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RUSSIA REFORMS

Increasing Evidence of Waning Power of Bolsheviki Huns Violate Principle of Armistice With Russia

Germany Moves Troops From the East Front for Service Elsewhere, Regardless of Her Promise to Russia--Hindenburg Awaiting Reinforcements

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 26.—The Russo-German peace negotiations, which were to have been resumed on Monday after a postponement to give the Germans time to formulate their reply on the Russian terms, were again delayed for one day, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd reports. The despatch also says the Germans have asked for a further postponement until January 22.

While their guns bombarded the western front the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere despite the provision of the Russo-German armistice prohibiting such action. The artillery activity in France has been moderate over most of the front and more violent on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago.

German infantry has not been active and it is probable that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is waiting for more reinforcements before making his heralded attacks. Russian advices telling of the German withdrawals in the east add that some of the troops are being taken to the Roumanian front. Roumania is not taking part in the peace negotiations and the Ukraine, which lies beyond Moldavia and Bessarabia is opposed to the Bolsheviki.

South of Juvincourt, in the Rheims sector of Champagne, the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners.

On the British portion of the front there have been raids in addition to the artillery duel, but no large operations are yet indicated.

On the northern Italian front, the Austro-German tactics appear to be to strike alternately at vital points on either side of the Brenna. Checked at Monte Asolone last week. The enemy has struck toward the Frezno valley west of the river. After two days of bitter fighting the Italians have regained possession of lost positions on the Col. Del Rosso west of the river and have attacked the Austro-German positions on Monte Asolone east of the river. Berlin claims the capture of 9,000 prisoners in the gaining of the Col. Del Rosso which later was lost to the Italians.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, has protested to the Germans against the transference of troops from the eastern front, but also ordered Russian factories to stop the manufacture of munitions. He did not indicate whether his government would take any other step against German violation of the armistice.

Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk apparently are making little progress. The Germans have delayed their answer to the Bolsheviki terms and it is reported that the conference will be transferred to Stockholm shortly. In the meantime the majority party in the Constituent Assembly, the Social Revolutionists has convoked the assembly to meet January 2, despite Bolsheviki disapproval.

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HAIG'S MESSAGE
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 26.—Field Marshal Haig, according to the official announcement sent Christmas messages to the various allied commanders. The following message went to General Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces:
"From all ranks of the British armies in France I send our best wishes for a happy Christmas and the new year to our comrades of the American Expeditionary Forces. We are proud to think that the new year will see Americans and British fighting in France for the defence of civilization."

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Blaze Swept Business Section of City on Christmas Day

By Courier Leased Wire.
Edmonton, Dec. 26.—A fire which broke out yesterday morning in the heart of the downtown business section destroyed the building and stock of the Cockshutt Flour Company, Ltd., including the stock of A. A. Werner hardware, was greatly damaged by water. The loss of the Cockshutt Company is \$10,000. Lyons loss is \$18,000. Werner's loss is about \$5,000 on stock, caused by water, which is covered by insurance.
Col. Harry Cockshutt, M.P., president of the Cockshutt Flour Company, this morning received a telegram informing him of the fire, but giving no further details. The plant destroyed is the district branch headquarters of the company in Edmonton and that vicinity.

MEXICAN BANDITS
KILL STAGE DRIVER

U. S. Troops in Pursuit of Outlaws Who Raided Border Town

By Courier Leased Wire.
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mickey Welch, an American, driver of a mail stage, was hanged and his throat cut yesterday by Mexicans who crossed the line, raided the border town, Candelaria, and held up the mail stage. After killing the driver the raiders looted the mail sacks. Two Mexican passengers on the mail stage were reported to have been shot.
Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—American soldiers today were guarding all outlets to Vanhorne Canyon, where 100 Mexican bandits on Christmas morning crossed the American border, raided the post office and general store on the Britte Ranch, 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welch, a veteran stage driver, and his two Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Nell, foreman of the Britte Ranch and carried away booty estimated to be worth \$7,000.
After the bandits had passed over the Kim Rock, which rises abruptly more than 1,000 feet above the Rio Grande, the soldiers who were in close pursuit fired many rounds at them and are reported to have killed and wounded many of the Mexicans. The shooting compelled the bandits to abandon the horses on which they carried away the loot.

BOLSHEVIKI POWER AND INFLUENCE WANE DAILY

Increasing Evidence That Maximalist Rule is Failing--Defection From Soldiers and Workmen's Convert Growing

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 26.—There have been occasional assertions in recent Petrograd dispatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviki was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special dispatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday and printed to-day. Nearly all make the point in one form or other that defection from the Workmen's and Soldiers' organization is growing constantly. Among the causes alleged are general lack of authority, the increase in drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of food stuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be to return home. The correspondents cite instances of Bolsheviki troops refusing to march, declining to attack the Ukrainians, and permitting the Cossacks to disarm them without resistance. Fighting, it is said, is the last thing they are willing to do.

In an intercepted letter wherein General Alexieff, former commander in chief, begged Paul Milukoff, the Constitutional Democratic leader, to interest himself in obtaining 30,000 roubles to assist starving families of imprisoned officers.

It is reported from Brest-Litovsk by way of Petrograd that Finland has appealed to Germany to recognize its independence, and that the Germans expressed their willingness to do so. Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, is said to have shown his irritation because the Finns applied directly to the Germans instead of through the Bolsheviki commissariat. A Stockholm dispatch to The Post records the arrival there of a Finnish delegation to ask Sweden's recognition of the independence of the Finns. According to the same correspondent, another conditions prevail in parts of Finland. The Swedish consul at Helsinki has sent an urgent appeal to the government, to protect Sweden at Bors. Bandits are said to be running wild in Uleaborg and various other districts. The Stockholm dispatch reports an agreement between the Finnish senate and the Baltic fleet, committee under which Finland virtually will buy its independence for 50,000,000 roubles.

Spreed Protaganda
Petrograd, Dec. 25.—The Bolsheviki Government has decided to send special representatives to all countries, belligerent as well as neutral to further propaganda of internationalism. Two million roubles have been appropriated for this purpose.

An American Red Cross train left Petrograd to-day for Roumania with the approval of the Bolsheviki. It carried all its original supplies except automobiles.

To Convoke Assembly.
London, Dec. 25.—The Social Revolutionary majority in the Constituent Assembly has decided to convoke that body on June 22, according to Petrograd despatches of The Times. Although the Bolsheviki Government has said that it was determined to prevent the meeting of the assembly independent of its sanction, the Social Revolutionists have decided to convoke it.

M. Borovskiy, the Bolsheviki representative in Stockholm in a despatch to The Morning Post from the Swedish capital confirms reports that the continuation of the Russo-German peace negotiations. He says that the sessions in Stockholm will begin early in January when all the delegates now at Brest-Litovsk are expected in the Swedish capital.

STRENGTH THAT WILL INSPIRE TO VICTORY

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders.)
Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 26.—"Our comrades and friends in support of Canada, this Christmas message is from the Canadian corps from every division, brigade, battalion and man. It is our deeply sincere wish for your future happiness; and for our early re-union. We feel to-day such strength and magnanimity that it will inspire each of us to greater deeds and will surely lead us to the goal of victory, peace and home."
Such is the message to the Dominion from its fighting men in France, while to the fighting men themselves, the corps commander has sent the following message:
"The corps commander has taken this opportunity of sending you an officer, non-commissioned officer and man by the Canadian corps all good wishes for Christmas. He trusts that the coming year may bring with it the attainment of our great objective—victorious peace and a happy return to our dear ones in Canada. This is not a mere stereotyped wish. Behind it lies the deep appreciation of your splendid work which has been carried to such successful conclusion by every unit in the corps and also to a full recognition of the sacrifices that have been made, the difficulties overcome, the hardships endured and the high standard of discipline maintained. Your actions have made the name of our home land one to be revered, respected and honored now and throughout the years to come."
FRONT QUIET.
(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders.)
Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 26.—The Canadian front was quiet over Christmas. Our patrols recently have been active, while our artillery, (Continued on Page 6.)

MILD WINTER IN ITALIAN MOUNTAINS

Green Slopes and Summits, and Little Snow, For Holiday Season

WEATHER FAVORABLE
Comparative Warmth Conducive to Important Military Operations

By Courier Leased Wire.
Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—The entire mountain region, where heavy fighting has been going on in recent days, is having the unusual experience of a holiday season with green slopes and summits, and little or no snow. One of the generals on the front said that every foot of snow was worth divisions in obstructing the enemy.

"This is one of the mildest winters we have ever had," said the major in charge of the weather branch of the high command, "and from a military standpoint the weather conditions are of the highest importance, both for our troops and, particularly in their effect on the enemy's transportation of supplies and troops."

Taking the report furnished by the high command to-day on the weather at all vital points, a major pointed out the extreme variation in the mountains, plains and valleys. Here at headquarters the report showed two degrees above zero centigrade (35.6 Fahrenheit) and no snow, while the same report showed 15 degrees below zero centigrade (5 degrees Fahrenheit) and seven feet of snow in Orlier Alps.

Further east in the Adamello Alps which are the next highest to the Orlier, there is about three feet of snow as compared with nine feet last year.

Around Lake Garda, the condition is much milder. Monte Pasubio, where the Austrians made their big drive last year, now has four feet of snow, as against 12 feet last winter. But all these snow covered points are in the activity military region for the present.

The entire area of the present fighting in the Brenna valley is free from snow and the weather is very mild. This is the valley where the Austrian route brings supplies and troops from Trent to the Asiago and Brenta fronts. Between the Brenna and the Piave River valley is the principal region of the fighting, Monte Grappa, which usually has four to six feet of snow, now has only from ten to twelve inches on the northern slopes and six on the southern slopes. The temperature is from five to 12 degrees below zero centigrade (23 to 10.4 degrees Fahrenheit). Montebelluna, Forcia and Sforzo where the heaviest fighting has occurred in the last few days have only a few inches. It varies from three to five inches and seldom, lately, over six inches. In the foothills there is no snow and the temperature is always above freezing.

The reports show similar mild conditions in the Carso and the Julian ranges, to the east, through which the Austrians maintain their communications with the invaded regions of eastern Venetia. The mildness of communication leading to Gorizia, Udine and Venetia.

These unusual weather conditions are proving an important factor in the campaign for white severe cold and heavy snows would hold the enemy in their grip, the present mild and almost snowless season permits operations to proceed.

King Visited Troops.
Rome, Dec. 26.—King Victor Emmanuel spent Christmas with his troops and the Christmas spirit only served to give strength to the Italian arms in the tremendous struggle which they are successfully maintaining against the Austro-German forces. The King celebrated three midnight masses in Pauline chapel. Thousands of messages from all over the world bearing words of good cheer were received by the court.

KILLED BY EXPRESS.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fred Tassell, of Thorold, was instantly killed at the Grand Trunk station here early this morning when he walked behind a train into the path of a westbound express. Tassell was employed by the Ontario Paper Company. His mother resides at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

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GREEKS FOR U. S. ARMY
Washington, Dec. 26.—Greece wants her citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will she suspend punishments which ordinarily would follow enlistment of Greeks with a foreign power, but she will reward them for supporting the American arms. This is the substance of a note from the Greek Government delivered here today to the State Department.

COAL BUREAU IN FULL SWING

Two hundred and sixty-one orders were filled at the municipal coal depot in the city hall on Monday, and the rush continued unabated today. The orders issued were, for the most part, limited to one quarter of a ton, and the reserves on hand are quite sufficient to carry the city over the shortage for the present at least.

The depot is located on the third storey of the city hall, in the anteroom adjacent to the council chamber, and while not as convenient as might be desired, is the only office available in the civic heirloom, and relieves the committee of additional expense that would be incurred by renting an office in the business section.

The supply is meted out to applicants in proportion as the city itself is supplied. On Monday night, one car load arrived here, while yesterday another consignment of two car loads was received, and thus far nobody has been turned down. Rich and poor are treated on a basis of equality, and only enough is given each citizen for a short period of time.

"The more I see of it, the better I am satisfied that it will work out satisfactorily," said Ald. J. S. Dowling this morning. "It was the best available solution of an awkward situation. We have received no serious objections to the system from the public, and this feature is also highly pleasing."

The administration of the depot is under the supervision of an advisory committee consisting of Messrs. M. J. Lavery, chairman, J. H. Spence, Russell and Messrs. J. Kerr and Lawson. A wide and representative selection of British artists have been made as the following details show:

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Paint Immortal Glory of Canada

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Dec. 26.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Five Canadian artists will have a share in the work of painting pictures of Canada's war record at the front, viz: Lieuts. A. Y. Jackson, C. H. Barlaud and G. Russell and Messrs. J. Kerr and Lawson. A wide and representative selection of British artists have been made as the following details show:

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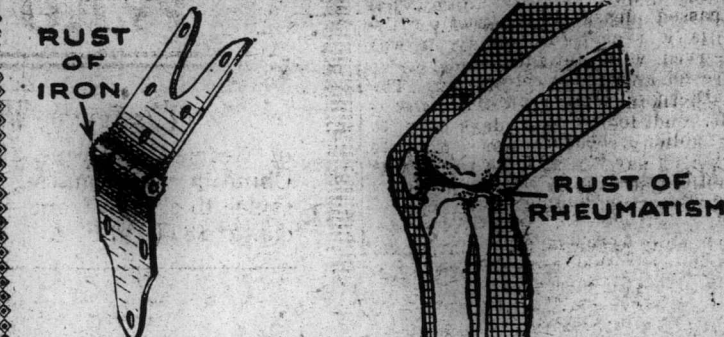
In addition to these Professor Gerald Moira has finished a very fine decorative panel showing the Canadian lumbermen at work in Windsor Park. Julius Olsson, A. R. A., will paint a Canadian night patrol boat in the channel, Algernon Talmage and Leonard Richmond, R. B. A., subjects connected with the Canadian veterinary and railway work in France and Solomon J. Solomon and Spence Watson portraits.

ELECTION OFFICERS BEATEN.

By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, Dec. 26.—Provincial police officials who were last week sent to investigate reported post-election riots at Sturgeon Falls, found the situation more serious than advised had indicated. The trouble apparently originated through the omission of certain names from the voters' list, particularly those of some 32 French-Canadians of Cache Bay and Sturgeon Falls. After oral warfare over these omissions as soon as the polls had closed at Verner, the situation became acute. Wives were stretched across the street over which the election officials being thereupon attacked with bottles and bludgeons. Numerous arrests are being made.

DRINK HOT WATER AND RID JOINTS OF RHEUMATIC RUST

Why rheumatism and lumbago sufferers should drink phosphated hot water each morning before breakfast



Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incalculable material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken day after day leaves in the alimentary canal a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not completely eliminated each day, becomes food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels. From this mass of left-over waste material, toxins and ptomaine-like poisons, called uric acid, is formed and then sucked into the blood where it continues to circulate, collecting grain by grain in the joints of the body much like rust collects on the hinge as shown above.

Men and women who suffer from lumbago, rheumatism or sore, stiff, aching joints should begin drinking phosphated hot water, not as a means to magic relief from pain, but to prevent more uric acid forming in the system. Before eating breakfast each morning, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it.

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Onions, bag	1.50
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Potatoes, bush	1.50
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Hogs, live	0.17
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Pork kidneys	0.30
Lamb	0.20
Sausages, beef	0.20
Sausages, pork	0.28
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Salmon trout, lb.	0.20
Salmon, sea	0.25
Mixed fish	0.10
Herring, fresh	0.10
Whitefish, lb.	0.20
Haddock	0.15
Filet	0.20

GERMAN OFFICIAL

By Courier Leased Wire
Berlin, Dec. 26.—(via London)—There was increased artillery fighting yesterday southeast of Ypres on the Belgian front, and near Moeuvres and Marcoling, on the Cambrai front, it was officially announced today by the German war office. French detachments reconnoitering south of Juvincourt were repulsed after hand-to-hand fighting. The statement reads:

"Western theatre: The artillery activity was limited to destructive fire which at times increased in intensity, southeast of Ypres and in the neighborhood of Moeuvres and Marcoling. Reconnaissances by French detachments south of Juvincourt broke down under our fire and in hand-to-hand fighting. The firing which had increased for some times on the east bank of the Meuse (Verdun region) was discontinued yesterday. Eastern theatre: There was nothing new. Macedonia: There was nothing important to report."

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THE SITUATION.

On Sunday, in the Asiago region, the Austro-German troops gained some heights and Berlin also claimed the taking of nine thousand prisoners and many guns. All day Monday the Italians struggled desperately to regain the lost positions and succeeded. They also recovered much of the artillery which had been abandoned. In connection with the military disaster of November, when the Italians fell back in such amazing fashion before the invader, the fact was declared in a stormy debate in Parliament at Rome on Saturday, that anti-war propaganda of the Socialists among the soldiers was chiefly responsible. They were incited to give way on the promise that if they did so a speedy peace was inevitable. However they now realize their error and are all fighting in a manner to command universal admiration.

There has been severe fighting in Eastern Siberia between the Bolsheviks and members of the original revolutionary party. The Trans-Siberian railway is said to have been cut and locomotive sheds and workshops destroyed.

The rumor prevails that the Allied forces in Salonica are entirely to be withdrawn for service on some other front.

It is said that the Germans are preparing a new blow for Roumania and are massing troops on that front. British armmen made a retaliatory raid on Mannheim a city located on the Rhine. This would seem to be the only method by which to offset such visits to the Old Land and the program should be continued with unabated persistency.

Instead of a Christmas peace offer the Kaiser made one of the most truculent speeches of his career asserting that if the opponents of Germany did not come to terms they would be forced to do so by the "mailed fist" and "shining sword" and also, as usual, blasphemously claiming that the Almighty was clearly with the Fatherland in all that they had done. The impression continues to prevail that the Teutons front before United States forces can reach any formidable number there and in order to offset the growing misery and discontent with the war in the Fatherland.

QUEBEC HAS A NEW GRIEVANCE

The French-Canadian Province is long on grievances which are based on pure imagination. Their latest grudge is that the Union Government has introduced steps for Dominion-wide prohibition in order to get back at Quebec for electing a Laurier phalanx in the recent contest. Complaint is made that not only will the Province suffer as to revenue, but the city of Montreal will also be hit hard. The city draws special taxes from breweries and hotels for running such businesses, and also in special water rates, beer pumps and other ways. It is said that in the Legislature the discussion on the resolution to withdraw from Confederation will be given an added zest because of the feeling aroused.

When Laurier was in power he took a referendum on prohibition and the majority in favor of it was very large with the exception of the neighboring Province. In more than one district more ballots were cast than voters and it is believed that some of the habitants are voting yet.

To say that the move is one of reprisal with regard to Quebec is, of course, absurd. It is true that the Province in question is the only one now having a license system, but indications of the wiping out of the bars there have long been apparent.

The move of Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues was dictated by the desire to save grain and other things in this war period and also to maintain the standard of manhood. If our sister Province happens to be hard hit it is because its people there have not kept up with the trend of the times in this matter.

WILL CANADA FOLLOW SUIT?

That all cold storage plants in Great Britain will probably be coordinated under government control is the statement made by Mr. Harrison Watson, Canadian trade commissioner in London, in a report made to the Dominion Government. This course has been recommended by the Empire Resources Development Committee, which also urges facilities in Great Britain because the holding of a much greater supply of food than in the past is a recognized necessity for the safety of the nation.

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THE MAINTENANCE OF A U. S. ARMY IN EUROPE.

The announcement was recently made in the States that there was the bending of every effort on the part of the authorities in the matter of vessel production. There is great need for that. The following article from the Chicago Herald brings home in a most forcible manner what it will mean for our neighbors to maintain even an army of one million men over yonder:

"Speed is the sole test of the success of the shipbuilding program.

"To maintain an American army in Europe it is necessary to unload in France every day 100,000 pounds of freight per man. This hundred pounds includes everything used in the operation of any army; locomotives and hay, rails and jam, ammunition and towels, big guns and soap, automobiles and tooth brushes—everything.

"One hundred pounds per day per man is a conservative estimate. In a recent British offensive 145,000 pounds per man were necessary to do the job.

"Does the average man realize what these figures mean to ship tonnage? They mean a daily flow in France of 50,000 tons of freight for our proposed army of 1,000,000 men.

"Expert dock labor will unload 2,000 tons a day from a ship if it has up-to-date mechanical contrivances. Therefore, as the average freighter carries 4,000 tons of cargo, it will be necessary to unload 2,000 tons a day from twenty-five ships. In order that this flow of 50,000 tons of supplies a day may be uninterrupted it will be necessary to have east-

bound on the ocean at least twenty-five times twenty-five loaded ships—300 ships—returning westward in ballast—300 more ships. And there must be the necessary number of vessels in port on both sides.

In other words, there must be a continuous ferry service between America and France of at least 700 ships in daily motion for our own army. This does not take into account any accidents that may happen to the machinery of ships; it disregards submarine delays in loading and unloading cargoes and other of the mishaps of mariners.

These cold figures show how essential rapid shipbuilding is to the success of American arms. From the standpoint of the necessity of sharing our food with our allies who have so long borne the brunt of the war, the urgency is not less great. And other ships must carry this freight.

Neither "too late" nor "late" must be the comment of history upon America's emergency fleet. Time is the enemy. Delay must be overcome. Immediate production is the goal.

For this reason the reorganization of the emergency fleet corporation must evoke instantaneous approval, combined with regret that in a crisis such as this such action should be necessary. In its ship construction program the Government needs precisely those talents which the more cautious business executives have developed during the last few years. It has needed such talent for nearly a year, and judging from the recent events, hasn't had it. Some day it will be pertinent to ask why.

A supreme test must swiftly be carried to its conclusion. Six million tons of shipping must be completed during 1918. No explanation

of why the program failed will explain."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

And now for the civic elections. Most of us are able to make our mark quite a lot these days.

Mayor Bowly lagged for a while, but as a letter writer he is now far ahead of President Wilson, even in the palmiest days of the latter.

Begins to look as if they had a bunch of French-Canadians in Australia.

Following the Christmas candy date we now have the municipal candidate.

Owing to a strike of brewery drivers in New York delivery was made in undertakers wagons, which thus handled a new kind for them.

The Kaiser is still blasphemous, but it is more just now to keep his courage up than anything else.

NEW AUTO RECORD.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 25.—What was said to be a new world's automobile record for five miles on a one-mile circular dirt track, was hung up in a race here yesterday by Louis Chevrolet, who defeated Barney Oldfield and Eddie Hearne, his time being three minutes, 48 seconds.

In a trial lap officially timed, Oldfield clipped a second off the world's record by negotiating the mile in 45.2-5 seconds.

INDEPENDENTS STRONG

By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The newly organized Independent Social Democratic party in Germany has become almost as strong as the government Socialists, according to the information reaching government officials here from Germany. The new independent party was founded last April during what is known as Gotha Conference and is represented as now having 120,000 members. The government Socialist party had over a million members when the war began, but this has dwindled to less than 200,000 members, and it is between the latter and the Berlin Government that serious difficulties are reported to have arisen as a result of the circumstances under which the armistice was concluded between Germany and the Maximilians of Russia.

FRENCH LABOR.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chairmont-Ferrans, France, Dec. 26.—At its national conference here the General Federation of Labor to-day adopted almost unanimously a resolution referring to the war aims set forth by President Wilson, saying that the program of the Russian revolutionaries were virtually the same and declaring the position of the French workers could be expressed in similar terms. The Federation was instructed to employ all its efforts to induce the French Government to make a clear public statement of its conditions of peace.

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TRAINS REDUCED

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—To relieve motor power, conserve fuel and reduce railroad congestion, the Philadelphia and Reading to-day withdrew from its New York service eight passenger trains, four of which run direct between here and New York. Several local trains were also cancelled, and it was announced that a further curtailment in local service would become effective on January 1st.

A reduction in the number of passenger cars attached to trains operating between New York and Washington, equal to eight trains, has been put into effect by the Pennsylvania railroad.

The restricted passenger service, it is estimated by traffic experts, will enable the two railroads to increase their movement of freight by about 40,000 tons daily.

LOCAL

ANOTHER FOR RAILWAY

It is reported that Ex. Arthur O. Secord may be a candidate for Street Rail Commissioner on January 7th.

IN ALDERMANIC FIELD.

The name of Jos. J. Hurlston as a probable A candidate for Ward three.

PASTOR HONORED

Rev. W. E. Boyver, pastor of Calvary Baptist for 7 years, and on Christmas day commenced his eighth year of service. His appreciation was sent a beautiful sweet roses, words, "Hoping you have of these happy anniversary season's greetings from members of Calvary church."

LIABLE TO BE DRAFTED

Canadians, unmarried, the ages of 20 to 30, left Canada for the United States since 1914 are liable to be drafted under the Canadian Military Act, and will face arrest if they attempt to return to the Dominion during the war holidays.

SAILOES' RELIEF.

The following subscribers have received for the British Relief Funds: Miss M. W. Miss Stove, \$1.00; Messrs. Co., \$50.00; Mr. Allan, \$20.00; Miss Squire, \$3.00; L. Gamble, \$5.00.

MAGAZINE SUSPENSES.

The publication of The World, a monthly magazine, York, with a circulation of 100,000 copies, will be suspended January 1918, issue, for the reason that the increased cost of paper materials is among the which led to the decision of the magazine.

G.W.V.A. CHRISTMAS T.

The Great War Veteran Association acknowledge the following contributions for their Christmas issue: \$1; The Westland Girls, \$6; Battalion Ladies' Auxiliary, \$1.25; A. F. Morgan, \$1.00; M. J. Ston, \$2.00; Mr. Gatech, \$1.00; C. Eustace, \$1.00; P. W. Patte, Moore's, \$1.00; of apples, oranges; Malo Hicks, \$5.

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IN ALDERMANIC FIELD.

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PASTOR HONORED

Rev. W. E. Bowyer has been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church for 7 years, and on Christmas Sunday commenced his eighth year under auspicious circumstances. Among Christmas gifts and expressions of appreciation was sent a basket of beautiful sweet roses, with the words, "Hoping you have many more of these happy anniversaries, with season's greetings from a number of members of Calvary church."

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Canadians unmarried, between the ages of 20 to 34 years, who left Canada for the United States since 1914 are liable to be drafted under the Canadian Military Service Act, and will face arrest as deserters if they attempt to visit friends in the Dominion during the Christmas holidays.

SAILORS' RELIEF

The following subscriptions have been received for the British Sailors' Relief Funds: Miss M. Wyatt, \$1.00; Miss Stove, \$1.00; Messrs. Scarfe Co., \$50.00; Mr. Allan Edwards, \$20.00; Miss Squire, \$3.00; Mr. C. L. Gamble, \$5.00.

MAGAZINE SUSPENDS

The publication of The Ladies' World, a monthly magazine of New York, with a circulation of 600,000 copies, will be suspended with the January 1918 issue, for the duration of the war. It is understood that increased cost of paper and other materials is among the reasons which led to the decision to suspend the magazine.

G.W.V.A. CHRISTMAS TREE

The Great War Veterans' Association acknowledge the following contribution for their Christmas tree on December 28th: S. C. Jaques, \$1; The Westlan Girls, \$6.75; 215th Battalion Ladies' Auxiliary, \$2.50; Anonymous, \$1.25; A. Friend, \$1; Morgan Harris, \$1; Mrs. Livingstone, \$20; Mr. Gatecliffe, \$1; Expositor, \$15; C. Eustace, 50c; Geo. Pate, \$1; P. W. Pate, 50c; Mrs. Moore, basket of apples; Bon Marche, oranges; Major Frank Hicks, \$5.

EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED

On Christmas Eve all the married men employed by the Ham & Notch Co. Limited, were cheered by the usual cash remembrance from the Company. One hundred married men participated in the bonus, which was given on the percentage basis, so that the men receiving the largest wages get the smallest bonus, the amounts to each varying from \$2 to \$33. In addition to the cash bonus the employees completed their tenth year of continuous association with the Company and were presented with gold watches, these were: Geo. Markle, T. Symon, F. Hubert, W. J. Craig, John Hurlburt, R. Wiles J. Legacy and G. Nash.

CHANGING KITCHENER

Guelph is behind Brantford in seeking a new name for the city of Kitchener. The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Guelph city council. And whereas the members of the Municipal Council of the city of Guelph are of the opinion that it is an insult to the late Lord Kitchener to longer allow his name to be connected with a community exhibiting such marked disloyalty. Therefore be it resolved that the Municipal Council of the city of Guelph respectfully petition the Ontario Legislature to enact such legislation as may be necessary to change the name of Kitchener and that the Railway and Manufacturers committee contemplate leaving Kitchener locate in Guelph.

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GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES

According to their usual custom, the Brantford Glue Company presented the married men in their employ with a fine turkey, and the single men with a box of cigars each, and the young ladies a box of chocolates each.

NOMINATION DAY

Monday, December 31st has been designated by the city and town council as nomination day when candidates for the various civic offices will be nominated. The city hall and Court House respectively are the two buildings at which the nominations will be held. The elections will take place one week later, on January 7.

COAL FOR TOWNSHIP

Reeve A. J. McCann and Deputy Reeve James A. Seace of the township of Brantford are representing the interests of their constituents in the distribution of coal from the civic coal depot, and are taking steps to ensure that residents of the township will not be neglected during the coal shortage.

CHRISTMAS RUSH

The Christmas rush of parcels at the Post Office still continues. To-day a large number of parcels and mail matter arrived to be distributed. There was one delivery made yesterday, in the morning and the incoming mail from yesterday and this morning was delivered by the mail carriers to-day.

ON HIS FINGERS

Says the Guelph Mercury: "The Mayor of Brantford ran as the Liberal candidate, and is alleged to have stated that Mr. Cocksbut, the Unionist, was threatening a cut-off of Patriotic money if he were not elected. The Mayor has been asked to retract or prove his words, but he has got up on his hind legs and refuses to do either. If Brantford's mayor would learn to talk on his fingers he might save himself a heap of trouble and other folks a lot of annoyance."

FINAL APPEAL COURT

Crowds of applicants for exemption thronged the corridors at the Court House this morning, for hearings before the two courts of appeal that were sitting. The Honorable Mr. Justice Hodges, of the Appellate division, supreme court of Ontario, arrived shortly before eleven o'clock and commenced his sitting at which the appeals from the decisions of His Honor Judge Hardy were heard as well as appeals from the decisions of the tribunal of which Judge Hardy was chairman. An effort is being made to have the appeals from the court of Exchequer heard up before the 3rd when the draftees will be summoned to the colors.

BRANTFORD CLERGYMAN

The Rev. John A. MacSporran, a Brantfordite, officiated at the wedding of Mary W. Taft, daughter of William C. Taft, to Russell Todd of New Brunswick, which took place at Wiloughby, Quebec, on Monday, December 22. The Rev. Mr. MacSporran is a Brantford boy, born and raised here, his father having been connected with the G.T.R. and for many years resident of Terrace Hill where the family became known to many. Mr. MacSporran is now pastor of one of the leading Presbyterian churches of the city of Baltimore.

MEXICAN RELEASED

Montreal, Dec. 26.—George Casaus, son of a former Mexican ambassador to the United States, who was taken into custody by the alien enemy department officials, a spy and on a charge of wearing a uniform of the Royal Flying corps without authority, has been sent back to New York. There was no evidence found in his effects that he was a spy, although it is said, he was connected with the Villa forces.

News Notes

Mrs. Amos Hughes was fatally injured by a train while crossing railway tracks near Napanee.

A Christmas tree entertainment marked the opening of the new gymnasium at St. Mary's, Ont.

Another shipload of Canadian wounded arrived at an American port.

The dead from the street car smash at Knoxville, Pa., total eighteen.

President Wilson defended Mr. Hoover against mistreatment by the sugar probers.

A vigorous campaign is in progress in Indiana to encourage the substitution of wood for coal as fuel.

Mr. R. A. Coghill, business manager, for the Southam Press of Montreal is a holiday visitor with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Coghill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt of Thorold, are holiday visitors at the home of Mr. W. D. Coghill.

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BY ACCLAMATION

The members of the Separate School board are returned to office for 1918 by acclamation. The nominations were held in St. Basil's school at noon to-day, but no new trustees were proposed.

KITH AND KIN

The Terrace Hill Kith and Kin met on Thursday afternoon, in a room at the home of Mrs. Richeson Sydenham street. The meeting opened with singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. Greig, vice-President in the chair. The usual business was gone through proved quite satisfactory to all present. Work to be done in the future was discussed and altogether a pleasant afternoon was spent.

SHORTAGE OF CARS

During this year the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has built over ten thousand box cars, in addition to many ordered from outside. The business of the railroads has increased so enormously since the government undertook to supply Great Britain with foodstuffs and munitions there is a considerable scarcity of cars, though the situation is being ameliorated through the efforts of the Canadian Railway War Board.

INVITED TO G. W. V. A. TREE

Invitations have been issued by the G. W. V. A. for the Christmas tree entertainment to be given in the Armories on Friday night, for the children whose fathers are overseas with the colors. Subscriptions from the citizens have been generous and those in charge are pleased to be invited. Officers of the Soldiers' Aid Commission have been invited to attend.

READY FOR VISITORS

Threats have been made in Kitchener that the city council of that municipality will visit Brantford's governing body, and demand an apology for the action taken at the last city council meeting when a resolution was passed calling upon the provincial authorities to change the name of the former Brantford and present that city from assuming the name of any British hero. While the proposed visit to this fair city may not be productive of results some consolation is being offered this morning by one of the Aldermen, who discussing such a possibility said: "Well, when they come down here, they may be assured of a better reception than they give some people in their city."

WANT RE-TRIAL

Although Friday, January the 3rd, the date determined upon by the Honorable Mr. Justice Maclean for the hearing of Carmen Calleja, the Maltese, is quickly approaching, no definite word has been received from Toronto by A. H. Boddy, counsel for the convicted man, as to the possibility of a new trial. A hearing was given Mr. T. C. Robinette at Toronto on Monday who made application for another hearing of the case, but as yet Mr. Boddy has not been informed of the result. He is optimistic however, and anticipates another opportunity for his client to be proved innocent. "The defence in the present trial was strong, being successful, will be strengthened by T. C. Robinette of Toronto, one of the cleverest criminal lawyers in the Dominion."

Obituary

Stanley Pendlebury, youngest son of Mrs. M. Pendlebury passed away yesterday after a short illness, aged 33 years, at the family residence, 16 Oak street. Besides his mother, he leaves to mourn his loss one brother, Hamlet, of Toronto. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon to Greenwood cemetery.

W. Peel

The death occurred on Christmas morning at the residence of his son, B. Peel, 157 Terrace Hill street, of Mr. William Peel, a resident of Paris. Deceased, who was seventy-one years of age, had been a valued employee of the Penman Mills for over forty years, but had been illing for some time. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, and a charter member of the Sons of England, Paris. He leaves to mourn his great loss a sorrowing widow and three children, Mrs. N. Hedley, 157 Terrace Hill street, Brook Peel and Pte. David Peel of the 215th. He was a sterling man, one who faithfully fulfilled all the obligations of a true citizen.

Elias Messecar

A very sudden death occurred in Waterloo on Sunday evening, when Elias Messecar of Fairview Farm, succumbed to heart failure. The deceased had been to the city to market the day previous, and was apparently enjoying his usual good health, but was stricken suddenly Sunday night and passed away. The deceased was fifty-nine years of age, and leaves to mourn his loss a wife and one son, his mother, Mrs. Messecar, 65 Sheridan street, five sisters, Mrs. Frank M. Smith, and Mrs. A. F. Wicks of this city, Mrs. Davis of Beaton, Mrs. Geo. Mars of Burford, Miss Nora at home, and two brothers, John and David of Waterloo. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from the late home of the deceased to Greenwood cemetery.

Laid at Rest

The funeral of the late Edward Maus took place yesterday afternoon from his late home, Echo Place, to Paris cemetery, the services being conducted by the Rev. A. H. Wallace of Elm Avenue Methodist church. The pallbearers were Messrs. Sullivan, Thos. Holliken, W. G. Heilker, John W. Maus, Roy Maus, William Maus.

Suggestions for Over Sea Boxes. Chocolate Bars 25c, Cheiving Gum 10c, Safety Razors \$1, Fountain Pens upwards from \$1, Oxo Cubes, 10c and 25c, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush, Toilet Soaps, Shaving Soaps, Air Pillows, Wash Cloths, Overseas Boxes 12c and SEE WINDOWS 116-118 Colborne

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Obituary. Stanley Pendlebury, youngest son of Mrs. M. Pendlebury passed away yesterday after a short illness, aged 33 years, at the family residence, 16 Oak street.

Obituary. W. Peel. The death occurred on Christmas morning at the residence of his son, B. Peel, 157 Terrace Hill street, of Mr. William Peel, a resident of Paris.

Obituary. Elias Messecar. A very sudden death occurred in Waterloo on Sunday evening, when Elias Messecar of Fairview Farm, succumbed to heart failure.

Obituary. Laid at Rest. The funeral of the late Edward Maus took place yesterday afternoon from his late home, Echo Place, to Paris cemetery.

Obituary. News Notes. Mrs. Amos Hughes was fatally injured by a train while crossing railway tracks near Napanee.

Obituary. News Notes. A Christmas tree entertainment marked the opening of the new gymnasium at St. Mary's, Ont.

Obituary. News Notes. Another shipload of Canadian wounded arrived at an American port.

Obituary. News Notes. The dead from the street car smash at Knoxville, Pa., total eighteen.

Nuptial Notes

Humble-Miskelly. A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday of last week, when George T. Humble and Lillian Miskelly were united in marriage at St. Jude's church, by the pastor, Capt. the Rev. C. E. Jenkins. The bride who was given away by her father, wore ivory colored, crepe-de-chene and veil, and the bridegroom, her sister, peach crepe-de-chene. Mr. Richard Humble was groomsmen. The newly wedded couple will reside at 251 Nelson Street.

IRON WORKERS THREATEN

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Unless approximately ten thousand iron workers employed in shops here and in Oakland receive immediately a ten per cent increase in wages, they will strike according to a statement by R. W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades Council, made public to-day. It was said federal intervention was anticipated.

U. S. VESSEL BELIEVED LOST

New York, Dec. 26.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the United States Shipping Board for Atlantic service, together with her entire crew of 35 men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island, according to advices received in shipping circles to-day from Nova Scotia.

DIED AT SUPPER

Regina, Dec. 26.—During a supper following the performance at the Regina Theatre last night, Harry Gale, a violinist in the orchestra, dropped dead.

PROPERTY LESS VALUABLE

Boston, Dec. 26.—The Grand Forks property has become less important as an operating factor for the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelter and Power as revealed in the constantly declining copper output from month to month. Last month's yield of less than half a million pounds was the smallest on record, barring the July total of 280,000 pounds.

COMMEMORATE VICTORY

Boston, Dec. 26.—A memorial mass was celebrated in San Marco church to-day in commemoration of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Turk. The ceremonial took on unusual significance, inasmuch as the Austrians had declared they would be in the piazza of San Marco by the holidays. Instead of this there were fervent demonstrations over the expulsion of the Turks from the Holy City.

FIRE IN ZERO WEATHER

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Fire at an early hour this morning destroyed three stores and four dwellings on Wellington street, between Nickson and Church Avenue, Verdun. With the thermometers at zero the firemen had a hard fight with the flames and a call was sent to Montreal for assistance. The loss is estimated at ten thousand.

NEED OF COAL IS GREAT

Washington, Dec. 26.—War demands for bituminous coal have been greater than mines could meet, although the increase of production this year has been normal. Fuel Administrator Garfield testified to-day at the Senate coal investigation. In an effort to alleviate conditions, he said the fuel administration was laying emphasis on stimulating production rather than regulating price.

MERCHANTS CORNER

DOES ADVERTISING PAY?—All kinds of advertisements put the Eastman Kodak Company on the map solidly. So much so in fact, that the concern has been paying noteworthy dividends annually to shareholders.

Howie's. Temple Building 76 Dalhousie St.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION. Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the digestion, and breaks down the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption.

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COMING EVENTS

ALL Y. M. C. A. MEMBERS AND CITIZENS are invited to the New Year's Day Open House at the building on Tuesday, Jan. 1st, 1918, from 2 to 3 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the ratepayers of School Section No. 14, will be held at Echo Place school, Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th, 1917, at 8 p.m. J. L. Barnes, Sec.-Treas.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—A man with good office and business experience desires position in office or store. Have had three years and a half experience in hardware. Apply Box 390-Courier.

LOST—On Saturday afternoon a cameo ring on Colborne Street. Reward at Courier. L448.

LOST—Automobile crank, Monday between Terrace Hill and G. T. R. Station. Reward at Courier. L448.

FOR SALE—Good serviceable cutter, set of Ontario bob sleighs. Telephone 1353. A4.

FOR SALE—Slightly used Dodge car. Part cash, part time. Reasonable. Apply Box 391 Courier. A4.

CARD OF THANKS—Mr. Patrick Donohue and family wish to thank their many friends for their kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

DIED.

FENDLERBY—In Brantford on Christmas Day, Stanley Everett Fendlerbury youngest son of Mrs. M. Fendlerbury, 16 Oak street. Funeral takes place on Thursday December 27th from his late residence to Greenwood Cemetery. Service at 2 o'clock.

PEEL—In Brantford at 157 Terrace Hill street, William Peel, aged 71 years. The funeral will take place from his late residence in Paris on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 3.30 to Paris cemetery. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

PORTABLE LAMPS—All styles, all sizes, all prices. We have a brand new line. See them before purchasing.

T. J. MINNES—PLUMBING AND ELECTRIC Phone 301. 9 King St.

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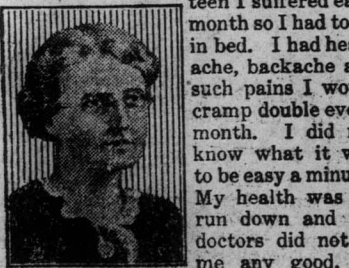
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UPHOLSTERING—All kinds of Upholstering William & Hollinrake Phone 167. 2 & 4 Darling St. Opera House Block.

"I DON'T SUFFER ANY MORE"

"Feel Like a New Person," says Mrs. Hamilton.

New Castle, Ind.—"From the time I was eleven years old until I was seventeen I suffered each month so I had to be in bed. I had headache, backache and such pains I would cramp double every month. I did not know what it was to be easy a minute. My health was all run down and the doctors did not do me any good. A neighbor told my mother about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I took it, and now I feel like a new person. I don't suffer any more and I am regular every month."—Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, 822 South 15th St.



When a remedy has lived for forty years, steadily growing in popularity and influence, and thousands upon thousands of women declare they owe their health to it, is it not reasonable to believe that it is an article of great merit?

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Wilson Speaks in Defence of Hoover

Washington, Dec. 25.—President Wilson yesterday indicated his disapproval of the manner in which the Senate Investigating Committee, headed by Senator Reed of Missouri, has hurried into the sugar shortage by authorizing the publishing of Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover's explanation of the sugar situation. The Senate Committee, by a majority vote last week, sustained the objection of Senator Reed against making Mr. Hoover's statement public, or permitting it to be read into the official record until Mr. Hoover himself was called to the witness stand. Feeling that he had been treated discourteously by the committee, Mr. Hoover carried the matter to the President, who yesterday took the unusual step of giving the Food Administrator's statement, prepared for the Senate Committee, to the press, through the committee on public information.

This unprecedented action on the part of the president, it was predicted, may arouse the ire of Senator Reed, and some of those members of the Investigating Committee who thus far refused to give Mr. Hoover a hearing. Before adjournment over the Christmas holidays the committee announced that Mr. Hoover would be called later. The Food Administrator and his counsel maintained that they were promised an early hearing by the committee, and that it was unfair to them to permit the impression created by antagonistic witnesses, particularly Clans A. Spreckles, to go abroad that the food administration had been a party to what had been termed a "sugar corner."

Senator Situation Serious—Evidently President Wilson agreed with Mr. Hoover that he had been mistreated, as the statement he authorized yesterday is an exact duplicate of that temporarily pigeon-holed by Senator Reed's committee several days ago. "The Food Administration," says Mr. Hoover, in answering the charge of his critics that there has been an overproduction of sugar, "has conducted a systematic campaign for the reduction of individual sugar consumption. In the face of a crucial situation in Britain and France and the obvious shortage in this country, any discouragement to this campaign is a positive disaster."

"Such statements," he continues, "that there have been or will be ample supplies of sugar available are not only wrong and opposed to every fact in the situation, but if they are believed and acted upon by the American public will have done this country's war efforts incalculable harm. It is our stern duty to feed the allies, to maintain their health and strength at any cost to ourselves. There has not been nor will there be as we see it, enough sugar for even their present meagre and depressing ration unless they send ships to remote markets for it."

STRENGTH THAT WILL

Continued from page one trench mortars and machine guns have been a trifle busier. Poor visibility has made aeroplane observation difficult, in fact three low flying enemy machines, mistaking the trenches, swept their own with gunfire yesterday. Taking advantage of the snow on the ground, a small German party endeavored to approach our wire, dressed in white. It was dispersed by our machine guns.

VICTORY LOAN.

Payment of the second installment of Canada's victory loan falls due a week from to-day and will be the heaviest transaction ever handled by the Canadian banks. The initial installment of ten per cent, due on December 1 last called for in excess of \$40,000,000 to be transferred from private accounts to the credit of the government. The transfer in connection with the second payment of ten per cent, will be smaller, in view of the intimation that only subscriptions of \$1,000,000 or less will be allotted in full. But in addition to the second ten per cent installment, subscribers by the thousands will elect to take advantage of the Government's offer of a discount on anticipated installments and will turn over the full balance due on their subscriptions.

Join the Home Defence

movement for the conservation of food. Help to prevent waste by demanding the whole wheat grain in breakfast foods and bread stuffs. Substitute whole wheat for meat, eggs and potatoes. The whole wheat grain is the most perfect food given to man. In Shredded Wheat Biscuit you have the whole wheat grain made digestible by steam-cooking, shredding and baking. Every particle of the whole wheat grain is used including the outer bran coat which is so useful in keeping the bowels healthy and active. For any meal with milk, and fresh fruits. Made in Canada.

MIDNIGHT MASS SUNG

Old Time Devotion Revived by Catholic Churches of City Yesterday

For the first time in many years midnight mass was sung in the Catholic churches of the city on Christmas morning, in accordance with a request from His Lordship Bishop Dowling of Hamilton. In the past an early mass was usually said at six o'clock, which was known as the midnight mass, but yesterday for the first time solemn high mass was sung following the stroke of midnight, at both St. Basil's and St. Mary's churches. At St. Basil's the church was thronged to the very doors with both the adult and the children's choirs in attendance, singing the customary Christmas hymns which are to all churchgoers an essential part of the great feast day. The mass was sung by Very Rev. Dean Brady, who was followed immediately by a mass of Thanksgiving. Four other masses were said during the morning. Rev. Father Casani singing High Mass at half-past ten. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was administered in the evening. At St. Mary's the midnight mass was also well attended, and was sung by the pastor, Rev. Father Padden, with the adult choir in attendance. The children's choir sang at the second mass, at eight o'clock, and the adults once more at the high mass, at half-past ten. Devotions, consisting of the rosary and the benediction of the blessed sacrament, were conducted in the afternoon.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WAS CHIEF SPY

Directed German Activities Against United States and Canada

By Courier Leased Wire—San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A woman designated only as "H" and said to be prominent in the German secret service, directed the activities of Franz Schulenberg, alleged master spy, in his operations as president of a five cent charge on each order for food, but you were and you and the members of the council voted unanimously for this impost and now it would seem you have changed your mind and want it abolished. There is, (and you should know it) a proper way to accomplish it. That would be to obtain a majority of the council by petition to call a special meeting for the purpose of abolishing the five cent impost. I have no right to assume that the other gentlemen of the council will do this, as not to know their minds from one week end to another, but then they are not all candidates for Mayor, are they? Yours truly, J. W. BOWLBY, Mayor.

tion was to permit them easy entrance into Canada, where they were to obtain military information and facts concerning the movement of Canadian vessels, to assist in raiding warfare, conducted in the Pacific Ocean by the Germans. The colonization plan did not materialize. Some of Schulenberg's activities, according to the authorities, have been traced to Ramchandra, a Hindu on trial here with thirty other persons, charged with attempting to foment a revolt against British rule in India. Ramchandra made several payments of money to Schulenberg, officials said. Schulenberg, according to federal officials, was a deserter from the German army.

PARIS PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

Fletcher Barker Died at Age of 80 Years, Monday Afternoon

(From our own Correspondent) Paris, Dec. 26.—On Monday afternoon the many friends of Mr. Fletcher Barker, who for the past three years had been residing at Medicine Hat, Alberta, regretted to hear he had passed away after a brief illness. Deceased was in all probability the first white child born in Paris, 80 years ago, his parents being the late James and Elizabeth Barker. At that time they resided in a small log house on a piece of land in rear of where now stands the residence of Doctor Burt, on Broadway. At that time there were but few houses in Paris. As a boy the late Fletcher Barker could remember seeing Indians coming from below Brantford in their canoes, and proceeding up the River Nith, and these roving bands used to frequent the camp for the night on an island at the confluence of the Nith and Grand Rivers in rear of the stores on the east side. At the age of 20 Mr. Barker was recruited for the 12th Battalion, and he travelled by way of New York and the Panama. He also spent some 12 years in British Columbia, after which he returned to this beloved and purchased a farm on the Governor's Road near Paris, which he occupied until three years ago, when he retired and went West with his wife and youngest

WAR MENUS

How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the men at the Front. Issued from the Office of the Food Controller for Canada.

MENU FOR THURSDAY Breakfast—Cornmeal Porridge, Toast, Tea or Coffee, Dinner—Roast Pork, Apple Sauce, Baked Potatoes, Boiled Onions, Rye Bread, Supper—Red Soy Bean Soup, Toast, Oatcakes, Rhubarb, Tea. The recipe for Red Soy Bean soup, mentioned above, is as follows:—Red Soy Bean Soup—1-2 cup Soy beans, 1 pint cold water, 1 slice onion, 2 sliced carrots, Small piece bay-leaf, Few grains mustard, 1-2 cup milk, 2 tablespoons drippings, 1 tablespoon flour, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1-4 teaspoon pepper. Soak the beans 12 hours in cold water. Drain; add 2 cups water, and simmer until soft. Rub through a sieve. Cook the onion and the carrot in the fat, add the flour, when smooth add the milk. Cook until thickened and strain into beans. Re-heat and serve hot.

MAYOR BOWLBY Sends Out a Couple of Letters

The following are copies of two letters sent out to-day by Mayor Bowlby:—

Brantford, Dec. 26th, 1917. Mr. William T. Collyer, Secretary of the Factories Organization.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter and the resolution accompanying the same, and while desiring to treat your association with every courtesy, still in virtue of my self-respect, I will be obliged to respectfully decline the request made in the resolution. I made a true statement regarding the complaint of one of the soldier's wives, and the members of the Patriotic Association through their Secretary, Mr. Thompson, to whom I telephoned her name and what she stated to me. You know full well who stated and really require no information from me. From statements that have been published, I gather she has been treated quite harshly enough without any further illing the cup of her bitterness by publicity. I cannot say that very great respect can be entertained for any one who seeks to make catspaw of the workmen. For my part, I entertain the notion that they are just as capable of judging for themselves as any other class. It is now up to Mr. John H. Spence to call up the merchants and the Board of Trade and perhaps some of them will be wise enough to inform him that it is a good thing to be able to hire your own business men to make a plea in the affairs of other people. If Mr. John H. Spence has any grievance against me, the law courts of the country are open to him. Why don't he invoke them instead of making a yelling about like a whipped baby. I have the honor to be, Yours truly, J. W. BOWLBY, Mayor, City of Brantford.

THE MUNICIPAL COAL OFFICE.

To Ald. Jones, City.—I had the honor to receive a letter from you pointing out to me, my duty as Mayor. Perhaps there are a few benighted people who are of the opinion that I am almost as competent to discharge the duties of the office as Mr. Alderman Jones. Through inadvertence in not having the date of the Council meeting entered in my diary, I was not present at the Council meeting in which the five cent charge on each order for food was made, but you were and you and the members of the council voted unanimously for this impost and now it would seem you have changed your mind and want it abolished. There is, (and you should know it) a proper way to accomplish it. That would be to obtain a majority of the council by petition to call a special meeting for the purpose of abolishing the five cent impost. I have no right to assume that the other gentlemen of the council will do this, as not to know their minds from one week end to another, but then they are not all candidates for Mayor, are they? Yours truly, J. W. BOWLBY, Mayor.

Ald. Jones for Mayor

Having been born in Brantford, and having spent over twenty-four years of my life here, I have acceded to the request of many friends to become a candidate for the Mayorality. I am not without experience in municipal matters, having been elected for eleven consecutive years in Toronto, and filling the positions of Chairman of the Board of Education, Alderman and Controller of that city, (elected by the city at large). I desire to say that I would consider the honor of being elected Chief Magistrate of my native city a far greater one than any which the electors of Toronto have conferred upon me. I have during the past year served on the Brantford City Council as Chairman of the Railway Committee and did I not feel that I could render real service to the city, I would not allow my name to stand in nomination. If elected, my aim will be to have the Council enter into sympathetic and hearty co-operation with all other bodies in the industrial development of our city, preparing sites and getting in new industries; also improving living conditions, and all working together for a better and a greater Brantford.

S. A. JONES.

Why Should the Electors Take More Interest in Our City's Management?

Are you aware that as an Elector you are partly responsible for the following as per the Auditor's Report for 1916: Total assets of Brantford invested by the electors in all departments \$4,256,680.63 Revenue Collected to maintain and operate the foregoing and provide for debt reduction exclusive of revenue from public utilities 636,630.36 In other words it requires as follows to run the city each work day 2,034.00 With these facts before you are you going to consider carefully what type of Alderman and Mayor you will elect? I have spent the last three years as an Alderman and absorbed much detail of this City's affairs. I have attended to the many affairs for which I have been responsible, have never evaded my responsibilities whether they were pleasant or disagreeable, placing the City's Interests first and always. Our Finance Committee aid Council last year and this year gave much attention to various plans which have improved our civic government and we also laid plans for further improved methods, in which I now ask the Electors to support me after three years service for

MAYOR FOR 1918

ALD. JNO. S. DOWLING

WATCH THIS SPACE

Brantford Municipal Railway Commission Vote for Re-election of Frank Calbeck to Railway Commission

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Same Old in .300 C League

That 300 class of American hatmen is getting to be a story. In the National League and new faces are appearing in the membership of Society of Swat, but with er league an old guard is forth. There are evidences select set, with George Sisk Felsch and Sam Rich he advance, but the old squad to hold the fort.

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Five Consistent Hitters—These five players—Cobb, Collins, McInnis and Jack pose the old guard of American league sluggers, as contrasted younger set, which has lapses decidedly rare, one names listed in the select American league hitters, has gone through twelve seasons as a 300 hitter, past nine years the lowest has had for a season was 1914. A long series of successes in leading the batsman was broken in 1917. Tris Speaker beat out C percentage points, 236 as Speaker has recently won ninth consecutive season, ber of the 300 class. He in 1909 with a mark of each successive year has stocky Texan in the list his best work in 1916 with he dropped back this past '17.

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NOW PA- I PO SHAVE! YOU MUSTACHE

Same Old Crowd of Five in .300 Class in American League Again During 1917

That .300 class of American league batsmen is getting to be an old story. In the National league new names and new faces are continually appearing in the membership list of the Society of Swat, but with the younger league an old guard is holding forth. There are evidences of a new select set, with George Sisler, Happy Felsch and Sam Rich heading the advance, but the old squad continues to hold the fort.

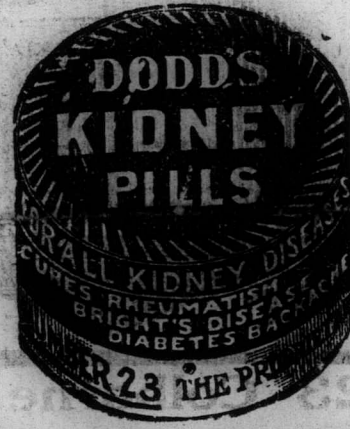
Back in 1906 Tyrus Cobb first flashed his real greatness over the American league circuit and with his entry as a .300 hitter a new class of swate specialists came into the league. Ty mingled with the fading stars of the passing age for two seasons and then Tris Speaker came into the picture to give the Georgian many a chase for honors. The same year that Tris made his appearance as a .300 regular Eddie Collins began to make life miserable for American league pitchers, and a year later Stuffy McInnis joined the ranks in 1911, a year after the Gloucester youngster began to make himself famous with the bat and at first base for the Mackmen.

Five Consistent Hitters.
These five players—Cobb, Speaker, Collins, McInnis and Jackson—compose the old guard of American league sluggers, as contrasted with the younger set that now is beginning to assert itself. Year after year, with lapses decidedly rare, one finds these names listed in the select society of American league hitters. Cobb now has gone through twelve consecutive seasons as a .300 hitter, and in the past nine years the lowest mark he has had for a season was .368 in 1914. A long series of continued successes in leading the league as a batsman was broken in 1916, when Tris Speaker beat out Cobb by 15 percentage points, .386 against .371. Speaker has recently concluded his ninth consecutive season as a member of the .300 class. He started back in 1909 with a mark of .309 and each succeeding year has found the stocky Texan in the lists. Tris did his best work in 1916 with .386 and he dropped back this past season to .352.

Joe Jackson is the only American leaguer who can claim the distinction of having remained in the .300 class for the past seven seasons or longer. In fact, Cobb, Speaker and Jackson are the only major leaguers to enjoy this distinction. Jackson had a close call during the past season and only by a remarkable spurt during the last few games of the campaign was the Chicago slugger able to crowd his way into the charmed circle. He finished with an official batting mark of .304, thereby winning his membership string up to seven consecutive years.

Each Missed One Season.
Collins has finished more campaigns in the .300 class than Jackson has, and McInnis has tied Jackson's mark, but each of these players has met with one failure. A post start during the recent campaign cost

Italy feels keenly a shortage of wheat.



TO STAKE ALL ON FINAL GAMBLE

Kaiser's Christmas Speeches Indicate Surrender to the Militarists

A MASK OF COURAGE

While Germany is Perishing With Hunger and Simmering with Revolt

London, Dec. 24.—The Kaiser's two Christmas speeches to the soldiers in the trenches renewing and strengthening the claim of direct alliance with God and announcing that Germany intends to punish with the iron fist and the shining sword her enemies for rejecting Germany's peace terms is the most truculent expression by the Kaiser in many months, putting to rest the rumors which, till the eve of Christmas Day, still persisted in Germany to a no less extent than in Britain that the Kaiser would make a peace move on Christmas. The British interpretation is that the Kaiser is assuming a bold face with the backing of Hindenburg's threat to crush the western allies, and is hoping to gloss over the fearful conditions in Germany, which are rapidly increasing to despair. The privations of the people who are demanding peace and increasingly threatening to revolt before Winter is ended gives the wildest confirmation to statements describing the dire straits of the German civil population. Food and internal economies are so desperate that there is reason to believe that they will determine the duration of the war, regardless of the military situation. The British Government learns that if relief does not reach Germany from the outside the country is incapable of holding out against next harvest and is likely to reach exhaustion much sooner. The popular discontent is intense, and is no longer repressible.

The Kaiser's speeches therefore are regarded merely as a proof that he has finally acquiesced in the plans of the military party to stake everything on a huge military gamble, hoping to break the allies before Germany breaks. Recent detailed information from Germany, which is explicit or tacitly admitted, makes a different conclusion impossible. The German people, sustained for a long time in the hope of supplies of foodstuffs from Russia are now discovering that it is more likely that Russia will become a burden instead of a help to Germany. The only Russian area where hope was derived of food supplies was the Ukraine, whose break with the Ukrainians and determination to join hands with Roumania to continue the struggle, deprive Germany of this hope. The Ukraine is the richest portion of Russia, with a population about equal to that of the United States at the beginning of the American Civil War, and is therefore an important military factor if effectively utilized. For which sound reason it is believed the allies are taking effective steps to the contrary.

The only thing that is plentiful in Germany this Christmas is children's toys. Shiploads of these, manufactured before August, 1914, and intended for the British market have been heretofore unmarketed because the manufacturers hoped for peace and the British market, and are now selling throughout Germany. German children are delighted at receiving miniature battle ships named Drake, Nelson and Trafalgar, and toy trains labelled Scotch Limited and Northern Express.

An earthquake shock of great intensity was recorded at Gonzales Heights observatory, Victoria B.C. Ex-Ald. Henry Greenless of London, Ont., a well-known barber, was found dead at his home, stricken with heart failure during the night.

Louis Pearce, a well-known dairy farmer of Concession 6, Norwich township, South Oxford, suddenly dropped dead while chatting with the mail carrier.

Patterns for British, French and Italian submarine chasers were destroyed by a mysterious fire in the G.H. Thatcher Co.'s plant at Albany, N. Y.

Technical students of high standing will not be required to enlist under the U. S. draft, but will have to join the Engineers Reserve.

The Boston and Maine R. R. is again cutting its passenger service in order to economize on fuel.

BRANT-OLA

"THE PHONOGRAPH OF MERIT"

In less than two years the Brant-ola, the product of a Brantford factory, has taken its place in the front rank of Phonographs. This has not been accomplished through extensive advertising but purely on merit.

A Demonstration OF THESE WONDERFUL INSTRUMENTS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE Tea Pott Inn FOR TEN DAYS COMMENCING Dec. 20th

The Exhibit will be in charge of one of our experts and an invitation is extended to every one to see the product of a Brantford Industry

Concerts Afternoon and Evenings

BRANTFORD PIANO CASE CO., LIMITED

PAINT CANADIAN HEROISM

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Dec. 25.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency) The story of Canada's glorious deeds in the war, at Ypres and elsewhere, which already have been told in glowing colors by some of the most distinguished artists of the day, British and Canadian. Under the auspices of the Canadian war records office, a war memorial has been inaugurated with Lord Rothermere as chairman and Lord Beaverbrook as a member of the committee. The fund now amounts to about \$75,000, the whole of it has been raised in the United Kingdom and Canada by the propaganda section of the Dominion Government, the object of which is to tell the people of Canada down to the smallest detail what their share has been in the war.

ZBYSKO CHAMPION

By Courier Leased Wire
Boston, Dec. 25.—Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, defeated Youssouf Hussane, in a wrestling match announced as for the world's heavyweight title, here last night. Zbyszko won the first fall in one hour and forty minutes. His opponent was unable to continue.

WELTERWEIGHT BOUT

By Courier Leased Wire
Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 25.—Tommy Robson, of Malden, got the decision over Fred Dyer of Australia in a 12 round bout here last night. The men are welterweights.

WINNING PRAYER

By Courier Leased Wire
Edinburgh, Dec. 25.—St. Andrew's University has awarded the first prize of \$500 to Rev. Samuel McComb, of Baltimore, in the first competition under a trust established last year for essays on "Prayer." The competitors are open to the world with essays in any language. There were 1,700 competitors. The other prizes were awarded as follows: Two to England, one to Switzerland and one to India.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Xmas Old Country Football Results

London, Dec. 25.—The football results Monday were:
London Combination
Chelsea 4; Clapton Orient 1; West Ham 2; Crystal Palace 1; Tottenham H. 6; Millwall 0; Fulham 1; Arsenal 1; Brentford 1; Queen's Park 1.
Midland Section
Birmingham 0; Leicester Foss 0; Sheffield U. 1; Sheffield Wed. 0; Hull 1; Grimsby 0.
Yorkshire Section
Rotherham 4; Barnsley 1; Bradford 2; Bradford City 1; Leeds City 3; Huddersfield 0.
Lancashire Section
Burnley 1; Blackpool 1; Preston 2; Blackburn Rovers 0.

New vessels in course of construction for the U. S. navy total \$24, in addition to 350 submarine chasers, which will be in service early in the spring.

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Food from Russia is expected to reach Austria soon.
Christmas in London is sober, but without distress.
China has ordered the Bolsheviks in Harbin to depart.
A Federal enquiry is to be held into the packing industry across the border.
Although the acreage of winter wheat in the States is the highest on record, its condition is the lowest ever recorded.

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--By Wellington

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HUH? A MUSTACHE? ME? WOT'S TH IDEA?

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WHAT TH SAM HILL HAS MY RAISIN A MUSTACHE GOT Y DO WITH THAT SAR-HEAD'S FEELIN'S?

WHY—I-IM AFRAID THE DEAR BOY WOULD FEEL BADLY IF HE WERE TO REALIZE THAT HE'D MADE YOU A USELESS XMAS GIFT, AND I HAPPEN TO KNOW—

—THAT HE'S GOING TO GIVE YOU A MUSTACHE-CUP?

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Eastern Standard Time
2:01 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and New York.

MAIN LINE WEST
Departures
3:46 a.m.—For Hamilton, Port Huron and Chicago.

BUFFALO AND GODEFRICH LINE
Leave Brantford 10:55 a.m.—For Buffalo and intermediate stations.

BRANTFORD-TILSONBURG LINE
Leave Brantford 10:55 a.m.—For Tilsonburg, Port Dover and St. Thomas.

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From West—Arrive Brantford 2:01 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 9:20 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 12:50 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway
Leave Brantford 6:55 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m.

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ENEMY MOVES TROOPS FROM RUSSIA AGAINST ITALY

New Divisions Make Latest Attacks on Line of Branta River—Italians Win Back in Sanguinary all Day Engagement Positions, Previously Lost

Rome, Dec. 25.—In a desperate battle, which lasted all day yesterday the Italians fought their way back to the positions from which they were forced the previous day to announce the Berlin official statement of Monday.

NEW BATTALION FOR THE DRAFTEES Unit to Have Branches at Brantford, Niagara Falls and Oshawa

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Arrangements are under way for the formation of the fourth Depot Battalion in this district, to be known as the 2nd Central Ontario Regiment, and to be divided among Brantford, Niagara Falls and Oshawa, according to the usual accommodation provided at the different centres.

The commissions of some 400 Texas Rangers have been revoked following information that they had secured the position to escape the U. S. draft laws.

PHOTO FRAMES

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Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 25.—Having devoted all their attention last week to trying to get down the San Lorenzo Valley leading to the plain, the enemy has suddenly turned his attention in the last 24 hours to the Franzela Valley, which gives another line of approach to the lower level.

Menace to Venice Removed

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

FREE PRISONERS OVER 43 YEARS OLD

Agreement Between French and German Governments for Exchange of Captives GO TO SWITZERLAND Failure of Negotiations for Repatriation of Men Under 40

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

BLAZE IN LUMBER YARD

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 26.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Rice's Point saw-mill and lumber yards of the Alger Smith Lumber Company, causing a loss of \$500,000 in buildings and lumber and cut off street railway communication between Duluth and Superior through destruction of the Duluth end of the Interstate Bridge.

LANGFORD

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Rev. Mr. Down occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning giving a Christmas sermon.

Several from here attended the Christmas entertainment held at the Brant last week.

FIRE AT LONG BRANCH

Long Branch, N.Y., Dec. 26.—Fire today destroyed four frame buildings fronting the board walk which parallels the bathing beach and burned away a section of the walk. The property loss was estimated at \$200,000. Two of the structures were apartment houses and twenty-two families were made homeless.

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On the British Front
The first statement by the British War Office dealing with the Italian front, was issued last night. The text reads: "Since a portion of the Italian front was taken over by the British troops there has been a change in the situation on the British front."

THE REX.
"Somewhere on the Water" is the sparkling, scintillating tabloid musical comedy offering of Leroy Osborne and the Apple Blossom Girls.

MAIL DELAYED.
Many people throughout Canada doubtless were disappointed yesterday at not receiving expected letters from soldier friends overseas.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Cattle, received, 13,000; market, strong; beefs, \$7.45 to \$14.40; Western steers, \$6.65 to \$10.30; cows and heifers, \$5.30 to \$11.40; calves, \$8.50 to \$15.50.

Music and Drama

THE GRAND
Patrons of the Grand had an opportunity Christmas night of witnessing one of the finest musical productions which has visited Brantford in many years.

"LLAC TIME"
The fight against myths and legends, as Brande says, is one of the most hopeless ever waged by man.

THE BRANT
The Brant theatre district houses over the holiday and offers a fine Christmas feature program.

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Special Holiday Attraction
2 Shows Xmas Night 7 and 9 p.m.
LeRoy Osborne AND THE Apple Blossom Girls In Tabloid Musical Comedy Somewhere on the Water

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Brant Theatre

MARY PICKFORD In her latest Big Success "The Little Princess" An interesting Story from English life

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Pauline Frederick In her greatest Screen Achievement "The Hungry Heart"

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GRAND OPERA HOUSE MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31st, JANUARY 1st and 2nd. MATINEE EVERY DAY AT 2:30 SIR HERBERT TREE AND CONSTANCE COLLIER IN MACBETH A stupendous Film Version of Shakespeare's Masterpiece Supervised by D. W. Griffith. PRICES—Matinee all seats 15c; Evening 15c, 25c, at few at 35c

I wonder what's wrong with my Tea? My! This certainly IS good Tea. The woman on the left bought some "cheap" tea. You can see she's not pleased. She's sorry now she tried to save a few cents by buying the "cheap" tea. How different with the woman on the right. The fragrance of her tea tells her how good it is. She paid a few cents more for Red Rose Tea than the other woman paid for her "cheap" tea—and besides Red Rose will prove more economical in the end! Because of the rich flavor and vigorous strength of the Assam teas of which Red Rose chiefly consists, it will make 250 cups to the pound, or about a fifth of a cent a cup. So cheap that the very poorest can afford it, so good that the rich can find nothing better. Kept Good by the Sealed Package. T. H. Estabrooks Co., Limited St. John, Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton.

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BRITISH RAID CITY ON RHINE

Air Reprisals on Germany Have at Last Been Begun in Earnest

BOMBS WERE DROPPED Fires Started in Mannheim and Much Damage Caused

ONE MACHINE MISSING

Seven of the Enemy's Planes Were Brought Down by the British

London, Dec. 25.—A British air squadron has successfully bombed the city of Mannheim, the great Rhine commercial centre, and one of the most important bases for the re-arming of the Germans on the western front. Numerous fires were started in this city, a ton of bombs being dropped. The British squadron had numerous combats with German aeroplanes in this expedition, and one of the British machines was forced to make a landing.

The text of the statement reads: "The enemy's machines were very active on Sunday, and five of them were brought down in air fighting, three of them falling in our lines. Two other hostile machines were brought down in our lines by anti-aircraft gunfire. One of these latter was a large twin-engine machine with three occupants, who were made prisoner.

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

ECHO PLACE NEWS

(From our own Correspondent.) Miss Blanche Holland is spending her holidays with her mother in West Lorne.

Miss Lillian Tear and Mr. Tear are visiting in Cleveland.

Women's Institute met last Thursday at which meeting Mrs. Williams gave an excellent report of the convention in Toronto.

Mr. Hart is still suffering from the shock he received when struck by a radial car.

Mr. and Mrs. Fonger journeyed to Hamilton last Wednesday to attend a wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. McIrvine were guests in Hamilton last Wednesday.

Master Walter Myers is around again after a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Gress received word this week that her son had been badly hurt in Toronto.

Echo Place school gave a concert last Monday evening, which was well

CANADIAN SOLDIERS VOTING OVERSEAS



A WOUNDED SOLDIER IN HOSPITAL TAKING THE OATH BEFORE VOTING.



attended, proceeds going to the Red Cross. Cainsville school gave their closing concert Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Geo. Smith, Locks Road, is entertaining friends from Brockville during the Christmas holidays.

Rippling Rhymes

I've done my stunt as Santa Claus, with horse-hair whiskers on my jaws, I ran the Christmas tree; and all the Christmas gifts in sight were reminiscent of the fight that's on across the sea. My little girl, Evangeline, drew down a large tin submarine, and never raised a bawl. She said this instrument of crimes was more in keeping with the times than any sawdust doll. The baby drew a cartridge case, and happy smiles lit up his face, where I expected tears; Aunt Sarah got a flashing blade, and said for that she'd prayed and prayed for many weary years. One kid received a bright tin lance, and one a steed that couldn't prance, because its legs were oak; and there were soldiers made of zinc, lieutenants blue and colonels pink, and other warlike folk. There was no sign of peace worth upon that Christmas tree; my grandsire drew an aeroplane, and said a gift more safe and sane he surely ne'er did see. And even candy stuff was wrought in shape of cannon ball and shot, and bomb and hand grenades; and as I ply my creaking pen I wonder if good will to men must permanently fade.

SIDE TALKS

ALL PROVERBS AREN'T TRUE

There is the strangest notion current among us that because a point of view has passed into a proverb or a fable, it is necessarily true and right and not to be argued against. I was brought to a sudden and poignant realization of this notion the other day when some question came of asking a friend who had helped us when we were down, to help another friend. "I'd hate to do it," said my worldly wise advisor. "He may not like it." "But he seemed glad to help us," I pointed out. "Yes," said the worldly wise one, "but maybe he thinks that's enough. You know," he finished triumphantly, "the fable of the lame dog and the doctor. You don't want to be a lame dog, do you?"

I Let Myself be Squelched. "I suppose not," I said, feeling quite squelched. But afterwards when I fell to thinking it over to myself I began to feel quite differently, and to seethe with answers I might have made him (I believe I have told you of my cousin who declares he is going to write a book to get in the wise and witty answers he thinks of after the opportunity to make them has passed). Who Was the Villain? You are know the fable. The doctor helped the dog with the broken paw, the next day the dog came back with another dog, and the next day with still another. And as I remember the fable, the doctor repented and having helped the first dog, there isn't any definite moral attached but the idea seems to be that one should take all the help one can get but not make a nuisance of oneself by asking it for anyone else. The lame dog is supposed to be the villain of the tale. To my mind the doctor was the villain. He could do one kind act but he balked at doing more. No, to be sure he couldn't give up his practice to fix lame dogs' paws, but he could do as much as he could himself and organize his brother doctors to help with the rest. From what I've seen of doctors, I am sure they would have done it willingly. Shrewdness Is Sometimes Allied To Meanness. I don't see why we should worship proverbs and fables so. They are shrewd, to be sure, but their shrewdness often comes very close to meanness. Stevenson speaks scornfully of "cowardly proverbs."

King As Angler. Vivid Tale of Fight With a Salmon. An article in a French paper describing King George salmon fishing is too good to be lost. It runs (in translation) "He is an angler of the first force, this King of Britain. Behold him there, as he sits motionless under his umbrella patiently regarding his many-colored boats! How obstinately he contends with the elements! It is a summer day of Britain; that is to say, a day of sleet, and fog, and tempest. But what would you? It is as they love it, those who would follow the sport. Presently the King's boat begins to descend. My! but how he strikes! The hook is implanted in the very bowels of the salmon. The King rises. He spurns aside his foot-stool. He strides strongly and swiftly toward the rear. In good time the salmon comes to approach himself to the bank. Ah! The King has cast aside his rod. He hurls himself flat on the ground on his victim. They splash, and struggle in the icy water. Name of a dog! But it is a brave lad! The gillie, a kind of outdoor domestic, administers the coup de grace with his pistol. The King cries with a very shrill voice: 'Hip! Hip! Hurrah!' On these red-letter days his Majesty George dines on a haggis. Like a true Scotman, he wears only a kilt."

We need not add, says an English paper, that the description is meant to be most complimentary to the King, in spite of the lively imagination of the writer. Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Good Night Stories

MAMMA'S SNOW MAN STORY. Teddy and Larry came into the house cross and ugly. They had made a snow man, but he'd melted as soon as he was finished. "Things generally go wrong with little boys when they won't let their sisters play with them," said mamma kindly, and she told them this story: One day Johnny and Jerry went out to make a snow man. They wouldn't let their sister, Doris, play with them, so she sat on her sled and watched them roll a great big snowball and put a smaller one on top of it. "That's his head!" laughed Doris. "Go on and play with your dolls!" growled Johnny. And then—what do you think—the boys heard a squaky voice sing: "What kind of a man I'd like to know, Even if he's fashioned from the snow." Pray what kind of a man would he be, if he hadn't any eyes to see? The boys thought their sister was making fun of them, and they threw snowball at her. "She'll have us believing the Snow Man is singing," cried Jerry, as he put in two pieces of coal for eyes. But scarcely had they done so when the voice sang: Oh, thank you boys, it's nice to see, And now just take a glance at me;

LADY'S APRON

By Anabel Worthington.

An entirely new departure from the usual style of kitchen apron is this one illustrated in No. 8496. The upper section is cut so that it hangs straight and it looks somewhat like one of the popular chemise dresses. The neck is cut generously low so that the apron can be easily slipped on over the head. The back section is cut in one with the belt, which buttons at the front. The two piece skirt section is brought in with shallow pleats to fit the upper part. The lady's apron pattern No. 8496 is cut in three sizes—36, 40 and 44 inches bust measure. The 36 inch size requires 4 3/4 yards 27 inch or 3 3/4 yards 36 inch, with 3/4 yards seam binding.



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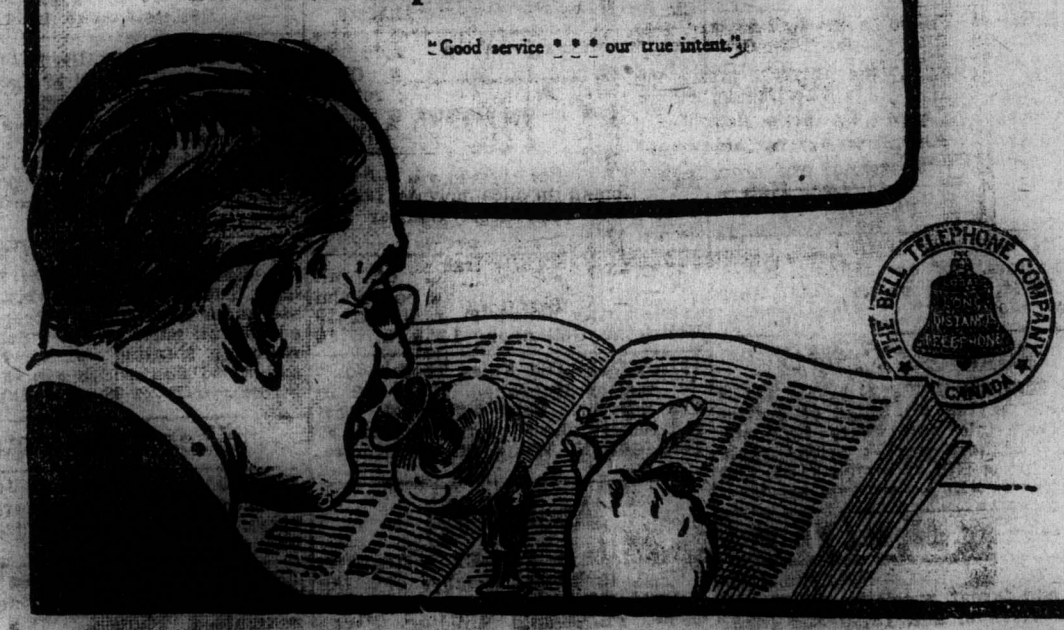
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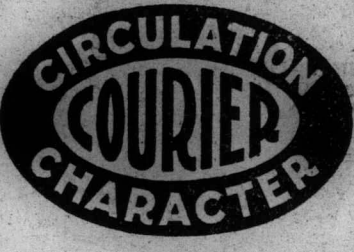
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STRAYED - From the premises of Mrs. A. Ramsay at Langford; a black and white yearling heifer. L24
LOST - 10 Dollar bill, between Woolworths and Ogilvie's; Reward at 177 Wellington street.
LOST - Post Office deposit book much worn. Reward at Courier Office.

Even Alexander and Killifer Will Not Rejuvenate the Cubs

Though the Chicago club has been greatly strengthened by the addition of its roster of Grover Cleveland Alexander and Bill Killifer, it is not yet of championship calibre, and Cub fans who believe that Mitchell's team will win the pennant in 1918 are likely to be sadly disappointed unless the industrious Charles Weeghman can put over a few more sensational deals. Conceding that Alexander will probably receive more assistance from Jim Vaughn and Phil Douglas than he did from any two pitchers on the staff of the Philadelphia club, the fact that a good pitching staff cannot win a pennant with poor support, and their mates to handicap them has been demonstrated a great many times in the history of baseball. For instance, Tyler, Neft and Barnes all pitched good ball for the Braves this year, but their work was nullified by the loose play behind them. Weeghman has announced that his quest for high grade players has so far been ended with the purchase of the Philadelphia stars, and it is a matter of record that he is particularly anxious to secure Rogers Hornsby for the Cardinals. Weeghman says that he will pay a big price for the young star, and Branch Rickey, in rebuttal, declares that there isn't a chance in the world of Hornsby being sold to the Cubs or to any other club in the league, and that he is inclined to trade Zach Wheat for George Whitted, but Pat Moran rightly insisted Whitted one of the greatest players in the league, and Rickey didn't part with him for a good deal. Wheat in undeniably a fine fielder and a great hitter, but Whitted in all around ability is conceded by shrewd baseball men to be the Indian's superior. George, in addition to his quality as an outfielder, can and does play first base remarkably well, is a consistently good hitter and is a better base runner and smarter ball player than Wheat. Jack Coombs once pronounced Whitted to be the best individual player everything considered, in the National League, and Moran is inclined to agree with the veteran pitcher in his judgment of the little Tarheel's class.



Girlish Dignity

is considerably enhanced by the wearing of glasses. But, apart from the dignity, the absence of headaches is alone a good reason for wearing them. It is a well-known fact that many feminine headaches particularly are the result of disordered vision. Relieving the eye strain, relieves the head. Come for an examination and we will prove it.

Dr. S. J. Harvey

Manufacturing Optician. Phone 1478 8 S. Market St. Open Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

Girls Wanted

Girls for various departments of knitting mill, good wages, light work. Previous experience not necessary. The Watson Manufacturing Co., Ltd., holmdale.

TINSMITHS

Roach & Cleator
Late Howie and Fesly
Rear of Temple Bldg.
The Fall is here. Cold weather will follow. Look to your repairs. Furnace work a specialty. Agents for "New Idea" Furnace ESTIMATES GIVEN

BOY WANTED

To Learn Printing Business
Good Wages to Start
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Bowling

Four teams rolled in the two-man pin tournament at the Assembly alleys Monday night. Geo. Matthews was again boss bowler, with 617. The scores:
Crowley 178 133 170 481
Cleator 121 119 124 364
McCauley 204 237 176 617
Matthews 176 179 135 490
Wagner 150 126 155 431
Hilborn 171 190 167 517

Electric Work

Let the Returned Soldier do your Electric work. All orders given prompt attention.
ELECTRIC WIRING, REPAIRING & SUPPLIES
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El Pak Clear Havana Cigars 10 to 25 cents
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Relieves all Female Complaints. 25c a box or three for \$1.00 at drug stores. Mailed to any address on receipt of price. T. J. DeVAN, 240 St. Catharines, Ontario.

WESTERN LAND REGULATIONS

The sole head of a family, or any man over 18 years of age, who at the commencement of the present war, and has since continued to be a British subject or a subject of an allied or neutral country, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion Land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for District. Entry by proxy may be made on certain conditions. Duties - Six months residence upon and cultivation of land in each of three years.

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Elocution

MISS SQUIRE will resume her classes in psychology, elocution, oratory, dramatic art, and literature on Monday, October 1st. All subjects are taught on the Mind Development principle. Studio 13 Peel Street.

Boy's Shoes

HAND MADE, machine finished, all solid leather, sizes 11 to 5. All shoe repairs of a kind. W. S. Pettit, 10 South Market street.

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TO RENT - Furnished Cottage on Brant avenue. Apply Jno. S. Dowling & Co., Limited. T 2247
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CARRIE M. HESS, D. C., AND FRANK CROSS, D. C., Graduates of the Universal Chiropractic College, Davenport, Ia. Office in Ballantyne Building, 195 Colborne St. Office hours 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Evenings by appointment. Phone Bell 3025.

Contractor

JOHN MCGRAW AND SON, contractors. Get our tender before you build. Office phone 1227, residence phone 1228, 5 Kinz Street.

Business Cards

BRANTFORD BOTTLE EXCHANGE - I am buying all kinds of bottles, paper, metals and waste products. Applying highest market price. Apply 153 Terrace Hill or phone 2188, and our wagon will be at your service.

Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat

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Miscellaneous Wants

WANTED - To buy, used records. Apply Box 376 Courier. M1W12
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WANTED - Housekeeper, by working man with child 4 years. No 5 Crandell Ave., off Mohawk Road. Apply noon or after 6. F114

Osteopathic

DR. CHRISTIE IRWIN - Graduate of American School of Osteopathy is now at 38 Nelson street, office hours; 9 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Bell telephone 1380. M1W10
DR. C. H. SAUDER - Graduate of American School of Osteopathy, Kirkville, Missouri. Office Suite 6, Temple Building, 76 Dalhousie St. Residence, 85 Edgerston St. Office phone 1544, house phone 312. Office hours: 9 to 12 a.m., 2 to 5 p.m. evenings by appointment at the house or office.
DR. GANDLER, Bank of Hamilton Building. Hours 9 to 8. Evenings, Tuesday and Saturday. Graduate under Discoverer. Osteopathy reads into all parts of the human body, restoring freedom of nerve energy and blood flow which are the greatest essentials of good health.

Architects

WILLIAM O. TILLEY - Registered Architect, Member of the Ontario Association of Architects. Office, 11 Temple Building, Phone 1991.

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Homework

WOULD you like \$1 or \$2 daily at home, knitting your socks on Auto Kniters? Experience unnecessary. Send 3c stamp. Dept. 12C, Auto Knitter Company, College St., Toronto. D117

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BRING your Repairs to Johnson's Electric Shoe Repair stores, Single Place. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 487 Machine.

Dental

DR. RUSSELL, Dentist - Latest American methods of painless dentistry, 401 Colborne St., opposite the Market over Western Counties Office, Phone 208.

SITUATIONS VACANT

FOR SALE - Hardwood, Beech and maple of the very best quality. Cut suitable for any stove or furnace. Stovewood, \$8 to 14 inches, \$8.00 per cord. Furnace blocks \$8 cord. Delivered to any part of the city. T. H. Martin, 548 Colborne St. Bell phone 2450. A141
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FOR SALE - Loudon Farm, 110 acres, part lot 47, 2nd Concession Brantford Township, 5 miles northeast of Brantford. Good grain and stock farm. Apply, Andrew L. Baird, K.C., Brantford.

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POPE HOPES FOR PEACE

Rome, Dec. 25. - Pope Benedict XV., president of the council of the Sacred College for an exchange of Christmas greetings, in answer to an address delivered by Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, dean of the Holy See, the pope renewed his recommendation for incessant prayers for peace. The Holy Father expressed hope for a brighter future and rejoiced at the liberation of countries from the clutches of the HUSBAND KILLER DEAD. By Courier Leased Wire. Halifax, Dec. 25. - Carmelo Sofo Marbut, the Italian woman, who was found guilty of the murder of her husband at Picton, and who was sentenced to be hanged on January 15 died Christmas Day in the Electric chair. Death was due to rheumatic fever and heart trouble. Her partner in the crime Natalie Nerli, who is also under sentence of death on the same date, has been greatly affected by the death of Carmelo.

A LOGICAL MEASURE

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 24. - The News, which is one of the two Toronto papers still publishing liquor advertisements, says editorially: "The clause forbidding the shipment of liquors into a province which has prohibitory laws of its own will destroy the big trade carried on from Montreal. Canada is apparently about to become 'bone dry' from coast to coast for the period of the war and one year. So far as we remember, these are the most sweeping liquor laws yet adopted by any country in the world. Dominion prohibition is a logical successor to the Victory Loan and selective draft.

CENSOR FOREIGN MAILS

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 24. - Censorship of foreign mails authorized by the trading with the enemy law, now is in full force under a board on which the post office, war and navy departments, the war trade board and the committee on public information are represented. The board is in close co-operation with the British and French censorships; it will continue with censorship of foreign mails the present censorship of wireless and cables.

TORONTO NOMINATIONS

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 24. - The nominations for municipal elections took place at noon to-day. The result that for mayoralty there are but two in the field, Mayor Thomas J. Church, who is opposed for the mayoralty chair by Controller R. H. Cameron, Harry Wineberg, the Socialist candidate, decided not to come out and Major Riches, who had been announced as a soldiers' candidate also balked. There are ten out for the four seats on the Board of Control.

NO CERTAINS ON BOOTHS

Geuph has followed Brantford in ordering restaurants and cafes to do away with all curtains and screens on their booths. A resolution to this dentistry, 401 Colborne St., opposite the Market over Western Counties Office, Phone 208.

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By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Dec. 24. - Foreign minister, told us that they resolve to just to all belligerent annexations and in a guarantee that Russia toward the Central Powers.

Count Czernin of the Russian Russian condemnation. It is necessary, the proposals could be to adhere to the terms.

The Austro-Hungarian intend to forcibly an political independence. The question of dence to another government and its ernment. The protection peoples to self-defin.

In the event of a by the war, Count C its subjects made deliberate violations a special fund for the event that the other. The chairman of the to make peace with oples. He demurred complete. He said rights of little and their lawful rights.

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When Dominion Lands are advertised or posted for entry, returned soldiers who have served overseas and have been honorably discharged, receive one day priority in applying for entry at the Land Office (but not Sub-Agency). Discharge papers must be presented to Agent.

Deputy Minister of the Interior. N.B. - Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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