cent of the genuine hair nets used by women throughout the world are made by hand in Chinese homes.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

The Fiance Who Thinks Engagement Rings "Silly"—The Working Girl Whose Mother Appropriates Her Pay Envelope—The Unfortunate Husband Whose Wife Won't Forget.

Dear Miss Dix—I am engaged to be married, but my fiance is not going to give me a ring, because he thinks it is "silly." I also like to dress prettily, but he objects to that, and says that it is not proper to wear fine clothes and use cosmetics. One time we had a slight quarrel and he struck me. Do you think he will make a good husband and make me happy?

Answer:

Why, you poor foolish child, can't you see that your guardian angel is working overtime trying to save you from the misery that would be your portion if you marry this man?

By his actions, he has shown you that he is stingy and brutal, and if he displays these qualities before marriage, you may be very sure that he will be ten times more of a tightwad, and a bully, and a brute after marriage.

The man who will not buy his sweetheart an engagement ring—who thinks engagement rings silly—has

no sentiment or romance in his make-up, and matrimony is a mighty bleak and arid desert for a woman if she has to live with a husband who never wreathes any of the flowers of fancy about it, who never celebrates any anniversary or shows her any tender, lover-like attentions or gives her any little useless gift just because it marks a happy milestone in their journey together.

Nor is there any husband who is a meaner husband than the stingy husband. Never marry a man who has a Yale lock on his pocketbook, for it is you who will find yourself a slave who is even begrudged her food and clothes. When a man says he doesn't like to see a woman with pretty clothes on, and looking her best, it is because he is a miser who begrudges the price.

As for marrying a man who has struck you before marriage, you will deserve to be beaten if you become his wife. You've had a touch of his fist and know him for the brute he is, and if you have one grain of sense in your head, you will not put yourself in his power.

Before marriage many men and women show their real quality and give their sweethearts a good chance to foretell the sort of husband and wives they will make. A tip to the wise should be sufficient.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a working girl who makes a reasonable salary. Now my mother is a wonderful woman, and she has not a stingy bone in her body, but she requires me to turn over my pay envelope to her, and account to her for every cent I spend. This gets upon my nerves, having to ask her to give me back some of the money I have earned, and then being asked what I did with every penny of it. And I must have something to show for every cent.

Is this right? What would you do?

WAITING.

Answer:

I should agree with my mother upon what was a fair board, and I would pay her that; and I would keep my own pay envelope and spend or save my money as I choose.

No mother dreams of taking her son's salary away from him. She concedes the boy the right to the money he earns, but many mothers consider that everything their daughters make belongs to them. This is most unfair, and the girls are foolish to submit to such injustice.

The minute a girl becomes self-supporting she becomes automatically independent, and everybody, male or female, has a right to the money he or she earns by his or her own labor. The real badge of freedom is the dollar mark and the only personal liberty is comprised in the money in your hand.

Of course, the mother who takes her daughter's pay envelope away from her excuses her autocratic proceeding by saying that girls are foolish and waste their money, and that she has had more experience in handling money, and can spend it wiser than they can.

But as the French say, her excuse accuses her. For, to begin with, the girl who has got enough sense to hold down a good job that makes real money is no fool and may be trusted with the dollars she has earned so hard.

In the second place, how is a girl ever going to learn how to spend money more thriftily if she is never allowed to spend it at all?

People acquire money sense by experience, and if a girl wastes her money on making a silly purchase one time, it will teach her not to do it a second time.

And thirdly for the money's hers. She made it and she has a right to do as she likes with it. You can't get beyond that point.

And last of all, if there is anything on earth that does rasp a woman's nerves and make her hate the person who puts the question to her, it is to have some one demand to know what she did with that quarter that was given her last week! DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I admit that five years ago I was unfaithful to my wife. She forgave me, but ever since then she has watched me like a hawk. Every time I come home I have to go through a catechism. She opens my letters and reads them before I see them, and she searches the pockets of my coat, and my automobile pockets. The result is that we are always in a wrangle and have no peace at home. I have told my wife that I think we had better divide things and part, but she doesn't want to do this. I am not one to tell my troubles to other people, but I am writing this because I believe you will say something to show each side what the other is sitting in.

SO FAR A FAILURE.

Answer:

Alas, Mr. Man, it seems to me that you are paying the price of your wrongdoing. Wild-out crops cost a man pretty dear, especially when the man happens to be a married man. You resent your wife's not trusting you, but how can she when you have betrayed her faith? You would look with an eye of suspicion yourself on a man who had cheated you.

The trouble with sinners always is that they think that when they have confessed their fault that they wipe out their transgression, and that everything should go along just as it did before. This is as impossible as it is to make a shattered glass whole. You can cement the parts together, but the cracks are always there, and the beauty gone. Forgiveness never means forgetting.

But your wife isn't playing the game fairly either. If she has overlooked your fault, she should let bygones be bygones, and not continually nag you with past offenses. She should either break up the home or else be sport enough to try to make it a success on another plane.

DOROTHY DIX.

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WOMEN'S LABOR PARTY.

Last night was to have seen the election of officers for the Women's Labor Party. But when the members met at the Labor Temple, the election was postponed. Instead a most interesting evening was spent listening to an address on "Women as Nation Builders," given by Mrs. John Crawford, who spoke attractively and gave much valuable information.

Mrs. Crawford received a most cordial welcome by the members of the club. Several new members were added at the meeting. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Jan. 2 in the Labor Temple, and the members are working for a large attendance. In the absence of Mrs. George Eddie, the president, Mrs. W. Burnard took the chair.

OAKHURST PUPILS APPEAR IN A CLEVER FRENCH PLAY

Parents of Children Are Entertained at T., Following an Attractive Program.

SING MANY CAROLS

Very Smallest Children of All Are Heard Sing "The Manger of Bethlehem."

The closing exercises at Oakhurst School, given yesterday afternoon under the direction of Miss Henrietta English and Mrs. J. Alexander, were marked by clever work on the part of the small pupils. Especially fine was the little French play "Dans la Salle-a-Manger," the chief item on the program. The cast of this interesting little drama included Eleanor Treleven as Marie, Vernona Wilson as Mathilde, Florence Wilson as Jeanne, Frances Boucher as Viane, Katie Plesped as Barthe, Dorothy Maxwell as Adeline, Margaret Glenville as Heloise, Betty Fraser as Julie, Frances White as Gabrielle, Mary Boucher as Josephine, and Billy Glenville as Jeannot.

The program also included a reading from Stevenson, "My Shadow," by Margaret Boucher; an essay entitled "A Trip to Vancouver," by Florence Wilson; a French cradle song by the kindergarten children; a reading, "Afterglow," by Betty Fraser; "My Doll," by the kindergarten children; an essay on "The British Navy," by Frances White; a reading, "Ye Mariners of England," by Mary Boucher.

Christmas carols were also a feature of the afternoon, and the children of the school sang beautifully "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," "Holy Night," "The Sheep in the Fields Were Sleeping," "Carol, Sweet Carol," "Shine Out, O Blessed Star," and a lovely children's song, "The Manger of Bethlehem."

At the close of the program tea was served, the guests of honor being the children's parents, who attended the closing exercises. Mrs. A. D. Jordan officiated at the tea table, assisted by Miss Margaret Boucher, Miss Frances White, Miss Eleanor Treleven and Miss Margaret Glenville.

Radio Programs

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.
KDKA—East Pittsburgh, Pa., 920 Kilocycles; Frequency; 326 Meters—Wave Length.

Eastern Standard Time.

9:45 a.m.—Union Livestock Market report.

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time signals.

Weather forecast.

12:00 p.m.—Market reports.

6:15 p.m.—Organ recital.

7:15 p.m.—Radio Boy Scout Meeting.

7:45 p.m.—Santa Claus' visit to the children.

8:00 p.m.—Farmer Market reports.

8:15 p.m.—"The Universal Religion of Christ"—The Sunday School Lesson for December 23.

8:30 p.m.—Concert.

9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals.

Weather forecast.

WBZ—890 Kilocycles, Frequency, Springfield, Mass., 337 Metres.

Wave Length.

Eastern Standard Time.

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time signals;

weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

6:00 p.m.—Dinner concert.

7:00 p.m.—\$200 Reward, a dramatized story.

7:30 p.m.—Bedtime story for the kiddies.

Current book review.

Farmers' period.

9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals.

11:00 p.m.—Program of Chamber music.

KYW—560 Kilocycles, Frequency, Chicago, Illinois, 536 Metres.

Wave Length.

Central Standard Time.

9:30 a.m.—Late news and financial comment. (This service is broadcast every half hour during the twenty-four.)

11:35 a.m.—Table talk.

12:30 p.m.—"The Progress of the World."

10:00 to 12:30 a.m.—Late Show.

WGTV—Schenectady, N.Y., 790 Kilocycles, 380 Metres.

11:55 a.m.—Time signals.

12:30 p.m.—Stock market report.

12:40 p.m.—Produce market report.

12:45 p.m.—Weather forecast.

2:00 p.m.—Music and address, "The Right Kind of Moving Pictures."

6:00 p.m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins.

6:30 p.m.—Children's program.

7:35 p.m.—Health talk, N.Y. State Department of Health.

7:45 p.m.—Radio comedy, drama, "Grumpy," by WGY players.

WWJ Detroit, 400 Metres, 580 Kilocycles.

9:30 a.m.—"Tonight's Dinner," and a special talk by the Woman's editor.

9:45 a.m.—Public Health Service bulletin and talks on subjects of general interest.

10:25 a.m.—Official weather forecast.

11:55 a.m.—Arlington time.

12:00—Dance music.

3:00 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra.

3:30 p.m.—Official weather forecast.

3:35 p.m.—Market reports.

8:30 p.m.—The Detroit News Orchestra; Anne Campbell, Detroit News poet; James J. Bruckner, tenor.

WILL PLACE EQUIPMENT.

During the Christmas holidays, which commence tomorrow, the equipment for Trafalgar Avenue School will be placed in position in order that the school may be ready in every way for the opening on January 3.



COUNTESS OF ANCASTER.

who is playing a leading role in society in Great Britain.

ADD PRACTICAL NURSES TO LONDON REGISTER

One Hundred and Four Names Now Appear on List at the Registry.

The London Nurses' Registry Board has decided to admit practical nurses to the registry, and Miss Jessie Mortimer, 487½ Dufferin avenue, the registrar, has been instructed to include such names in her list.

There are now 104 nurses recorded at the London Registry, which is doing excellent work in placing them and in setting the public. The addition of the names of practical nurses to the register will make the service even more efficient, for often demands for nurses of this type are made and must be filled.

Mrs. Kelly is president of the registry board and Mrs. Walter Cummins the secretary.

NEW BLACKBOARDS.

When the pupils of Pottersburg School return after the holidays they will find themselves faced with new blackboards. This work will be done by the board during the vacation, as the present slates at the school are now in their last stages.

Hummer, the Humming-Bird, Is Amazed At Seeing Danny

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Danny Meadow Mouse was beginning to get used to the Sunny South. He hadn't found his way back to the great man-bird, or aeroplane, which had brought him down there and where he felt sure Nanny was. He missed Nanny, but not as much as he would have had there not been so much that was new and strange to him to look at and wonder about. He was beginning to feel more at home than he had at first. Almost every day he saw Mr. Mocker the Mockingbird, and this helped a lot.

Then one day he had a glad surprise. He had stopped to rest under a plant which bore some bright flowers. He heard a humming sound, and then before he could quite make out where it came from a sharp, squeaky voice cried, "Am I dreaming, or is this Danny Meadow Mouse?"

"It is me. Of course it is me. Who else could it be?" cried Danny, and he ran out from under the plant, for he had recognized that voice.

"It is! It certainly is!" declared Hummer the Hummingbird, for this



"How ever did you get here, Danny Meadow Mouse?"

is who the little fellow was. "How ever did you get here, Danny Meadow Mouse? Have you grown a pair of wings since I saw you late in the summer up on the Green Meadows?"

Danny chuckled. "No, Hummer, I haven't grown a pair of wings," said he. "But I'm the same old Danny Meadow Mouse you left up on the Green Meadows, My, but it does my eyes good to see you! Did you fly

all the way down here with those tiny wings of yours?"

"You don't see any bigger wings, do you," squeaked Hummer, and then both laughed. "Of course I flew down here," he continued. "That is nothing. Some of my family spend the winter as far south of here as this is south of your old home. For myself, I am satisfied with it here, and I shall stay here until it is time to go North again in the spring. But that isn't telling me how you got here."

So once more Danny had to tell the story of his long journey in the great man-bird.

"I've seen those same man-birds," replied Hummer, "and they certainly can fly. But my, what a noise they make! I suppose that is because their wings move so fast. So it was natural for him to think that the noise of an airplane was made by his swiftly moving wings. He never had noticed that those wings did not move at all."

"I hope I shall see you often," said Danny. "You know a fellow gets lonesome in a strange place."

"Where is Nanny?" demanded Hummer.

"She is in the great man-bird, I suppose," said Danny. "But I don't know where that great man-bird is. I've lost it."

"Huh!" exclaimed Hummer. "That was a stupid thing to do!"

"I know it," confessed Danny. "I've been hunting for it, but I can't find it."

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The next story: "The Snowy Cousin of Longlegs."

Biscuits fit for a Queen's taste now offered Canadian homes!



A wonderful holiday treat in a very handsome box

No finer biscuit treat has ever been offered Canadian homes than Weston's "Queen's Taste" box, which contains a complete assortment of our delicious English Quality Biscuits, packed and sealed in a handsome container that preserves every morsel of their crisp oven-freshness.

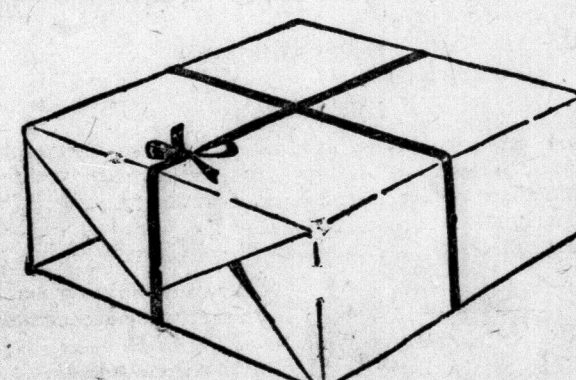
The varied assortment permits one to sample every one of our delicious English lines; the handsome box container will make a very beautiful sewing box—one that will be kept and used.

Get a "Queen's Taste" box at your neighborhood grocer's. What a splendid gift it will make! Let your friends who did not yet know Weston's have an opportunity of sampling these delicious "biscuits as they are made in England".

Geo. Weston Limited, Toronto

Weston's
Biscuits as
they are made in England

Buckingham Palace, the King's official London residence, and facsimile of the letter we received from the Master of the Household.



If you prefer, you may have the "Queen's Taste" box packed in a corrugated paper container, all ready for mailing. Think what a splendid gift it would make!

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1923.

Paying For Our Ideas.

Hamilton had a reduced tax rate in 1922, and the works committee will close the year with a substantial surplus, indicating the decided possibility of a further reduction in the tax rate next year.

Apparently Hamilton has gone on the old rule that the only way to reduce is to reduce.

But the places that are reducing are hopelessly in the minority. As a people we have entertained ideas bigger than our purses, and records show that we are still nursing them.

Comparing 1922 and 1923, it will be seen that there has been an increase in debt by federal, provincial and municipal governments. The amount of securities is as follows for the Dominion:

1923	\$2,482,000,000
1922	2,472,000,000
Increase	\$10,000,000
The provinces show the following in the two years:	
1923	\$628,500,000
1922	520,000,000
Increase	\$106,500,000
Nor have the municipalities lagged behind in adding their share to the total. The debt record of all municipalities is:	
1923	\$827,000,000
1922	745,000,000

Increase\$ 82,000,000

Making allowance for provincial and municipal sinking funds, the net debt increase is probably close to \$150,000,000 for the three forms of government.

The unfortunate part of it is that there are not three sets of people, for the same taxpayers have the three governments taxing them one way and another.

Were it apportioned to every man, woman and child in the Dominion, the bill would be \$418, or not far from it.

The tastes of the people are reflected in the tastes of the various governments. We have bigger ideas than we used to have—we are no longer content to sit in a neat little cottage with our feet on the fender of a bright coal stove.

The result is that these ideas are reflected when a number of our people get together in a council, board of education, provincial or federal parliament. Thrift, except in cases of positive necessity, has to a considerable extent departed from us, bank statements of savings accounts notwithstanding.

The deeper in we go the harder it becomes, in a period of comparatively slow business, to pull in our lines. No matter how much we may desire to do so, we have become committed to big figures, and we have to keep on paying.

Every governing body in the country should unite to bring us to a point of simple efficiency. We are not a great people numerically, and we should not require as great a system of official looking-after as we have right now. If we have been getting too much service, cut it off. If the ball of red tape that binds us together costs too much, then use a smaller ball.

The country today will back any governing body that seeks to do what Hamilton has accomplished, spend less and reduce taxation.

Hurt From Within.

Rev. Mr. Kuther, Lutheran minister at Elmira, brings back a gloomy picture of conditions among the common people in Germany. There is no reason to believe that he overstates the case when he claims that starvation will be the lot of many in the land he has just visited.

His testimony is added evidence that some of the hardest and most heartless blows that have been laid on the people of Germany have come from the inside.

Financiers of the Stinnes school have exploited their own people and piled up fortunes that are safely hidden in foreign countries where they cannot be attacked or attached.

If the German people, in their desperation, turn on their exploiters, there can be no sympathy for the gougers.

Beating the Customs.

The Advertiser saw a letter recently written from Toronto, in which a woman there stated her experience on a trip to Buffalo, where she had gone to do some shopping.

Along with a friend, she had returned safely over the border, having eluded the much-feared woman, customs officer who operates at that point.

They came back with several pairs

each of silk stockings, an assortment of underwear two or three blouses, a couple of dress lengths, besides smaller purchases.

The two ladies in question would not like to be referred to as smugglers, but that is exactly what they were.

Both of them are from homes where the income is entirely derived in Canada, from Canadian business. In one case the income is from an industry that is protected by the laws passed by the Canadian government, and enforced by the very officials that were dodged at the border.

It may be smart, clever and exciting to beat the customs authorities, but when you sit back and think it over any thrills that come from such success are very questionable.

Inspecting Pavements.

Aldermen in London who are criticizing the amount spent for a careful, unbiased, scientific analysis of the quality of paving being put down in this city are straining their conscience in order to raise a talking point.

The wreck made of the Richmond street paving in the first place was a monument to a policy of non-inspection.

Test holes put down at 15 different places before the work of tearing it up was started showed an average depth of 4½ inches, against a depth of 8 inches called for in the specifications.

London never spent money to better advantage than in the inspection work this year.

London is well served by an engineer who insists on a careful checking up on his own work by a capable, disinterested outside body.

Here's a Real Family.

A man at Sault Ste. Marie is the father of 22 children most of them living at home.

What a genius that man must be to preside over the table at meal times. By the time he had half of them served the first on the list would be back for more. And when would he have a chance to absorb a little nourishment himself?

And if the old rag still is true that "papa's pants will soon fit Willie," how does he keep his own private outfit from being raided by mother on quest for juvenile trousers?

Then the trip to the shoe store—in they come, girl, boy, two girls, three boys and so on and so on. Oh, how does he do it?

And how does mother find out when they're all in at night. Imagine counting them off, yes here's three small ones in this bed, two large ones there, three more here in the back room over the kitchen.

Bless you, folks, we can't help wondering how under the sun you do it.

Dredging Costs Money.

Lake vessels have trouble entering the harbor at Goderich owing to the low water, and one report has it that an expensive dredging operation will have to be undertaken.

If this lowering of the lake level is due to the enormous amount of water taken out of the great lakes at Chicago, the matter has surely arrived at the point where Ottawa can ask Washington what it intends to do.

If it affects ports on the Canadian side it will do the same on the American side. People living inland hardly realize the full meaning of the deflection of water.

They may do so when they are presented with a bill for dredging operations.

Why Hughes Refused.

Secretary Hughes of United States refused to have any dealings with the soviet government of Russia.

He followed this declaration with the publication of intercepted letters from Moscow giving instructions from the soviet as to how a revolution could be worked in United States to put the red flag on the White House at Washington.

Russia cannot hope to get a standing in the world until its government learns to mind its own business.

Note and Comment.

Nearly all the Canadian municipalities are now in the midst of their elections, and weather of this kind plays right into the hands of the mud slingers.

A woman in Birmingham, Ala., is suing a dentist for pulling her tongue loose while working on her teeth. She asks \$10,000 damages. A very modest amount for a woman to ask for an injured tongue.

Now comes the annual plea to stop cutting Christmas trees because it spoils the timber crop of years to come. When it comes to the stage where Canadians can't cut Christmas trees it will be time to get off the earth.

The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

MEMORY AND HOPE.

They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness.—Psalms cxlv, 7.

There is no present reality for us human beings without memory and hope.

Lose the first, and you are dead.

Lose the second, and you are buried.

In Christmas, as truly as in Easter, if we come to it in the spirit, there is a power of resurrection.

Our hopes are rooted in memories, conscious or subconscious.

Our memories flower in hopes, clear and definite or vaguely luminous.

We hope to rise from the dead because again and again the Divine Spirit within us has raised us from the death of despondency and despair.

Remember the joy that came to you when your first child was born.

Remember also the consolation that came to you when your child was taken from you and you were given faith to believe that she was not dead but alive.

Do not deny the evidence of a continuous life in memory and hope.

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To the Editor

Mail Carriers' Case.

One Who is Served by the Rural Carriers Thinks They Should Get Better Wages.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir: Mr. Garfield Mackinnon, the agent-general and secretary-treasurer of the Rural Mail Carriers' Association has appeared before several of the county councils and has secured their help in the way of a resolution being passed. These resolutions will in due course be presented to the postmaster-general and the government when the hearing of their case again takes place at Ottawa. Public opinion everywhere is very strongly in favor of the mail contractors receiving more money and better working conditions generally from the government.

All the changes asked for by the Canadian Mail Contractors Association are very fair and reasonable, and should be immediately granted. As compared with all other branches of the post office and all other government departments the rural mail contractors are very much underpaid.

Their average income yearly is about \$750, while they are required to maintain out of this income two horses and a wagon, and their expenses in most cases exceed the income.

This state of affairs is entirely unjust to the mail contractors and does not meet with public approval. The mail contractors are required to give the most of each day to their work and furnish a horse and wagon for four years as a guarantee to the government that the work will be carried on. They receive no holidays of any kind and do not even receive the money which they earn up to date at the end of the month, as the department holds back one month's pay at the end of the four years' contract.

ON A RURAL ROUTE.

Dr. Dickie's Rejly.

Holds There is a Division in the Presbyterian Church That is Intituted to Consideration.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—In his communication of Dec. 11 on church union, Rev. D. C. MacGregor says "the fact of the matter is this call for another vote is just a ruse by which those opposed hope to defeat or delay union." May I assure your readers that the Presbyterian Church Association does not deal in ruses. We try to deal in straightforward propositions. It is so with our demand for a vote of all Presbyterian Church members on the church union bill which is being sent up to parliament. Because it is straightforward we hope to succeed in getting it. The proposition entertained in this bill has never been before the people. In 1911 and in 1915 we had a union with the United Church of Canada, but that was a union only if it were practically unanimous. Now we know that it is so far from being unanimous that a large section of the church will not have union. Then the vote was on the clear understanding that any possible minority would be fairly dealt with. We think this bill is most unfair to us. We wish another vote to know if the people want union at the cost of a schism, and if they wish to treat those opposed to union in a way that seems to us so unfair.

We do not wish in any way to prevent those who want union from getting it, but we say to unionists, you must not ask parliament to put into another communication against our judgment. We are one per cent of the whole Presbyterian Church or sixty per cent, we do not wish to stand in the way of unionists realizing their religious ideal in this respect, only we protest against trying to force it on us by act of parliament.

It seems that unionists are not willing to face the fact that there is a serious division of judgment among the Presbyterian Church on this question. There is one part which is bound to have union and another part which is bound to stay Presbyterian. Why not recognize the fact instead of pretending that the opposition to union is a negligible quantity. Mr. MacGregor and his friends are in the way of learning how negligible it is. The union bill seems to be a heroic measure designed to prevent a schism in our church by making it so hard for those opposed to union that they cannot do other than fall in with their unionist brethren. But this is not the way unity is kept among Presbyterians. Let us face the fact of this division and part as friends should whose judgment leads them in different ways. Better protest against this bill which puts us into a communion against our will, than use thereafter to go out into the wilderness and under some circumstances promises us some equities in the common property of the church. We want a vote of the people on this bill because we believe that the great body of the church wish to treat that part of it represented by the minority of the general assembly with scrupulous fairness. Of course we will not go into union no matter how great the minority may be for it, but we are interested in the work of God in the church as truly as our unionist brethren, but we are convinced that the problem of gains of union are not equal to the certain losses. That we should

Rarebits By Rex

THE NIGHT BEFORE.

When the drops go pitter-patter 'Gainst the vapored window pane, And the radiator's chatter Plays a drumbeat to the rain, There's a stubby little mortal Rubs his nose across the mist And he draws back, then, to chortle At the mark his lips have kissed.

When he tires of his playing, Those he nestles in his arms, While the whispering wind's conveying Through its blasts the storm's alarms, Then he cuddles tight against me, And when'er the storm gives pause, I can hear him say devoutly, "You'll get wet, ol' Santa Claus."

And his childish intuition May have let him know that I Soon will hurry on my mission Where the drenching raindrops fly— That with toys all wrapped together I'll come back, wet to the skin, So he'll know that stormy weather Cannot keep ol' Santa in.

A fellow doesn't mind being jilted near Christmas. He can then take back all the presents he gave her and distribute them among his girl friends.

Get acquainted with great men. Pleading out how insignificant they are will encourage you to greater things.

"Every time I put me down under de pillow, Maizie, I always feel scared that it's goin' to git tangled up in me permanent wave."

The moving picture art is not only in its infancy, but it gives every evidence that it intends to remain there.

Williams Jennings Bryan admits that a glass of whiskey once saved his life. Proving that whiskey is, as the prohibitionists say, of no benefit to humanity whatever.

This is about the time for girls to hang their mistletoe and invite their boy friends around for a rehearsal.

MISNOMER.

When it is cold I feel the chill That ranges over dale and hill; I high boots and woolly socks Against J. Frost's repeated shocks.

But many girls that I see Seem not to heed the mercury; Come hither, come snow, the hose they wear Are rather lighter than the air.

With shoulders bare they stroll along; Oh, would that I were half as strong, With my coughs and colds complex,

As what men call the weaker sex!

That chap who says there are no good listeners in this era should watch a group of his fellows while money talks.

WILL ISSUE INVITATIONS FOR BANQUET TO BOARD

Invitations to the banquet given by the chairman of the board of education as a wind-up to the year's business will be issued tomorrow, according to Secretary W. A. Tanner. The banquet, which will also include the first of the board, will be held at the Tecumseh House on Friday, December 28. Members of the present board, newly elected members who will take their seats at the first of the board, and the press will be the guests of Chairman A. N. Udy on that date.

EACH MAN'S SHARE.

A doctor, an architect and a Bolshevik were discussing as to the priority of their occupations.

The doctor said: "When Adam's side was opened there was a rib removed to make woman. There was a surgical operation—medicine was the oldest trade."

The architect said: "Yes, but when the earth was made, out of chaos, there was the building process, the use of materials according to a plan. The architect's is still older."

The Bolshevik smiled and said: "But who supplied the chaos?"

think so, no doubt, seems as strange to unionists as their confidence in their project seems to us. There is a division of judgment in our church on this question—a deep division of conscientious judgment. This division cannot be overcome by one side accusing the other of lacking in a "prophetic note," or making light of its strength, mentality or morals, or of supposing their honest efforts to permit us thereafter to go out into the wilderness and under some circumstances promises us some equities in the common property of the church. We want a vote of the people on this bill because we believe that the great body of the church wish to treat that part of it represented by the minority of the general assembly with scrupulous fairness. Of course we will not go into union no matter how great the minority may be for it, but we are interested in the work of God in the church as truly as our unionist brethren, but we are convinced that the problem of gains of union are not equal to the certain losses. That we should

With thanks for your courtesy, Mr. Editor, I am, yours truly, R. W. DICKIE.

Montreal, Dec. 13.

DENNY BROOKS

A STORY OF COURAGE.

By ELENORE MEHERIN.

CHAPTER XLVIII

Stephen's Choice.

"Come quick, Stephen. They've lighted all the lanterns. It's like the Arabian Nights. Oh, now they're coming out to dance. I see Fay—she's gone."

Katy sat at her bench in the window staring into enchanted gardens. Lanterns swinging from tree to tree, cutting the dark with luminous shafts of blue, green, gold; all sorts of bright fairies coming from the shadows; laughter, song, a sudden burst of music. It was the evening of Fay Carlton's announcement party.

Stephen sat down for a moment at Katy's side. The two of them, with their faces pressed against the glass began to whisper.

"Looks pretty good, doesn't it?"

"It's like a lighted poem or colors drifting into a song, isn't it, Stephen? I've never seen people dance—so many of them before. There—the one with the dress of flames—see that's Fay. Doesn't she look happy? She's terribly in love, Kate."

She'd be willing to go off to the desert of Sahara and stay there alone with Donald forever. Would you?"

"With a man like that?"

"I'd choose a cooler climate. Love would keep me warm. See that, Kate! Down there, Harry and a girl."

A girl and a man winding through the shrubs stopped suddenly under the willow tree—the girl's face raised, the man's lowered to meet it.

"Oh!" Katy gasped, clutching Stephen's arm. He laughed.

"Ah, that makes me lonely. Only one second like that is worth 17 hours of grind."

"Do you suppose they're in love?"

"Of course."

"You wouldn't kiss a girl unless you loved her, Steve?"

"It's so easy to love them, Kate. I suppose you're a flirt, Steve."

"Katy sighed: "Some day you'll forget there are so many girls, Stephen, and only remember that there is one."

"Anckadady, Kate!"

"But you're forgetting them already. Poor black beauty! She must be lonely. Do you know it's nearly a month since you've been to a dance? You're getting to be as great a hermit as Denny."

"Got to be—he's the guy're handing out the work. Don Juan himself couldn't get by in engineering without losing his rep with the ladies. Got to burn the midnight oil from now on."

"Yes—but, any way, a man doesn't think much of love, does he, Steve?"

He laughed. "He doesn't think much of anything else, Kate."

"Oh, I don't mean just foolish. I mean he'd rather dream of going off into savage places and building bridges and dams and all things like that, than of—oh, for instance being abandoned on a lonely island with the girl he loves."

The couple strolled back to the platform. Stephen, who was yawning, walked back to the table, littered with books and papers.

"Cease, Kate, you make me mournful; you make my heart yearn for the primroses."

Katy turned from the garden with its soft streams of light, its music and its bright swaying figures. From the shadow of the window she watched Stephen with his eyes stretched on the table, propping up his books.

"Well, I'm mighty glad, Mr. Stephen," she thought, "that you've turned away from me. I'm glad you've got all your will and Denny, too. It's much better for you."

The term was drawing to a close. The work was almost done. The breezy Stephen left Denny little choice in the keeping of his resolution. There might come images before him, life soft, beckoning fingers. He couldn't heed.

One evening as he was coming from the Mechanics' Building a girl and a fellow walked up from the Botanical Gardens, crossed directly in front of him. With a sudden warmth in his veins, Denny recognized the red hair and pretty eyes. He was about to greet her, but she dropped her head quickly, her face scarlet, passed without noticing him.

"Humph! Why did she do that?" At the top of the slope he glanced back at the sunken path. Billie and her escort moved slowly, their hands clasped. "Humph! He might have been walking down there."

He swung more quickly—a vague envy of the idle couple stirring him. "What was the use of all his grind? Where would it get him? Perhaps it would have been better to be satisfied with second-rate work and to have taken a few pleasures as he went along."

Denny was tormented with a feeling that he had overrated his abilities; that he had been far too cocksure of his gifts. Now as it came time for the testing he was continually agitated with these uncertainties; continually baffled by his own changing moods. There were weeks when he threw himself with a buoyant passion into his work. Nothing like it—a fellow wanted to make a success—everything else was trifling.

There were other weeks when all his studying seemed profitless; when he seemed doomed to fail, no matter how great the effort he put into his studies. Then his random laziness possessed him. When he passed fellows lying on the grass in the sun he wished to heaven he had time to lie there.

This evening, as he came in sight of the barn, he saw Katy at the window. She tapped excitedly, beckoning. He dashed up the path, calling as he reached the door: "What's up?"

She flung a white envelope into his hand. Denny glanced at it. It was the corner, flushed to the roots of his hair.

"Lord, you're not crying, Kate?" "I think I am, Steve. Well, I guess you say about sticking on in the barn?"

Katy didn't answer. He walked around and looked at her:

"Gee, Say, gee!"

"Open it! I've been waiting three hours!"

There were Greek letters in the corner—Tau Beta Pi, the national scientific and technical honor society. Katy knew what the envelope meant. She had been praying and praying that one would come to Denny—a reward and a recognition of all his relentless striving.

Denny tossed back his head, his eyes black with excitement, his fingers tearing nervously: "Lord—gee, I can't believe it, Katy—did."

"You can't? Well, I can! I can believe it!"

"Say—well, say!"

He began to laugh, staring at the notice that informed him he had been elected to the honor society: "Gee, I never expected this! Makes me feel funny!"

Half laughing, half crying, Katy took the paper from him. "I nearly danced a jig when it came. I nearly busted, all these hours waiting. Oh, you can't imagine the sensation when the postman brought it. I just grabbed his hands and shook them. I guess he thinks I'm crazy."

Denny went off into the kitchen, pretended to stir potatoes, green peas. He came back, squinting his eyes.

"Gee—Katy, I feel like the day we won the doll. Honestly, though, I didn't think this was coming to me."

"After all these four years, Denny? Well, I think a lot more than this is coming to you and you'll get it, too!"

Oh, I'm the one that's lucky, Denny, to share all these things. You know I'm just glad—today more than ever—for everything that's ever happened to me. Do you know that, Denny? I think, truly, that I would never have had half as much and you would never have cared for me like this except for that—"

Denny turned his back, stuffed the letter in his pocket. Without answering he dashed to the kitchen. Maybe it was true—all that Katy said.

Now, more than ever, he felt a sense of responsibility. He could achieve—he must. It seemed to him that he was growing.

Yet he moved in the midst of hubbub and uncertainties. Every fellow in the class began making plans. Every day there were new tales of big opportunities in South America, in Mexico, even in India and Egypt. The future opened wide, promising, a little terrifying.

Stephen was in a continued excitement—one night it was road building in Brazil; the next night a bridge in Alaska.

"I suppose we'll have to give up this good old barn, won't we, Denny?" Katy asked.

"Guess we'll have to move to the city. Then you won't be so lonesome."

"I hate to move, do you?"

"In a way."

There would be no longer the distant view of the boats, the pale, soft fog, the sun riding out through the Golden Gate. Katy kept watching Stephen in his moments of glowing talk. She saw his eyes feverish and she thought: "He doesn't care at all. He's dying to be off—"

One afternoon he came in early, found her sitting at the piano. He walked up and down, suddenly burst forth:

"Katy, why do we have to tear this place up? Why can't we keep it here?"

"And you in Brazil and Alaska and Egypt?"

"Oh, I'm not sure. Heard of a new one today—looks pretty good."

"Where?"

"In the city."

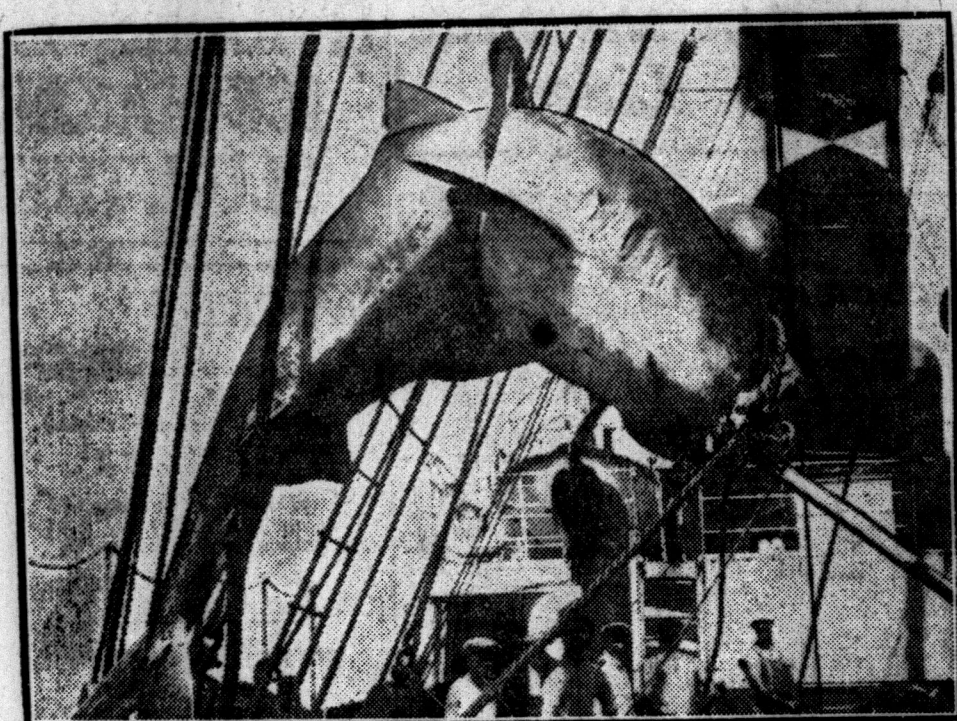
"And you might stay!"

"For awhile. Kind of hate to leave when it comes right down to it. Kind of tough, Kate—and move!"

"Prince" Given Bounce; Women Form Klan; Radio Set For Hikers



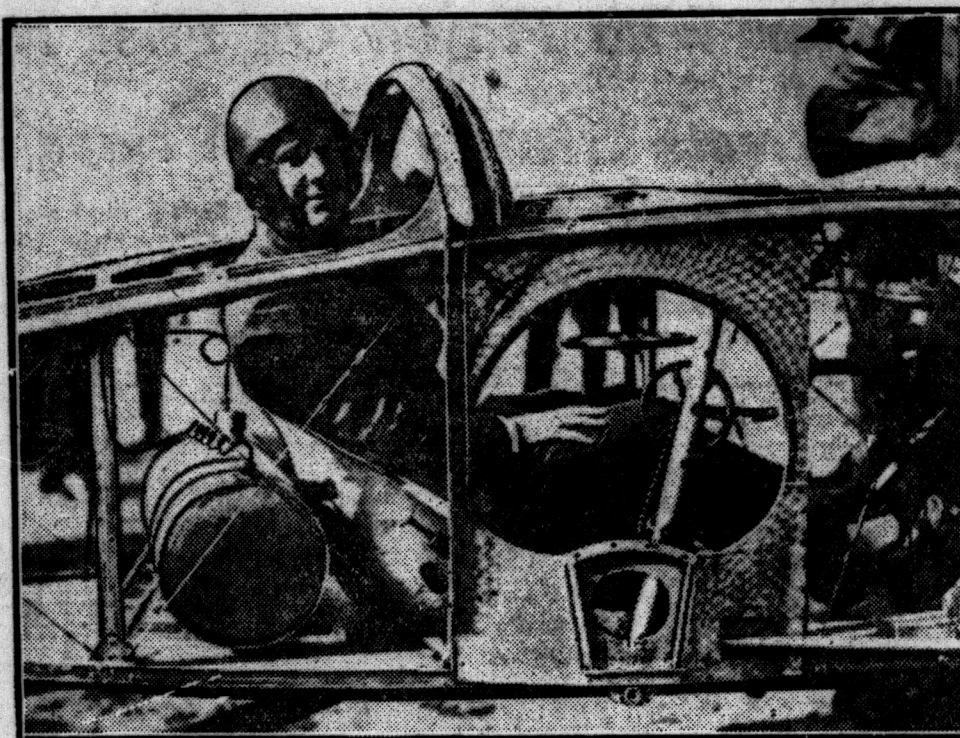
Photograph shows Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin, who was selected to run as vice-president, with Coolidge as president, in the North Dakota primaries. The senator said he has not taken the nomination seriously



It took three hours to land this gigantic shark, caught off Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. This shovel-nose species is twelve feet, six inches long, and weighs about a thousand pounds



Harry Ferguson, adventurer, who fooled New York society by posing as Prince Obolenski of Russia, was arrested recently and is being held until he can be deported. Detectives say he was a tailor in London a few years ago



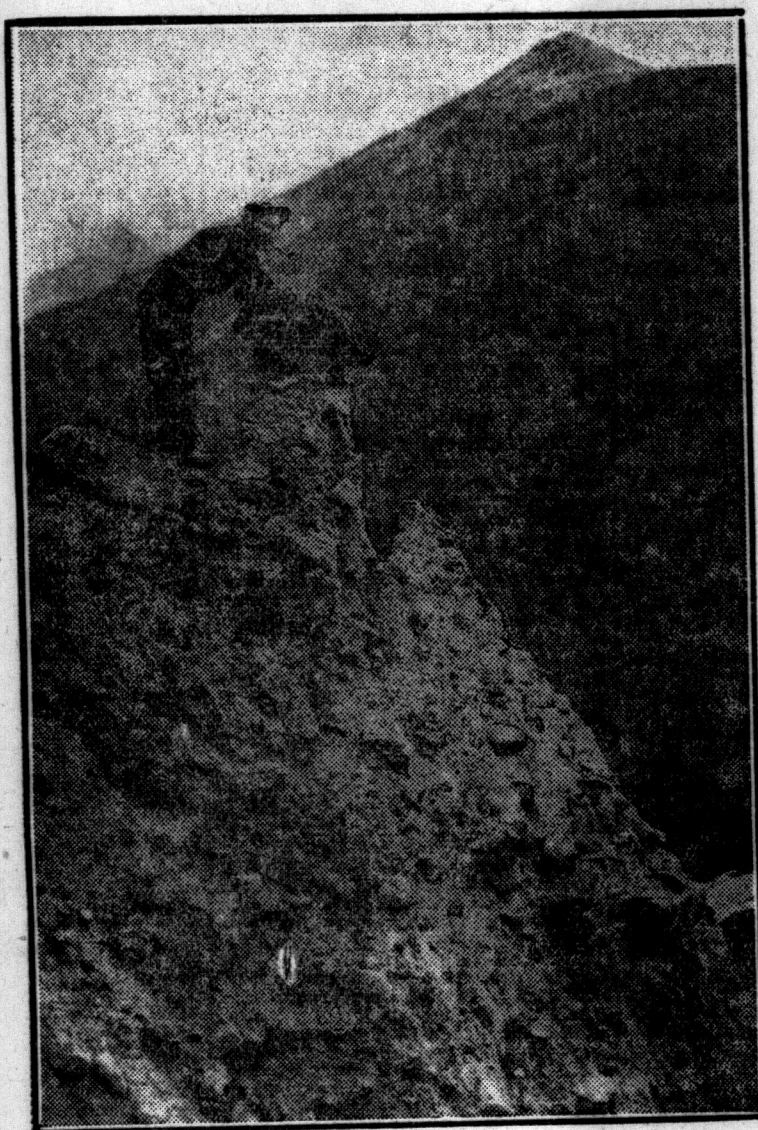
Photograph shows Aviator Pescara of France in his helicopter, in which he broke the world's record for flying. He flew for 16 minutes, 45 seconds, breaking by 11 minutes the old record



Here is the latest portrait of Princess Marie Jose of Belgium, who is engaged to the Crown Prince of Italy. Her brother, the Crown Prince of Belgium, is engaged to Princess Mafalda, daughter of the King of Italy



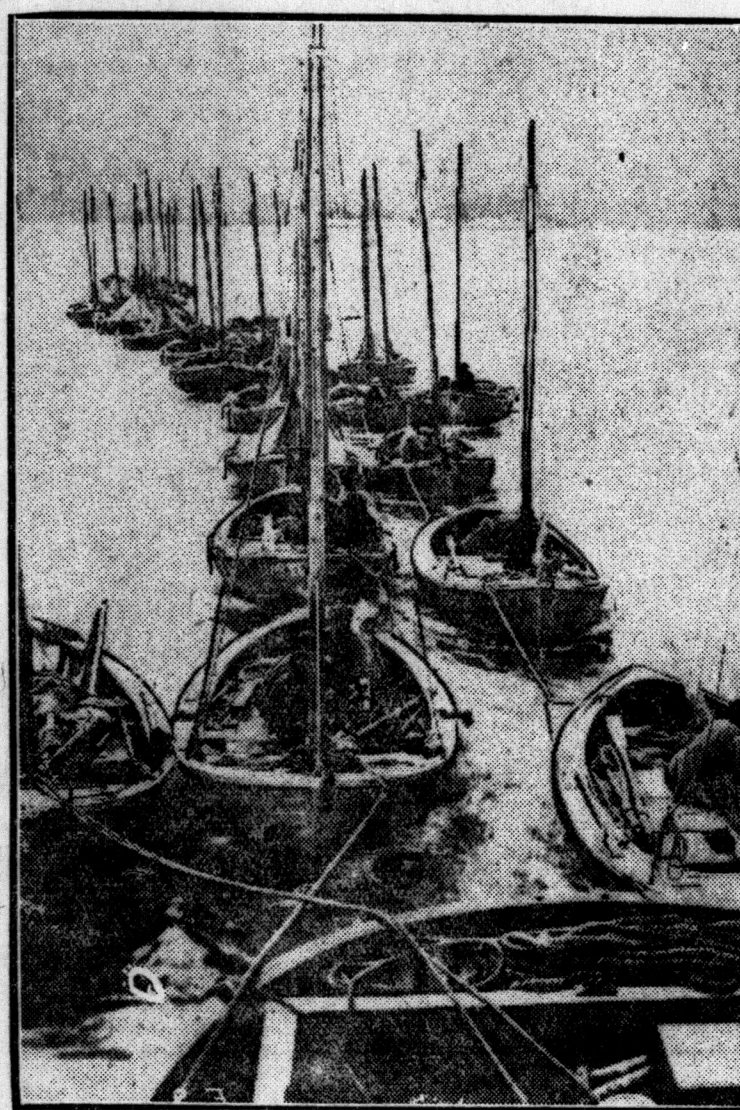
Here is said to be an ideal radio set for hikers. It was shown at a radio exhibition in Chicago recently, where it was tried out successfully as a receiving and broadcasting station



A slip would mean instant death, but this intrepid climber thinks the chance is worth it for the splendid view from the top of Hoodoo in the Astoria Valley, Jasper Park



Lillian M. Westropp is the president of the new women's savings and loan company in Cleveland, the first bank in the world operated exclusively by women for women



Here is a splendid view of a large salmon fleet from the stern of a tow-boat on the Skeena River, British Columbia, the centre of Canada's salmon fishing industry



Mrs. Rudolph Valentino has become a dancer of note. Recently she sailed from New York to rejoin her husband at Nice, where they plan to spend the rest of the winter. The couple then plan to tour the continent as dancers



What has now become an every-day scene is this one showing Mexican troops marching through towns and villages, fully equipped and ready for battle at a moment's notice. Mexico City is the goal of the rebel army



Mme. Liesl Schmiedek, beautiful Serbian, and one of King Alexander's prettiest subjects, recently won the national beauty contest held at Belgrade. This is the second time Mme. Schmiedek has been declared Queen of Beauty



Even the women have formed an auxiliary Ku Klux Klan. Recently hundreds of them gathered at a Konklave held in Youngstown, Ohio. The organization would have paraded through the city had the police permitted



The Canadian buffalo herd at Wainwright, Alberta, are in a normal state again, following the slaughter of some of their brethren and the wide publicity given their colony through newspapers and moving picture men



A hot meal from one of the municipal kitchens in Berlin is a pleasant treat for the poor populace who take the advantage of this warmth to guard against the chilly weather



The first snowfall in Washington caused excitement among the pages on Capitol Hill when they began their first battle. The Democrats put up a hard fight, but the Republicans won

London Man Played On First Hockey Team That Played Game

SAYS IMPENDING ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE STARTLING

London Mint Club President Will Soon Issue Interesting Statement.

BUYS PITCHER HARRIS

By FORD RUTHER.

W. H. Heard, president of the Tecumseh Baseball Association, has returned from Chicago, where he spent the greater part of last week at the baseball conference. Mr. Heard is chockful of optimism over the prospects of organized baseball next year. While in Chicago he met Judge Landis and practically all the big managers, and Mr. Heard states that he will have a startling announcement to make soon, something that will be of momentous importance not only to the baseball fraternity of the city, but to the city of London as a whole.

Manager Jack Beatty has been given a free hand in corraling a team for 1924, and, as has been predicted in these columns from time to time, Jack is making a pretty fair house-cleaning. Mackey and McCallum have been disposed of outright, while the addition of Catcher Euffert and Pitchers Fields, Lankenan and Harris, all class "A" players, will add considerable strength to the team. Despatches from Chicago intimated that Harris is none other than the left-hander who performed at Tecumseh Park a few times last year with Grand Rapids, but a number of fans appear to have difficulty in recalling him.

Harris is the gent who wore sideburns, and had a very slow and deliberate action in the box. Prior to 1923 Harris was a professional pitcher, but he showed by his work in the box last year that he is a coming star. Why Nashville disposed of him without giving him a thorough trial is rather a mystery, as Manager Beatty had no sooner closed the deal than he was offered a handsome cash price for him, which offer, needless to say, was turned down.

Beatty has several more irons in the fire, and present indications point to London's having a real ball team next year.

L.A.A. HOLDS GENERAL MEETING TOMORROW

Hockey Committee Will Submit Report of Season's Plans.

A general meeting of the London A. A. A. will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, in accordance with the new plan of holding confabs twice monthly.

The plans of the hockey committee will be submitted to the meeting for approval. This report will occupy a good deal of the discussion, as hockey dominates the field right now and the committee has gone through an immense amount of detail work preparing for what will be London's biggest season in years.

The L. A. A. shares in the opening game Saturday night between Stratford and Kitchener teams, and details arranged for this game will be included in the report.

The rugby left-overs will probably be cleaned up at this meeting. Meanwhile the sessions of the hockey committee continue to be a model for all committees in the future. Chairman "Cay" Graham is being given every support by every member and the results are showing.

SASKATOON CRESCENTS NOW TIED WITH REGINA

Edmonton Eskimos Beat Seattle 5 to 4 in Six Minutes Overtime.

Canadian Press Despatch. Saskatoon, Dec. 19.—The Saskatoon Crescents went into a tie with Regina for the leadership of the Western Canada League here tonight when they handed the Vancouver Maroons of the Pacific Coast a 4 to 1 defeat in an inter-league game. It was Saskatoon's fourth successive win and Vancouver's third successive loss.

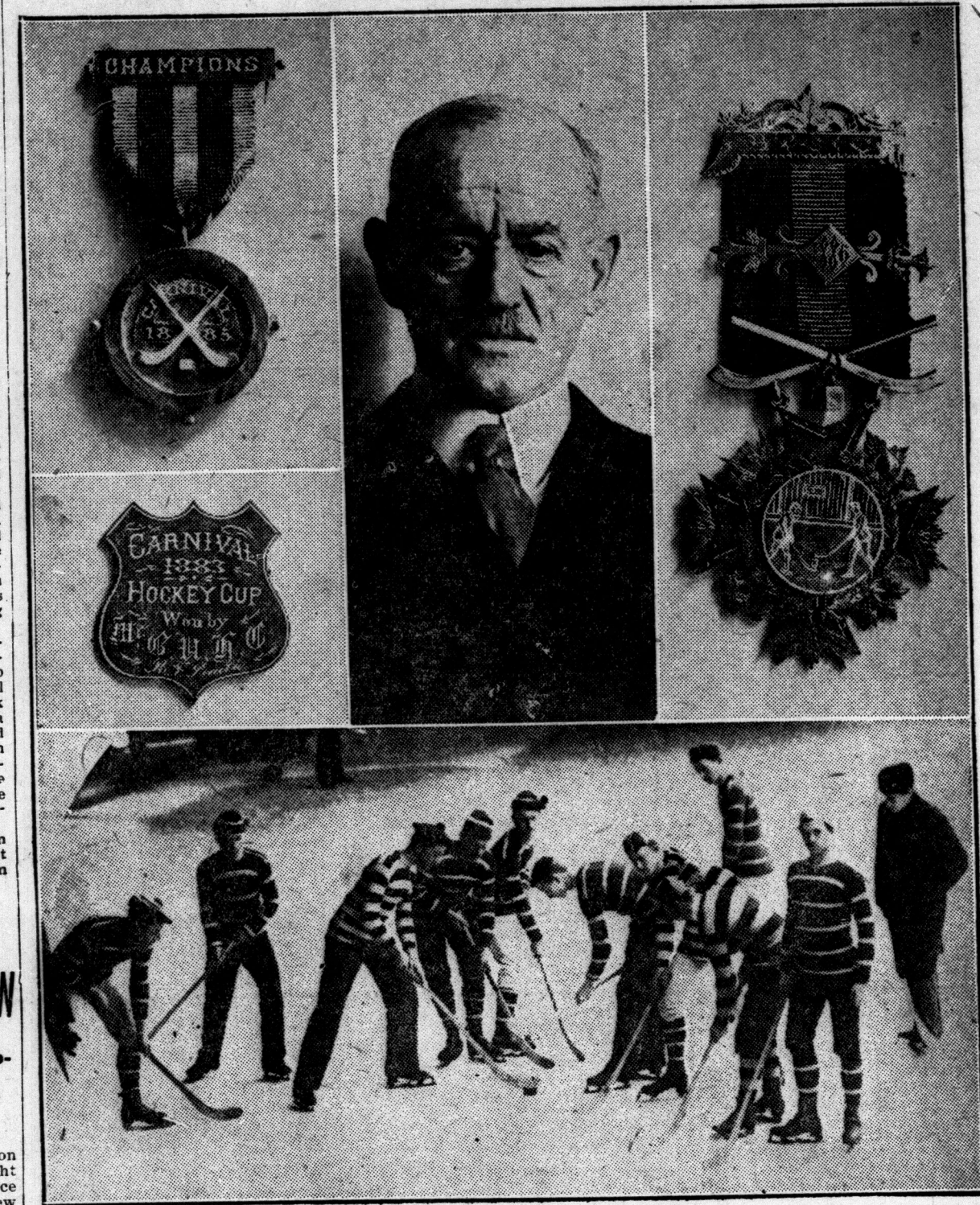
A real Smoke SIR HAIG Cigar

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Londoner Who Played On First Hockey Team Corrects History Which Says Game Started 1888

W. L. Murray of 20 Bellevue Avenue, With Small Group of McGill Students, Played First Hockey and Made First Rules of Present Pastime in Year 1880, Eight Years Before Hockey Annual Says Game Started in Kingston—A Field Hockey Stick, Shiny, Rugby and Ennui Produced Because There Was No Competitive Game to Play Just at the Moment, Was the Source of Hockey.

MR. MURRAY, SIXTY-TWO YEARS OLD, STILL AN ATHLETE.



W. L. (CHICK) MURRAY, WITH A PICTURED STORY OF HOCKEY'S ORIGIN.

Upper left: Individual shields given to members of McGill University's championship hockey team in 1883, a year after they had won their first championship. The shape of the puck is shown in the upper shield.

Upper middle: W. L. (Chick) Murray, right forward of the McGill team, and one of a small group of McGill University students who started hockey in 1880.

Upper right: Another individual shield, presented in 1886, two years before hockey was supposed to have

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Detroit To See Siki In Action

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 19.—Battling Siki, the singular Senegalese, whose episodes up and down New York's Broadway and before that in the Montmartre district of Paris is known throughout the world, will look over Detroit on and around Jan. 15.

Incidentally he will endeavor to prove that he is still the light-heavyweight champion of the world by trading punches with Cleve Hawkins, a Detroit heavyweight of dusky hue, on that date. Senior Joe Sarno, who was match-maker of the fights last night at the Arena Gardens, is bringing the Senegal negro to this city.

Sarno yesterday sent contracts to Siki's manager at the request of the latter, who is arranging a tour of the country for his protege.

land and other Oregon centers, the only portion of the United States where the English version of rugby is played and from where an Olympic team will be sent to represent the U. S. next year.

During this period, a few gray hairs suggested to one of the athletes the idea of calling the president of the club "Dad."

"I always kept in good condition and on the soupbone salary and diet of a mining engineer in those days, high living wasn't a temptation so "Dad" filled in at a meet that day and won the 440, 880 and mile events in one afternoon, quoth this arch enemy of the old gentleman with the sickle.

In 1922—an engraved fountain pen tells the story—Mr. Murray, a good deal older than he was in the Oregon days, when he resented the respectful but slightly premature cognomen of "Dad," at an athletic field day put on by the Air Force at Camp Borden, won one speed and one high diving event from competitors a third his age.

Eight years in the Yukon, which has enabled him to indulge a wanderlust which led eventually some 4,000 miles ago to London and will lead him in a few months to California, followed his residence in Oregon.

During the war, he returned and tried to enlist at Montreal but was declared too old. He later entered the United States ship yards at Brooklyn as a laborer, and in doing so, also worked up to a superintendency.

Today at 62, because of a physique founded on normal athletic competition and a healthy mind, he has given him a refreshing mental outlook on life, and a sustained zest in sport competitions.

One needs only to talk to him to suspect that. To climb a couple of flights of stairs with him is to have it proven.

"This is the floor," he gasped weekly this morning as he proceeded to take the next flight steps three and four at a time, after doing two flights in a stride.

He seemed to be disappointed that the building wasn't a skyscraper.

ESKIMOS WIN.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Dec. 19.—A whirlwind inter-league hockey game between the Seattle Metes and the champion Edmonton Eskimos went six minutes overtime here tonight before Joe Simpson, the local defence player, went through alone, shooting the puck past "Happy" Holmes, and gave the Eskimos the game, 5 to 4.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE CLUB

Special to The Advertiser.

Thamesford, Dec. 19.—The funeral of George Club, who died suddenly from a paralytic stroke on Sunday, took place on Tuesday afternoon. A brief service at the house was conducted by the Independent Order of Oddfellows, while a service was held in the Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick.

THE FIRST PUCK.

This picture shows the first style of puck we used," said Mr. Murray, calling attention to a picture of the medal which the members of the McGill team were given in 1883. "It was nearer a square than the present puck. The ball was simply sliced on four sides but was far from flat and the puck used to roll a great deal."

In 1881, hockey started in real earnest. There were two rinks this year, the Capital and Victoria and both rinks staged hockey games between teams from players who patronized the individual rink.

In 1882, the Montreal Carnival Company offered a novelty attraction, a hockey tournament. A \$750 cup was offered for competition. Three teams entered from Montreal—McGill, Victoria and Crystal and by this time, there were teams playing in Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec. Quebec and McGill met in the final round.

"We had beaten them once but they could tie us by a win," explained Mr. Murray. "It was 2-1 in our favor in the first half. My skate broke and when I got back on the ice, it was 4-2 in Quebec's favor. We tied it up with a few minutes of the period left and although Quebec credited the whole team including the goal-keeper in an attempt to score, the game ended and McGill had won the first hockey cup ever donated."

"Now my boy, that's the story of the origin of hockey," ended Mr. Murray. "I saw where someone had let half his story go. He had a colorful career. On graduation from McGill as a mining engineer he rode range for four years in the west, then worked on the Pacific Coast and settled down in Portland. There he helped start a rugby team and later the Multnomah A. A., which produced Olympic champions such as Forest Smithson and Dan Kelly, who set a world's record sprint record; Gilbert, the pole jumper; and Bert Kerrigan, a high jumper. Rugby or Rugger is still being played in Port-

On the Side Lines

With C. S. G.

Not all the people of London are able to fully realize that this city has an artificial ice arena to open in a matter of hours. Even those who go down to see it, and there is a crowd all day and every day, pinch themselves to appreciate the astounding fact that Londoners in actual possession of such a structure.

For the public it will be a novelty for a day. But for a day or two at most, for to the public the new becomes old in an unbelievably short space of time, and its hungry maw must be constantly fed with new sensations.

Those who made the arena possible will have a short day of fame and appreciation, heaped on them as a matter of fact that the men and personalities to whom the credit must go, have kept in the background.

Soon it will be taken as matter of course—as bad or good business judgment, according to whether it's a success or failure.

Probably, it will be forgotten that the huge cost of the structure made certain of no high returns that the venture in many of its angles was civic pride and enterprise at its very highest.

But, meantime, Londoners as a whole, must be exceedingly grateful to the men who made the arena possible. It should be an appreciation that it will stand a good deal of wear or tear.

KEN RENDAL PILOT.

Ken Rendal has been appointed playing manager of the Hamilton team. Hamilton fans will probably hope that one of the first things he does is to order himself to shoot from close in.

DUNDEE.

Jimmy Johnson calls attention to the fact that Johnny Dundee started boxing two years before Jimmie Fries, and that he still is fighting championship bouts. Dundee certainly is a great little man.

NOTHING TO SELL.

Billy Morrissey, who has placed the Grand Rapids franchise on the market, certainly was not in a hurry to sell. He even went so far as to dispose of his manager, Bobby Wells, along with Pletcher, Horan, Sieggard and Grimm, Shortstop Roper and Second Baseman Riley. Morrissey has been connected with the Grand Rapids team for the past five or six years, but claims that he is through with baseball for all time. He certainly did not leave much in the way of players for the next owner of the franchise to start with.

VEZINA BEATS HAMS.

Commenting on the N. H. L. fixture staged here last night between Canadiens and Hamilton, the Herald today has the following to say: "Canadiens took a 3-to-1 verdict, but on the play they did not deserve it. The yellow and black lads had the better of the argument for two-thirds of the distance and, but for the wizardry of Georges Vezina, Canadiens' wonderful goalkeeper, would have subjected Dandurand's club to a decisive licking.

"Hamilton's shooting was none too accurate, and their work when in close on the opposition's nets was very sloppy in spots, but in spite of these weaknesses, that would have been victorious if Vezina had not been in such superb form."

SCHLAIFER-JONES FIGHT POSTPONED TO JANUARY 25

St. Paul, Dec. 19.—The ten-round bout scheduled to be held here Dec. 21 between Morris Schlaifer of Omaha and Jimmy Jones of Youngstown, Ohio, has been postponed until Jan. 25 because of Schlaifer's physical condition, the state boxing board announced today. Schlaifer is suffering from bad cuts over his eyes received in his fight with Panama Joe Gans at Omaha.

ARTHUR HAVERS MAKES AMERICAN PRACTICE DEBUT

New York, Dec. 19.—Arthur Havers, British open and professional golf champion, who is to play Gene Sarazen for the world's championship in California next month, will swing his first club in the United States at the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club tomorrow, when he will play a few exhibition holes. He will leave for an exhibition match at Pinehurst on Dec. 24.

IT RAINS, IS SOFT BUT ICE-MAKER HANDS JUP. PLUV. THE MERRY LAUGH

HOCKEY SCORES

National Hockey League.

Canadiens 3, Hamilton 1. Ottawa 5, St. Patricks 2.

Western Inter-League. Edmonton 5, Seattle 4. Saskatoon 4, Vancouver 1.

S. P. A. Junior Final. St. Marys 3, Owen Sound 1.

ON NATIONAL ALLEYS

C. N. R. LEAGUE.

Yard Office, Le Pontasse 661, Walton 407, Ogilvie 340, Munroe 667, Chick 389. Totals, 755, 841, 753-2395.

Freight Office, A—Davies 446, Cliff 481, Adams 352, Miners 459, Short 265. Totals, 697, 743, 903-2343.

Reclamation—Arnold 257, Biggs 384, Smith 434, Saunders 480, Smith 457. Totals, 705, 770, 867-2342.

Superintendent, A—Fortner 504, Finlayson 440, Birmingham 444, Jackson 365, Jones 347. Totals, 591, 745, 764-2207.

W. Office—Doherty 505, Herbert 425, Rogers 530, Hooper 293, Kirkwood 587. Totals, 681, 864, 936-2467.

Roundhouse—Staples 472, Rouleau 561, Leclerc 461, Burrows 496, Harper 479. Totals, 735, 787, 923-2459.

Express—McWain 649, Harrison 412, Jackson 469, Stevenson 455, Andrews 451. Totals, 823, 818, 815-2456.

Freight Office, B—Martyn 374, Spry 483, Leclerc 461, Smith 370. Totals, 657, 744, 833-2319.

Car Men—Gollop 444, Turner 509, Corney 480, Fortner 516, Smith 370. Totals, 657, 744, 833-2319.

W. Department—Brothers 505, Andrews 381, Hueston 458, Wilkinson 266, Titchbourne 540. Totals, 756, 761, 745-2263.

Freight Office, A—Gowanlock 662, Durdin 480, Nicholson 371, Shaver 487, Glynn 419. Totals, 754, 809, 828-2353.

Car Department, A—Butler 558, Halpin 525, Lake 715, Waugh 516, Smith 432. Totals, 961, 1020, 1132-2469.

Superintendent, B—Fleming 451, Gravels 340, Boom 432, Hodgins 512, Knudsen 292. Totals, 674, 674, 678-2047.

Superintendent Car Equipment—Sudick 400, Ham 362, Balch 340, F. Maguire 469. Totals, 651, 766, 611-2028.

Switchmen—O Bates 530, L. Heatherly 840, T. Hall 570, G. Hammond 591, A. Fuller 372. Totals, 797, 871, 936-2604.

Uptown Telegraph—Wilson 514, Beechey 437, Raine 518, Fillmore 524, Wind 469. Totals, 754, 809, 828-2353.

Stores Department—Geisinger 480, Mitchell 510, Thorpe 564, Chapman 453, Horvath 238. Totals, 812, 869, 883-2564.

Car Department, A—Bond 518, Fitzmaurice 553, Dick 450, Clouser 546, H. P. Clarke 555, 710, 251-2466.

Freight Sheds—Goldie 488, Hawes 393, Station—Smith 502, Coombs 591, Laing 383, J. Hayes 475. Totals, 537, 568, 735-2333.

ON MITCHES ALLEYS

PRINTERS' TENPIN LEAGUE.

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London In With Brantford and Stratford Groups In N.H.L.

NORTHERN HOOP HOCKEY GROUPS ARE ANNOUNCED

All First Round Games Will Be Played Before January 12.

SECRETARY REWARDED

Special to The Advertiser. Palmerston, Dec. 19.—The N. H. L. executive, sitting here today, had a busy session. Treasurer McFarlane showed the league to be in good financial standing. Retiring Secretary Bamford was voted an honorarium of \$300. The application from Southampton for the privilege to play John Mathison, who has returned home after working in the U. S., was not upheld.

The meeting elected Past-President R. Horning of Palmerston, Treasurer D. P. MacFarlane of Harristown and Secretary Herb Robertson of Palmerston as the sub-committee for this season.

Laud Committee. All schedules must be drawn and in the hands of Secretary Robertson by Jan. 14, and all group games will be scheduled for dates not later than Jan. 31.

The committee on laws was recommended on its work. Its report, containing recommendations for competition in the N. H. L., as amended at the executive meeting, was adopted. The rules books will contain groupings, schedules and dates of matches, and lists of referees, clubs, club secretaries and conveners. All conveners are asked to get the names and addresses of referees from club representatives when drawing schedules.

The following groupings were made:

Senior Series.
Group 1—Chesley and Warton; W. Tustig, Chesley, convener; meets at Chesley.
Group 2—Southampton, Port Elgin, Paisley, Midway; J. F. Morton, Southampton, convener; meets at Midway.
Group 3—Section A—Forest, Arthur and Durham.
Group 4—Section B—Palmerston, Listowel, Milverton; R. Horning, convener; meets at Palmerston.

Group 4—Kincardine and Lucknow; J. G. Morrison, Kincardine, convener; meets at Kincardine.
Group 5—London, Brantford and Stratford; Dave Forbes, Stratford, convener; meets at Stratford.
Group 6—Tavistock, Wellesley and Elmira; E. Kalfelsh, Tavistock, convener; meets at Tavistock.
Group 7—Port Dover, Cayuga, Caledonia and Simcoe; M. McDonald, Port Dover, convener; conveners use judgment as to most central point to convene.

Junior Series.
Group 1—Paisley and Warton; F. T. Scott, Paisley, convener; meets at Paisley.
Group 2—Palmerston, Harristown, Mount Forest; R. Horning, convener; meets at Palmerston.
Group 3—Elmira, Linwood, Milverton; R. McNamee, Milverton, convener; meets at Linwood.
Group 4—Kincardine, Listowel, Clinton, Goderich; J. G. Morrison, Kincardine, convener; meets at Wingham, with authority to draw agreement with teams for A and B section schedules.

Group 5—Stratford, Paris, London; D. Forbes, Stratford, convener; meets at Stratford.

SIKI FROLICS AGAIN, GIVES MONEY AWAY

Gets \$600 to Buy Christmas Presents—Lands in Police Station.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 19.—Batting Siki halted last night while in the midst of one of his occasional frolics, was under lock and key today in his manager's New York apartment, a prisoner until he promised to be good again.

The Senegalese, given \$600 by his manager yesterday, promised to behave and went downtown to purchase Christmas presents. Several hours later he was on a Hudson ferry. Weehawken-bound, singing songs of unrepentant joy, he was out dollar bills to every man who smiled on him and shook his hand. His philanthropy won him many admirers and when the ferry arrived at Weehawken the batter had gathered quite a crowd.

Weehawken police recognized Siki and took him to the station. The police pugilistic champions entered, tained with a sparring match, and Siki was kept in a good humor until his manager arrived.

Siki, shamefaced, handed the remainder of the \$600 to his manager and followed him to the ferry slip.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS Extra Train Service Account Christmas Holidays.

In order to accommodate the heavy travel, account Christmas, the Canadian National Railways will operate the following extra train service:

December 22 and 24.
On the above dates train No. 172, due to leave London for Owen Sound and intermediate stations at 4:40 p.m., will be run in two sections. First section to leave London 4:30 p.m. and second section at the usual time, 7 p.m. Passengers for Hamilton will take second section of this train.

On this date train No. 16, due to leave London for Ingersoll, Woodstock, Brantford, Hamilton and Toronto at 7 p.m., will be run in two sections. First section to leave London 6:45 p.m. and second section at the usual time, 7 p.m. Passengers for Hamilton will take second section of this train.

Tickets, reservations and full information at City Ticket Office, "Clock Corner." R. E. Ruse, C. P. and T. A. Phone 80—Advt. D20.21

Hans Wagner's Own Story

One of the Greatest of Baseball Players Gives Fascinating Account of His Long Experience From the Inside Angle.

By HANS WAGNER.

THE BUG ENTERS BASEBALL AT 2 A.M.

The first big laugh I remember having after I joined the Louisville club and was established as a big leaguer, was over Rube Waddell. He came in, you know, along about the time I did. I was surprised the other day to find that most fans and a lot of players did not know that Waddell did his first good work with Louisville.

I was a green, awkward kid, unused to big league ways, and especially to the fine hotels. I kept myself shut, though, and went right along about my business. The one thing that saved me from a lot of extra joshing, I suppose, was because I could always claim the bug. For instance, I joined the club in the middle of the season of 1897, and hit .344 my very first year.

We were on an eastern trip when Waddell joined us at Washington. He was the first real bug, as we now call them, to get a lot of publicity over his freak stunt. Up to that time the writers took baseball very seriously, and wrote about it just like the financial experts talk about the stock market.

I notice there has been a lot of discussion lately as to what started the idea that left-handed pitchers are bugs. I don't pretend to speak with authority, but I am sure that the idea started with Waddell. He was certainly entitled to the honor, if it be one, of putting the left-handers in that line. I know I had never heard of left-handers being sort of cuckoo until Waddell came along, and was heard about ever afterward.

Waddell arrived at the hotel about 2 o'clock in the morning. We were all in bed since 10 o'clock. "I'm the new star, left-hander," Waddell said to the clerk. "And I want to report to Manager Clarke."

"Really," protested the clerk, "I don't think you had better awaken him. He's very, very, very, and doesn't want to be disturbed."

"Makes no difference," insisted Waddell. "I was instructed to report to him, and I do. I don't know what a great pitcher he's got."

"I'm afraid he wouldn't welcome you. My orders are not to awaken him. Anyway, I can fix you up with a nice room, and you can call on him the first thing in the morning."

Clerk Takes No Chances.
"Got to see him now," insisted the Rube.

"All right, his room is No. 312. I won't wake him. You can do it if you want to risk it."

Waddell descended up the stairs and in a minute was knocking on Clarke's door. Fred finally woke up and wanted to know what darn fool was bothering him.

"It's me, Rube Waddell, your new pitcher," the southpaw shouted through the keyhole.

"Oh, well, tell the clerk to give you a room, and I'll see you first thing in the morning."

"Not on your life," came the answer through the keyhole. "Must see you now, or I'll take the first train out of this man's town."

Clarke knew that Rube was a good pitcher—didn't want to lose him. He got up, opened the door and listened to Waddell for a half hour. Rube told him what a great pitcher he was and how he was going to win the pennant for Louisville. Fred began to think he'd have to sit up all night. He was getting nervous, but Waddell wouldn't go.

"I'll tell you what you do," Clarke finally suggested. "I know the other fellows on the team will be disappointed if they don't meet you here tonight. So you go around and awaken them all up and introduce yourself."

Waddell thought that a great idea. He went away and let Clarke sleep. He got up again and called up the clerk to find who was stopping in room 122.

It was Dummy Hoy, the deaf-mute outfielder.



THE FAMOUS RUBE WADDELL.

In 1897, until I finally quit the game, deciding to stay at home. That is about fifteen times around the world. In all that time I never had an accident and never missed a train.

On one occasion our uniform did not arrive, but we played just the same. You should have seen our uniforms. We borrowed uniforms wherever we could, but none of them matched, and a lot of the players didn't even have a full outfit. I played in long pants.

While we were in that city by the way, Chick Frazer invited Manager Clarke and myself to go to a show. As we were about to start some of the youngsters came along. A particularly fresh one asked Clarke how they'd go about seeing a show.

"Oh," said Chick Frazer, "just tell the man at the ticket window that you are a big league ball player and they'll feel honored to pass you and your friends in. All the theatres do that."

The fresh busher took it for granted that he meant it. We went to the theatre and bought our tickets. Imagine our surprise when we got in and found all the bushers sitting in a prominent box. The man at the window had fallen for what Frazer had thought would be a good joke. And here we were paying out our good cash.

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OWEN SOUND WILL NOT HAVE LADIES O.H.A. TEAM

Special to The Advertiser. Owen Sound, Dec. 19.—Owen Sound will not enter a team in the Ladies O. H. A. this winter. This was decided at a meeting here last night.

Warton and Chesley are not entering teams either, and it was felt that without a grouping to start the season with it would be futile to enter when the team would likely get a bye into the semi-finals. Exhibition games will be arranged instead.

PIRATES RELEASE CATCHER MATTOX TO TEXAS NINE

Associated Press Despatch. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 19.—The outright release of catcher James Mattox to the Wichita Falls Club of the Texas League was announced today by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He came to Pittsburgh in 1922 from the Rochester Club of the International League.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

HEY MAJOR, CLYDE AN' I HAVE THOUGHT UP A BIG CLIMAX FOR YOUR SCENARIO!—YEESS, IN TH' SWELL BANQUET SCENE WHERE TH' DUKE ANNOUNCES TH' BETROTHAL OF HIS BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER TO TH' DASHING AVIATOR HERO—NOW YOU TELL HIM CLYDE!

WELL, TH' VILLAIN TRIES TO DISGRACE TH' HERO BY BORING A HOLE IN HIS BOUILLON SPOON—BUT TH' HERO FOILS TH' VILLAIN BY SOAKING UP TH' BOUILLON WITH SPONGE CAKE!

BAH!—REGONE WITH YOUR HORSEPLAY, HAW—WHEN MY SCENARIO IS PRODUCED, I WILL RECALL THIS SCOFFING AND REGARD YOU ALL WITH UTTER DISDAIN, BY JONE!

YOU WANT TO REMEMBER MAJOR, TH' FIRST THING TH' MOVIE MAGNATES LOOK FOR IN A SCENARIO, IS TH' RETURN STAMPS!—YOU'LL FIND YOUR SCENARIO WILL BE DIRECTED AN' PRODUCED BY TH' MAILMAN!

OTTAWA CREW SCORES SECOND VICTORY IN N. H. L.

World's Champions Wallop Toronto St. Patrick's Sextet 5 to 2.

HAMILTON DEFEATED

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Ottawa, world champions, scored their second straight N. H. L. victory when they defeated Toronto St. Pats here tonight, 5 to 2.

St. Pats were forced to line up without John Ross Roach, their sensational goaler, because of his injured hand. Lockhart took his place, and after in a spectacular performance.

The first period was a bit draggy. Both teams tried their luck from outside defence, but the sure goaling of both senders kept their efforts to nil. Six minutes of the second period had elapsed when Boucher swept from end to end and scored the opening goal. In 1:15 he again rushed, passing to Denenny inside the defence, who made it sure. Noble then took the first tally for the Irish on Adams' pass from behind the net in 35 seconds, and in three minutes more he placed the teams on even footing with a goal on an individual rush.

Two minutes from the commencement of the final session Boucher sent the crowd wild with a magnificent goal, in which he carried the puck from end to end and eluded practically every man on the Toronto team, slipping the disc into an empty net.

After tricking Lockhart, Clancy gave Darragh a pass for number four, and Denenny finished the scoring when he accepted Boucher's pass to score in nine minutes more.

HAMILTON BEATEN.
Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Hamilton is occupying the cellar position in the N. H. L. as the result of a 3 to 1 licking administered here tonight by the Munidians and unless they show more class around the nets their chances of getting out are rather poor.

True, Tigers ran into Vezina when the French wizard was on his best behavior, and he turned many a difficult shot aside, but despite this, the Hams had chances to score and failed to take advantage of them. That was the only fault to be found with the club that Ottawa defeated in the opener. Their team play was much improved, and their checking close, while the defence, made up of Jess Spring and Randall, worked without fault.

Tiger had much the better of the play. From the opening gong they started a bombardment on the Montreal net that kept Vezina busy, but it was not until the dying moments that they succeeded in bulging the twins. Burch and Randall were the stars. Jess Spring ran his first debut tonight, and in addition to scoring the only counter for the Hams, he looked mighty sweet as a defence man.

Luis Angel Wants Battle At Home

Associated Press Despatch. Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Luis Angel Firpo, the heavyweight fighter, said today he cabled his representative in New York, asking that he endeavor to arrange a fight between Firpo and Farmer Lodge or any other United States heavyweight willing to come to Buenos Aires, as he desires to satisfy the demand of his countrymen that he fight in Buenos Aires before he returns to the United States.

WILL REHEARSE Ushers at Arena

With blank pasteboards, the corps of ushers for the new arena will be given a full dress rehearsal at the new structure Friday afternoon in preparation for the opening game Saturday night.

A mythical crowd of 4,000, which should be a conservative estimate of the people who will be seated Saturday night, will be handled in pantomime.

Anybody who would like to act as usher in the show can possibly get in the cast. It's a good opportunity to get high-priced seats for nothing.

RACE RESULTS

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FIRST RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Carlton, 115 (Bell), 5 to 2, even, 1 to 2, won. Levey, 115 (Farland), 3 to 2, 3 to 5, second. Everglade, 115 (Burke), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:11 3-5.

SECOND RACE, 6 furlongs: Tenderloin, 102 (Farland), 5 to 2, 7 to 5, second. Kingsclere, 107 (Harvey), even, 1 to 2, won. Aladdin, 112 (Corey), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 1-5.

THIRD RACE, claiming, 3 years and up, male and a female: Frank Monroe, 112 (Corcoran), 7 to 2, 5 to 3, 3 to 5, won. Madge F., 108 (Barnes), \$3.50, \$2.50, second. Young Adam, 107 (Kaiser), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:05 4-5.

FOURTH RACE, 2 years, 6 furlongs: Anne, 106 (Corcoran), 4 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won. Blotter, 112 (Kederie), even, 1 to 2, second. Beautiful Addie, 106 (Farland), 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

FIFTH RACE, 3 years and up, mile and sixteenth: Reliability, 108 (Farke), 7 to 2, 5 to 7, 10 to 10, won. Bowgrit, 106 (Corcoran), 6 to 5, 3 to 5, 2nd. Mock Iron Boy and Honolulu Boy also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and sixteenth: Flying Devil, 107 (Farke), 7 to 5, 3 to 5, out. won. Ducks and 2nd. Wrangler, 107 (Farland), out. 3rd. Time, 1:55 3-5.

SEVENTH RACE, mile and sixteenth: L'Esquire, 110 (O'Donnell), \$12.40, \$6, \$4.20, won. Ruddy, 105 (Lavinge), \$4.30, second. Marcella Boy, 110 (Pool), \$6.80, third. Time, 1:49 4-5.

EIGHTH RACE, 5 furlongs: Furious Bill, 105 (O'Connell), \$81.20, \$5.80, \$5, won. Tom Craven, 108 (Abel), \$10.40, \$6, second. H. Warren, 106 (Mein), \$4.20, third. Time, 1:09 1-5.

NINTH RACE, 5 furlongs: Fanciful, 104 (Granemann), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won. Approval, 107 (Eaton), 4 to 5, 2 to 5, second. Joe Underwood, 107 (Dawson), 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:07 4-5.

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FOURTH RACE, purse \$600, 3 years and up, claiming, 5 furlongs: Lank, 111 (Pickens), 7 to 5, 2 to 5, 1 to 4, won. Elmer, 105 (Jewell), 108 (G. Williams), 2 to 5, 1 to 4, second. Ben Zolt, 111 (Cheatham), even, third. Time, 1:06 4-5.

FIFTH RACE, 6 furlongs: Romping Mary, 95 (Eaton), 20 to 1, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, won. Prince Regent, 106 (J. Callahan), 1 to 2, 1 to 8, 2nd. George Kuffan, 106 (Pickens), 1 to 2, 3rd. Time, 1:12 1-5.

SIXTH RACE, 1-16 mile: Cat Adams, 102 (Majestic), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won. Olaton, 104 (Granemann), 6 to 5, 2 to 5, 2nd. Roseate, 101 (J. Dawson), 1 to 2, 3rd. Time, 1:48.

SEVENTH RACE, 1 mile and 70 yards: Philippe Lugo, 101 (Lavinge), \$12.70, \$7, \$4.80, won. Jay Mac, 106 (Wilson), \$2.80, 2nd. Judge David, 109 (Corbett), \$3.80, 3rd. Time, 1:49 2-5. Reydo, also ran.

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McGowan's gameness kept him in the ring the full limit. Several times the local youth stood up local fusillade of lefts and rights to the body and face and refused to go down. Stribling leaves Wednesday morning for Miami, Fla., to fight Harry Krohn Friday night.

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With blank pasteboards, the corps of ushers for the new arena will be given a full dress rehearsal at the new structure Friday afternoon in preparation for the opening game Saturday night.

A mythical crowd of 4,000, which should be a conservative estimate of the people who will be seated Saturday night, will be handled in pantomime.

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Plurality, Choirmaster, Al Wick, White Boots also ran.

THIRD RACE, mile and eighth: Madge F., 108 (Barnes), \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.20, won. Louis II, 105 (Weiner), \$3.60, \$2.80, second. Bactus, 103 (Baker), \$2.60, \$2.30, third. Time, 1:49 3-5.

FOURTH RACE, mile and eighth: Bame, 112 (Canrell), \$9.50, \$7, second. Ida Frances, 112 (Weiner), \$3.60, third. Time, 1:09.

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HOPE RETAINS WORLD BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 19.—Willie Hoppe of New York retained his world's championship at 18.2 ballline billiards tonight, when a 500 to 425 score in the third block of their play-off of the tie in the international championship tournament gave the champion 1,100 points over Walker Cochran of Hollywood, Cal.

CUP RACE AT DETROIT.
New York, Dec. 19.—The Detroit River once again will be the scene of the big motorboat racing classic when the speedy power craft of the country meet in the annual gold cup race Aug. 30 to Sept. 1. This was made known today by the American Powerboat Association.

ENLARGEMENT OF GROUP 17 IN O.H.A. PROMISES ACTION

Entry of Palmerston and Listowel Also Interest To Race.

WIARTON WEAKENED
Special to The Advertiser. Chesley, Dec. 19.—Hockey fans in this part of the province will witness some fast games this year between teams of Group 17, Intermediate O. H. A. For years Wiarton, Chesley and Owen Sound have formed a three-club group, with the clubs finishing in the order named. The inclusion of two new towns this year, Palmerston and Listowel, will add interest to the group, which gives every promise of being a very keen one.

Wiarton Redmen, who have cleaned up this district for years, will line-up for this season minus four of last year's regulars, Nimmo, Dad Ashley, Stevenson and Jamieson.

Redmen Weaker. This leaves only the Gildner brothers, Allan Ashley, Bob Simmie and "Rock" Miers as the remnants of the mighty Redmen, and a couple of junior players will be forced to make the jump to the intermediates. Owen Sound has pinned all its hockey hopes on its sweet little junior team, and as a result intermediate hockey is not taken very seriously in the Chesley City.

Palmerston and Listowel have both strengthened since last spring, and promise to make things interesting for their opponents. "Cully" Recker will again lead the Listowel sextet, and it's a safe bet that any team puts Cully's crew away will have to battle the whole sixty minutes.

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ARCTIC EXPLORER TELLS OF RICHES IN NORTH COUNTRY

J. D. Craig, M.E.I.C., Urges Exploration and Development of Natural Resources.

3PEAKS AT COLLEGIATE

J. D. Craig, M.E.I.C., lecturing before a large audience at the Central Collegiate Institute Auditorium last night described the Arctic regions, from where he has just recently returned, as being one of the undeveloped treasures of Canada, which he was sure had untold wealth and tremendous possibilities, if only it was thoroughly explored.

Mr. Craig was leader of the Canadian Government Arctic Expedition of 1922 and 1923. With Captain J. E. Bernier, Canadian explorer, he spent many months in the north. The expedition was accompanied by nine men of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Inspector Wilson, who all remained to establish police posts to maintain law and order among the Eskimo.

At the Central auditorium last night Dr. Craig gave a most informative talk on a country which to the average citizen seems but a myth. He explained the various features of the Eskimo's mode of living, and by photographs showed the various kinds of Eskimo dwellings, from tents made from the fur of northern animals, and not in snow huts, he said.

Speaks of Wealth.
Mr. Craig began his lecture by showing on a screen a photograph tracing the course of the Canadian expedition. Actual moving pictures of the trip illustrated Mr. Craig's address.

"Although we do not exactly know what wealth the lands of the Arctic contain, it is only by investigating that we will ever find out. Any geological information we have yet obtained is meagre, but I am optimistic of the future of the country. We suspect there are vast supplies of metals, and

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Woman Loses Many Jewels

Associated Press Despatch.
Buffalo, Dec. 19.—Mrs. William Hyslop of Toronto reported to the police here tonight that she had been robbed of a handbag containing jewels worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Mrs. Hyslop recently returned from abroad and was en route to Toronto. She was about to board a train at the New York Central station when the bag was whisked away from her side.

The jewelry included a platinum chain and pendant, two platinum bracelets, all set with diamonds ranging from "chips" up to two-karat stones.

I predict some day that country will become a great trading centre. It has already proven to be an ideal situation for seasonal stations. The lengthy summers with no darkness at all and light breezes, makes flying possible in that district. I predict that in the near future the Arctic islands will become inhabited lands with the formation of naval air stations.

Weather Not Extreme.
An interesting point in regard to the climate of the far north was brought out when the Canadian explorer claimed that in the summers of 1922 and 1923 not once did the thermometer register more than six degrees below zero.

During the course of the illustrated lecture, Mr. Craig gave some interesting sidelights on the character of the Eskimo.

"The Eskimo has a low mentality," said the explorer. "They are simple thinkers but I think with proper tuition they could become educated to an extent. Some of the men cannot remember the number of children in their family. They cannot count and always ponder for a time before they answer a question."

The lecture was given under the auspices of the London Branch, Engineering Institute of Canada, Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Club.

ACQUIT BROKERS OF CONSPIRACY
Norris P. and Adin E. Bryant Will Face Charges of Theft in Toronto.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 19.—Adin E. Bryant and Norris P. Bryant, charged with conspiracy to defraud the public in connection with the defunct brokerage firm of Bryant, Izard & Co. of Toronto and Montreal, and upon which charge they have been facing trial for a period of three weeks before Mr. Justice Mastron, and a jury in the criminal assize court, were today acquitted on the conspiracy charge, but had their business charge, which was based on reference to the tax control of the Montreal office by Bryant, Izard & Co., and the reckless speculations carried on by N. P. Bryant.

His lordship directed that the accused must stand trial on eight charges of theft, alleged to have taken place in Toronto, and which were traversed to the January assizes. Sureties of \$50,000 were furnished to provide bail for each of the accused.

MERRY PARTY PLANNED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB
Christmas Banquet at Tecumseh House Has Added Attraction of Tree.

One of the most important and unquestionably the merriest event of the Kwanan year takes place tonight, in the Tecumseh House, when the club is holding its annual Christmas party for the Ki-Y Boys.

The guests will be numerous without a doubt. There are 150 members of the club, all of whom are expected there, and thirty-four Ki-Y boys.

Only two of these will be unable to be present, one at Byron Sanatorium and another at Victoria Hospital. Prevented from coming to the party, these two boys will be given a special sort of Christmas treat, which will compensate them for missing it.

Following the dinner, which is at 8:30, Santa Claus will arrive and, assisted by Kwanan, Charlie Thomas, engage in the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree. Last year's party was a huge success. There isn't a doubt that this year's will be equally as good if not better.

SEVEN CHILDREN SHARE JAY GOULD FORTUNE
Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 19.—Supreme Court Justice Davis today decided that each of the seven children of the late George J. Gould by his first wife was entitled to \$62,571.85 from the trust established by Jay Gould in his will for the benefit of George J. Gould and his other children.

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MEETINGS

AN EMERGENCY meeting of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, R. C. F. and M. A. M. will be held on this (Thursday) evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock, in Masonic Hall, Queen's Ave. N. Business, conferring degrees. Visiting brethren invited to attend. F. E. Hornsby, Wm. Wm. Nicholas, Sec.

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LOST—About ten days ago, a black silk handbag, silver top; \$15 reward if returned to The Advertiser.

LOST—Some time ago, a brilliant sunburst, earrings, valued by owner. Reward. Phone 3015.

LOST—Tuesday, Cocker Spaniel puppy, male, black, curly. Answers to Mike. Reward. Return to 14 Simcoe St.

STRAYED from lot 2, con. 11, Lobo, one light red heifer, 1½ years old, small body, red and white, owned by R. Denfield, Coldstream farm, Reward.

BORN, MARRIED, DIED

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HARE—At St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Ont., on Monday, Dec. 17, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hare, a son (Patrick David).

MARRIED.

BURWELL-DONALDSON—On Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1925, at St. Andrew's Manse, Moscow, Jay, Sask. Jessie, elder daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. James Donaldson, Listowel, to Mahlon Burwell, Gray, Sask.

DIED.

BRILL—At General Hospital, Ingersoll, Ont., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1925, Albert Tennyson Brill, aged 31 years.

Funeral from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Lesita Brill, 737 Princess Ave., on Thursday, 2:30 p.m. service, 3 o'clock. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

DICKSON—At her late residence, 521 Emory St., on Thursday, Dec. 20, 1925, Isabel, beloved wife of James Dickson, in her 74th year.

Funeral from the above address on Saturday at 3 o'clock; service at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

KENNEDY—On Dec. 19, 1925, Henry G. Kennedy, aged 80 years.

Funeral (private) on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from N. J. Griffith's funeral parlors, 100 Dundas St. W., Interment Mount Brydges Cemetery.

PEPPER—At the family residence, 242 Wharmcliffe Rd. N., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1925, Frederick F. Pepper, beloved husband of Jane Anne Sparkman, aged 75 years.

Funeral (private) on Friday, Dec. 21, 1925, from the above address at 2:30. Service 3 p.m. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

RANDELL—In this city on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1925, Henry Randell, in his 86th year.

Funeral from the Funeral Home of E. C. Killingsworth, Burwell St., on Friday, Dec. 20, 1925, at 2:30. Interment high mass at St. Peter's Cathedral at 8. Interment St. Peter's Cemetery.

UNGER—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on Thursday, Dec. 20, 1925, John Unger, beloved husband of Mary Unger, in his 71st year.

Funeral from the residence of his son, John C. Unger, 623 Dufferin Ave., on Friday morning, 8:30 o'clock. Requiem high mass at St. Mary's, 9 o'clock. Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery.

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\$50.00—Barpin, 18k white solid gold, 1 diamond, 4 pearls. \$50

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WOMAN IS GIVEN \$2,500 FOR DEATH OF HER HUSBAND

Settlement Reached in Favor of Mrs. Albert Skinner—Appeal Was Pending.

FORMER VERDICT \$5,000

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 19.—After two trials, at each of which a verdict of \$5,000 was returned, and after one appeal to a divisional court, where a new trial was directed, a settlement has been reached while a second appeal was pending in the action by Mrs. Alfred Skinner of Brantford, against the Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway to recover damages for the death of her husband.

Under the settlement, which has been ratified by Mr. Justice Middleton, the widow and her six children, whose ages ranged from one to fourteen years at the date of their father's death, will receive \$2,500 and costs. W. S. Brewster, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, and E. C. Cattani, K.C., for the official guardian. The company consented.

Skinner was riding a bicycle in July, 1921, along a street in Brantford, and was compelled by road repairs to take to the sidewalk. He was struck and killed at the railway crossing. The jury at the second trial found he had not received sufficient warning.

PETERBORO POLICE ARE STILL UNPAID

The Manufacturers' Association Fails To Advance Money, As Promised.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Peterboro, Dec. 19.—Peterboro policemen are still looking for their November salaries. The city council has decided to await the decision of the appeal court in the Newhall case before announcing whether payment will be made or not. It was reported Saturday that the Manufacturers' Association would advance the money yesterday if the city still held off, but the money was not forthcoming. The present situation arose out of the action of the city council in cutting the police commission's estimates. When available funds became exhausted, Chief Newhall sued and obtained judgment for salaries, but the city appealed.

PRINTERS ALONE GET HIGHER WAGE

Statistics Show Salaries Declining in Majority of Canadian Industries.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Declining wages in a majority of the industries throughout the Dominion are recorded by the department of labor during 1921 and 1922. Exception is shown in the printing trades, where an advance is registered. Wages of coal miners showed no change. The greatest decline was in the wages paid lumbermen.

Taking an index number of 100 for the average wage paid in each of a number of industries during 1913, the department of labor has shown average rates for the year 1921 to 1923, inclusive. The high peak was reached in most cases in 1920, and 1921 saw a decline, which continued in many cases until 1922.

The average wage rate in the building trades was 60.3 in 1921, as compared with 100 in 1913. Since 1901 there was a steady increase, until in 1920 the figure of 139.9 was reached. In 1922 it had fallen to 122.5.

WIDOW OF CARNARVON MARRIES AN OFFICER

Quiet Wedding Celebrated in Registry Office of London, England.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 19.—Dowager Countess of Carnarvon, widow of the Earl of Carnarvon, discoverer of the tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen, was married today to Lieut.-Col. Ian Onslow Dennistoun, formerly an officer of the Grenadier Guards. The ceremony was performed at a registry office here in the presence of a few friends of the couple.

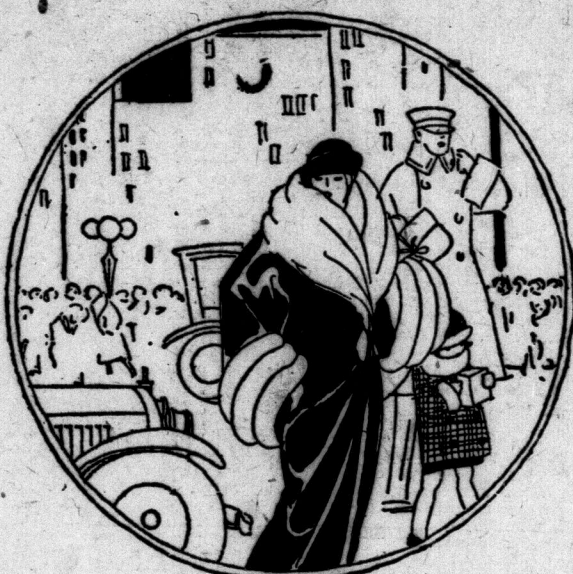
Colonel Dennistoun, 44 years old, was educated at Eton, and adopted the army as a career. Entering the service in 1900, he served in the South African war, where he won distinction, was made a captain in 1910 and a major in 1915 during the European war.

When Lord Carnarvon was stricken in Egypt last March from an insect bite, Lady Carnarvon started in an aeroplane to hasten to his bedside, but was taken ill during the flight, and proceeded by boat from a Mediterranean port, reaching Cairo in time to assist in nursing the patient, who finally died on March 29 from a complication of diseases, following the initial attack.

BATTLES FOR LIFE.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—After a seven-hour battle for life on drifting ice floes in Lake Manitoba, E. Erickson of Lundar, a fisherman, reached shore last night, bringing to safety also a pony which had been his companion.

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Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce, 65c
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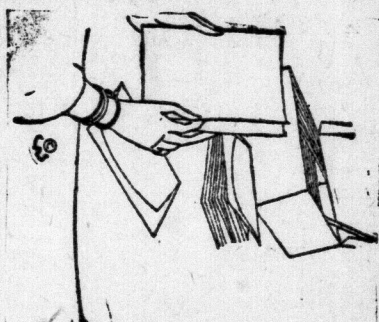
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Underwear For Christmas Gifts

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Swiss Ribbed Vests, shaped shoulder strap or camisole top, finished with plain hem edged in pink. 85c

White cotton vests with silk stripe running crosswise of the garment, shaped shoulder strap or camisole top, finished with silk braid edged in pink. \$1.25

Glove Silk Vests. Dainty shades of maize, Nile and flesh with embroidered monogram. \$5.00

Step-ins to match. \$6.00

Glove silk vests, in white (Kaiser brand). \$3.50

Silk Bloomers, elastic at waist and knees, colors, white, maize, navy and black. \$3.49

Swiss Ribbed Silk Vests, deep hand crochet yoke in front. \$3.00

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