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HUN PEACE TERMS UNACCEPTABLE

WM. PROUDFOOT, K.C. SELECTED AS TEMPORARY LIBERAL HEAD OF THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE IN CONFERENCE AT TORONTO

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Wm. Proudfoot, K. C., of Centre Huron, is the new temporary leader of the Liberal party in Ontario in succession to Hon. N. W. Rowell. The selection was made at a conference of Liberal M. P. P.s. and prospective candidates, in the rooms of the Ontario Reform Association this afternoon. The decision was unanimous, declared Chas. M. Bowman, chief Liberal whip, who called the conference together and presided over the gathering. Several other names were mentioned, but they withdrew in favor of Mr. Proudfoot.

Decision Unanimous.

The name of Mr. Bowman was mentioned at he beginning of the meeting, but he waived his claim of seniority, said Mr. Wm. MacDonald of North Bruce afterwards to The Advertiser. Mr. Dewart and J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex) were also mentioned, but they withdrew their names, making the decision unanimous, added Mr. MacDonald.

"Mr. Proudfoot will be our leader in the House during the coming session," said Mr. Bowman, "and a provincial convention will be called during the session for the purpose of appointing a permanent leader."

This afternoon the members will meet again in the Reform Association rooms to consider matters relating to organization. Among the M. P. P.'s present were Scott Davidson, North Brant; Joseph H. Ham, South Brant; William MacDonald, North Bruce; W. R. Ferguson, East Kent; Tom Marshall, Lincoln; J. C. Elliott, West Middlesex; Lieut.-Col. T. R. Atkinson, North Norfolk; J. A. Pinard, East Ottawa; W. J. Lowe, Peel; T. Wellington Hay, Listowel; Damase Racine, Russell; Z. Mageau, Sturgeon Falls, and Mr. Richardson, East Hamilton.

Today's choice of a leader was in accordance with the recommendation of a small committee of five, who have had the question under consideration for several weeks and any division of opinion that may have existed was overcome by the withdrawal of the other names mentioned.

90 MEN ACROSS BORDER DONNED CANADIAN KHAKI

December Month-End Recruiting Shows Big Percentage From Recruiting Mission.

W. O. R. GOT 103 MEN

Bar Against All But Married Men On This Side of Line Kept Figures Down.

Out of 159 men who volunteered their services for the Canadian army during the last half of the month of December 90 signed up at the various offices of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission in the United States.

The remaining 69 were attested in Canada; but this is not considered as poor a showing as it might at first appear, for it must be remembered that only married men over the age of 34 are now available as recruiting prospects in Canada.

The 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, secured by far the greatest number of men 103 having gone to that unit during the fortnight. Next in order came the 63rd Depot Battery, which secured 19, the Forestry and Railway Construction Corps 18, the Canadian Engineers 11, No. 1 Special Service Company 4, 7th Regiment Guard Details 2, No. 1 Detachment of Military Police and A. M. C. Training Depot No. 1 one each.

The Canadians both in the United states and in Canada made an excellent showing, leading other nationalities with 62 men, while the natives of England followed with 35. Scotland and Ireland each had six representatives, Russia had three, and 47 men were of other nationalities, including many Armenians and many citizens of the United States.

SUCCUMBS TO BURNS IN GAS EXPLOSION

One Dead and Another Seriously Injured In Ingersoll Accident.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, Jan. 3.—Meri. D. Montgomery, manager of the Ingersoll Gas Light Company, who was terribly burned in the mysterious explosion at the gas works late yesterday afternoon, succumbed to his injuries in Alexandra Hospital about 4 o'clock this morning. Montgomery, who was an experienced gas man, had been in Ingersoll for over four years. He was in his 31st year, and leaves a widow. His home was in Pennsylvania. As manager of the local gas plant he was universally popular. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M. A private funeral will be held and the arrangements have not yet been made. The condition of Harley Ison, the other victim of the explosion, is very serious.

HYMN WRITER DEAD.

Wilmington, Vt., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, author of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour," died at her home here today at the age of 83.

WAR LORDS ARE WELL SCARED AT THE PEACE SNAG

Hurry Up Conference Between the Kaiser and His Councillors.

SOCIALISTS AGGRESSIVE

Demand Calling of Reichstag To Discuss Negotiations With Russia.

London, Jan. 3.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, dispatches from Amsterdam, reflecting news from Berlin, show, has aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Emperor William yesterday received in joint audience Chancellor von Hertling, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Gen. von Ludendorff, Finance Minister von Roedern and Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann. The foreign affairs committee of the German Bundesrat, under the presidency of Count von Dandl, discussed the Russian situation at the chancellor's palace.

Everybody Busy.

Chancellor von Hertling had a long conversation with Admiral von Tirpitz, the former minister of marine and Emperor Charles received in audience, Professor Kucharzevski, the Polish premier.

Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann's return to Brest-Litovsk, after a hurried visit to Berlin, is said to have created a surprise as did his conference with Reichstag leaders who were summoned suddenly.

Leaders of all parties were present at the conference, according to information, received in Amsterdam, and they informed Lr. von Kuehlmann that they adhered strongly to the demand that the Reichstag be summoned as speedily as possible. It is expected that the demand will be discussed at Thursday's session of the Reichstag in committee, which Chancellor von Hertling will attend.

Outspoken.

The feature of the conference is said to have been the outspoken speeches of Philipp Scheidemann and Freiderich Ebert, for the official Socialists, and Hugo Haase, for the Independent Socialists. They are credited with having told von Kuehlmann that his attitude in the Russian negotiations was prejudicial to peace. They told him that to say one day that Germany wanted no Russian territory, and to say the next day that it wanted virtually all territory occupied by German troops justified Entente statesmen in declining to place confidence in the word of Germany's leaders. The foreign secretary is said, however, to have made complete explanations."

It is reported that both von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, the Austria-Hungarian foreign secretary returned to Brest-Litovsk, where they were expected to arrive yesterday with new instructions.

Not For Just Peace.

The Leipzig Volks Zeitung, leading Independent Socialist paper, commenting on the Brest-Litovsk situation and the activities of von Kuehlmann and the Government, says:

"Germany now reveals her eastern peace aims. Everybody in Germany, Russia and Entente countries now knows that she is not aiming at a just peace without annexations and indemnities, such as von Kuehlmann depicted, but at a peace providing for an enormous increase in Germany's military, political and economic strength. . . . These intentions must strengthen the war will of the Entente. Germany intends really to annex all territories she now holds. Her excuse that the populations of these territories have declared their willingness to be severed from Russia is untrue. Individuals may have done so, but they always have been irresponsible, acting on some German suggestion."

50 PER CENT OF TRAINS OPERATING FROM CHICAGO ARE TO BE ELIMINATED

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Approximately 50 per cent of the passenger trains operating west, northwest and southwest out of Chicago will be eliminated if tentative plans made by railroad committees are put into effect, it was announced today. Definite announcement as to what course the railroads will take will be made known in a few days, it was said.

TWENTY ARE KILLED IN PETROGRAD CRASH

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—Eleven hundred airplane machine guns and a quantity of ammunition were destroyed and approximately twenty persons were killed as the result of a mysterious fire and explosion today in a military depot in the Gutuyevsky Basin in Petrograd.

NO GOVT. PLAN TO TAKE OVER THE PACKERS

No Such Action Under Consideration, Asserts Food Controller.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Inquiry at the office of the food controller this morning elicited the information that there is no foundation for the statement made at Toronto by Gideon Grant to the effect that the food controller's department would take over the control of packing houses on March 1 next. Such action is not under consideration by the Government.

MONTREAL GETS FULL QUOTA OF THE DRAFT ARMY

Fifty More Than the Required Number Reported—No Trouble.

PLAN WORKS SMOOTHLY

Believed That First Draft Will Total Twenty Thousand Men.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—The full quota of men called up for service under the Military Service Act, which was put into force here today, were all in barracks by 11:30. The men called numbered 250, and about fifty more men than expected turned up. No trouble of any kind was reported.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The first draft of men under the military service act joined the colors today. Reports received here from all points indicate that arrangements are working smoothly and without a hitch. The men are reporting for duty in daily batches, as required by registered notices sent out by the district registrars, and will be taken on strength of the depot battalions as rapidly as they can be handled and equipped.

Publication of the exact number of men called out in the first draft is regarded as inadvisable from the military point of view, but it is understood to be in excess of 20,000. Further drafts will be called out as military necessities require. Under the provisions of the military service act, the total number to be called up is limited to 100,000.

BRANTFORD SERVED NOTICE.

Brantford, Jan 3.—One hundred local draftees received notices this morning to report at Toronto on January 5. The armories, old postoffice and tabernacle here are now ready to receive draftees from headquarters. Brantford men are to be sent to outside points, all men stationed here being from other centres.

REPORT EARLY AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—The mobilization centre at Exhibition Camp was the scene of considerable activity this morning, and although the draftees were not due till noon, the first arrivals came at 7 a.m., and before 11 o'clock some hundreds of new soldiers of military district No. 2 had been sworn.

SIR EDWARD MORRIS TO RESIGN OFFICE

Newfoundland's Premier May Be Succeeded By Dr. Lloyd.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 3.—Premier Morris, now in London, announces his retirement from politics and resignation of the premiership. He has been in London since October on official business and proposes to reside there henceforth. Possibly he may be appointed high commissioner for the colony. His successor will likely be Dr. Wm. Lloyd, now minister of justice, and at present acting premier. Dr. Lloyd is the parliamentary head of the party formed by a union of former Liberal associates of Sir Robert Bond and representatives of the Fishermen's Union, led by Mr. Wm. Coaker. These coalized after the last general election, and the past summer formed a union government with followers of Sir Edward Morris.

BRITISH AND FRENCH WIPED OUT AT IRKUTSK?

Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the British embassy from the British consul at Harbin, Manchuria, says the British and French residents of Irkutsk, Siberia, have been "exterminated" in the recent fighting against the Bolsheviki forces. The dispatch adds that Irkutsk was under heavy bombardment for two days, and much property was destroyed.

REV. R. C. OKE CALLED.

Brantford, Jan. 3.—Alexandra Presbyterian Church here has proffered a call to Rev. R. C. Oke of Toronto, a returned Canadian Expeditionary Force chaplain and a young clergyman of brilliant attainments. It is expected that the call will be accepted as he recently preached at Alexandra Church.



Advertiser Illustrations

Brest-Litovsk, showing the citadel, now in German occupation, where peace pourparlers were held.

"PRINTERS' DEVILS" MAKE MERRY FOR THE CANADIANS AROUND LENS WITH NEW YEAR'S THEATRICALS

BY W. A. WILLISON
(Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Jan. 3.—The new year finds the Canadians back in the old familiar positions before Lens. Indeed they have been here ever since the Passchendale battle, but it is only now that the censor permits mention of their location.

Canada in France has never welcomed the new year in better spirits or under better conditions. While a biting wind and many degrees of frost have made the days and nights bitterly cold, officers and men call this area home after years of great battles at Vimy, Hill 70, Lens and Passchendaele.

Quiet in Trenches.

Comparative quiet continues in the front line. The trenches are good, particularly where we are occupying old enemy lines and enjoying his deep dugouts. They are well ventilated, boarded and dry. It is so with his deeper dwellings, while in what once were villages further behind the line, the officers and men find some degree of shelter, warmth and comfort. I do not mean to minimize the hardships of the winter campaign, for hardships are inseparable from war, but the conditions are immeasurably better than they were on the Somme last year or in the salient six weeks ago. The health of all ranks is reported good. The physique and training of the reinforcements has given much satisfaction.

New Year's Celebration.

The Canadian corps which since its formation has never been out of the front line, remains there still, but it is having a comparative rest. As on Christmas Day, so on New Year's Day, and officers and men celebrated the event with becoming festivities. Dinners, moving picture shows, and concert parties all contributed to dim the reality of war, while the list of Canadians mentioned in dispatches added to the general good cheer.

The "Priners' Devils."

Outstanding among the performances given for the men was one by a division known to its friends as the printers' devils. On New Year's Eve at its headquarters and in a great lecture hall with a seating capacity of one thousand, the Maple Leaf Concert Party, made up of men from its ranks, gave the opening performance of the first pantomine played by any of the forces, British or French, within the war area. It was a unique opening night in theatrical history, for the performance approached the miraculous. There was an orchestra of fourteen pieces and real footlights brightened a 20-foot stage. Fourteen actors took part, many of them known professionally in England, the United States and Canada. All of them are active service men who had done their share in the line. There was a prologue and four scenes. The scenery was all painted at the front and depicted the exterior of a Chinese emperor's palace, an English country village, a demons' cavern and a palace interior. The name of the pantomine was "Aladin Francee," or better, "Alladdin France," and the Magic Lamp, Fairy and Demon were all seen on the board. A touch of war was given in the dialogue by the mutter of the guns out in the night, and in the character of the audience, which consisted largely of a battalion just out of the front-line trenches. The verdict of those present at the play was that it was marvellous and good enough for the London stage, where it is hoped it will yet be seen.

HEAVY FIGHTING WITH ARTILLERY

Batteries Busy On Aisne Front and Banks of Meuse.

Paris, Jan. 3.—"Heavy artillery fighting occurred during the night, especially on the Aisne front, in the region of Landricourt and Cavaliers-de-Courcy, in the sector of Maisons-de-Champagne, and on the right bank of the Meuse," says today's official report. "Two enemy raids, one south of the Oise, the other near Carnillet, were repulsed completely."

UKRAINIANS DEMAND BOLSHEVIKI FORCES SHALL BE WITHDRAWN

Twenty-four Hour Ultimatum Has Been Forwarded to the "Red" Government.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from Kiev reports that the Ukrainian Government has sent an ultimatum to the Bolsheviki, demanding that they withdraw their troops within 24 hours, and state whether they consider themselves at war or at peace with Ukraine. Shipments of sugar and grain to Northern Russia have been cut off.

POLES TRANSFERRED.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The Germans are reported to have transferred 300,000 civilian Poles and Lithuanians forcibly to Germany.

Gen. Korniloff, former commander-in-chief, and one of the leaders in the movement against the Bolsheviki, has arrived in the district of the Don Cossacks. (The death of Gen. Korniloff was reported unofficially on Tuesday.)

The members of former governments, who are under arrest in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul have abandoned their hunger strike.

DECIDING AGENTS NAMED FOR DEFECTIVE BALLOTS AMONGST SOLDIERS' VOTE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Several orders-in-council have been passed by the Government whose purpose it is to facilitate the counting and placing of the soldiers' ballots. In the case of a defective ballot upon which the scrutineers can't agree it is provided that overseas, Major Purney, assistant clerk of the crown in chancery, shall be the deciding agent; while in Canada, J. G. Foley, clerk of the crown in chancery, shall decide. In the case of ballots allotted to places of residence in Canada which do not actually exist or which cannot be located, such ballots shall be sent to Canada for identification.

MAYOR CALLS ON LONDONERS TO JOIN IN SERVICE

City Responds to King's Appeal to Make Sunday Day of Prayer.

HELD AT FIRST METHODIST

All Troops Stationed Here Will Participate in Afternoon Service.

Mayor Stevenson is issuing a proclamation to the citizens of London to attend a mass meeting in the First Methodist Church at 4:15 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, January 6, the city's recognition of the call to prayer on that day issued by the King to the Empire. Gen. Shannon, O. C., No. 1 Military District, is co-operating with the Ministerial Alliance in planning for the service, and the troops sationed here will be paraded to the service. Capt. (Rev.) MacGillivray, camp chaplain, was yesterday deputed by Gen. Shannon to represent him on the committee, composed of Mayor Stevenson, Rev. J. H. Boyd, president of the alliance; Rev. Dr. Dougall, vice-president; Rev. Byron Snell, recording secretary, and Rev. A. L. Beverley, corresponding secretary, to arrange for the service.

A meeting was held at 10 o'clock this forenoon to plan the program, and it was decided to confine the meeting to forty-five or fifty minutes. Rev. Dr. Tucker, rector of St. Paul's, will be the chief speaker; Rev. J. H. Boyd will preside, and others taking part, representing the different denominations, will be Capt. MacGillivray, Rev. R. G. Peever, Rev. H. H. Bingham, Rev. D. C. MacGregor and Rev. W. H. A. Claris.

AMERICAN BANK BRANCH SEIZED BY BOLSHEVIKI

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The Moscow branch of the National City Bank of New York, which for several days escaped the general order for the confiscation of all banks there, was seized by the Bolsheviki Sunday night. H. J. Dreyer, the manager, was not arrested.

TO CARRY SCHOOL CASE TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—It is the intention of the Ottawa Separate School Board to appeal to the privy council for a decision as to the constitutionality of the Ontario Provincial Government act which empowers the lieutenant-governor-in-council to name a school board to administer the separate schools.

RUSSIANS WILL NOT CONSENT TO TEUTONIC PEACE TERMS SAYS 'RED' FOREIGN MINISTER; GETS READY FOR HOSTILITIES

FOOD CARDS FOR ENGLAND

Compulsory Rationing To Be Put Into Effect, Govt. Announces.

London, Jan. 3.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in England soon, it was announced officially today.

THE WAR SITUATION

A crisis is nearing in the Austro-German peace negotiations and indications are that a definite break is not far off. The Russian Government has demanded that the conference, which was to have reconvened on January 8 be transferred to Stockholm, and has protested against the German attitude regarding occupied territory. A resumption of hostilities is not improbable should the Germans decline to meet the Russian demands.

Kaiser Aroused.

Emperor William and the rulers of Germany apparently are aroused over the sudden change in the situation and the German and Austrian foreign secretaries are reported hurrying back to Brest-Litovsk with new instructions. German military and political leaders conferred yesterday with the emperor, and there is a widespread demand throughout Germany that the Reichstag be convened immediately. Reichstag leaders at a conference with Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann discussed the situation and the leaders of the regular and Independent Socialists are reported to have expressed dissatisfaction with the German attitude concerning occupied territory.

Would Upset German Plans.

A break off in peace negotiations probably will upset all German plans to press a formidable attack on the western front. Confidence is expressed in Petrograd that the Russian Government might put an army of 3,000,000 men in the field, and the Bolsheviki red guard, made up of armed Russian workmen, already has started toward the fighting front. A complete break undoubtedly would compel the Germans to return to the eastern front the troops they have taken away within the past six weeks and would make it impossible for the Germans to renew trade relations with Russia in order to obtain much-needed foodstuffs.

Winter Halts Fighting.

Snow and inclement weather are holding in check any large scale operations on the western and Italian fronts. The British and Italians continue to repulse enemy raids at various points, while the German artillery bombardment in the Ypres and Verdun sectors still is very strong.

Increased loss of merchantmen is shown in the current British and French reports. Through mines and submarines the British lost 21 vessels, including 18 of more than 1,600 tons, or 9 more than the previous week, when 12, including 11 of the larger tonnage, were sunk. French losses were 9 steamers of more than 1,600 tons, as compared with two in the previous week.

Submarine Losses.

December shipping losses were but slightly higher than those in November, which established a low record. Submarine sinkings, also are said to have been more common in December than in any previous month, being greater than the number the Germans probably were able to build. The severe weather conditions are believed to have added to the effectiveness of the submarines in that it compelled them to operate closer together and nearer to shore. This fact may account in part for the increase in the number of U-boats caught by the Allied fleets.

TROTZKY HIGH-HANDED WITH THE RUMANIANS

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The semi-official News Agency today made public a communication from Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, asserting that the Rumanian authorities ordered the Bolsheviki committee visiting that country arrested and tried, and declaring that they would have been shot except for intervention by the Cossacks.

The statement says that Trotzky, in a protest to the Rumanian minister, has demanded the punishment of those responsible for the alleged outrage, and declared that the workmen's and soldiers' deputies would not shrink from using the harshest methods against Rumanian counter-revolutionary conspirators, the accomplices of Gen. Kaledines, Lieut.-Gen. Cherbatcheff, commander of the Russian forces in Rumania, and the Rada, and also would not respect the positions occupied by the conspirators of the Rumanian hierarchy.

Kaiser's Terms Considered Unacceptable and Unjust By Bolsheviki Rulers, Who Demand Negotiations Be Resumed at Some Neutral Points---Petrograd Expects Early Resumption of Hostilities With Weakened Forces.

CENTRAL POWERS DROP MASK; NOT FOR A DEMOCRATIC PEACE

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The Bolsheviki foreign minister, Leon Trotzky, declared today that the Government, for the Russian workers, would not consent to the German peace proposals.

M. Trotzky's declaration was made before the central committee of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, during an address, in which he denounced in scathing terms "Germany's hypocritical peace proposal," asserting that the Government of Russian workers would not consent to such conditions. He said that if the central powers did not agree to free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lettish nations it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution. He said the needs of the front would be satisfied, whatever effort might be necessary.

Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution, but said bread and boots were necessary.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—The Russian peace delegation officially has suggested to the central powers that the meeting-place of the peace delegates be transferred to neutral soil, and has protested against certain articles in the Austro-German terms already submitted.

The halt in the Russo-German peace negotiations, and indications of a German refusal to move the conference to Stockholm, has revived universal discussion in Petrograd of a resumption of fighting with a greatly reduced army, probably 3,000,000 men.

Hostilities Near.

Even the most radical Bolsheviki and the most ardent peace advocates have been aroused by the German position. They declare that a resumption of hostilities is imminent, and express the belief that it is possible to organize and make effective a small army.

Indications are that the German attitude is harmonizing domestic differences and is convincing Russians that they must fight to save their revolutionary principles.

Chairman Joffe of the Russian peace delegation today sent an official telegram to the chairman of the German-Austrian-Bulgarian-Turkish delegations saying that the Russian republic deems it necessary to conduct further peace negotiations on neutral soil, and suggesting a transfer of the conference to Stockholm. The telegram declares that repiles to the message are expected by Russia in Petrograd.

Terms Unacceptable.

Articles 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms, submitted December 12 (December 25, new style), the message says, are in direct conflict with the principles of self-definition of nations insisted upon by the Russian peace delegation, and supported by the Russian republic and the central executive committee of the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates.

Articles 1 and 2, of the Austro-German terms, as cabled under a Brest-Litovsk date, covered the ending of a state of war and evacuation of occupied territory. In Article 2, however, it was declared that the people of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and portions of Esthonia and Livonia, demand independence and separation from Russia, and that the German occupation of Russian territory did not apply to these districts, which include most of the Russian territory captured by the Germans.

THE MASK IS OFF.

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—Petrograd newspapers are unanimous in declaring that the Germans and Austrians have, after one week, thrown off the mask and made it clear that the central powers do not want a real democratic peace. The Pravda says:

"German imperialism is again beginning to show its claws."

Germany's apparent unwillingness to give Poland, Lithuania, Livonia, Courland and Esthonia the privilege of free self-definition, is the rock upon which the negotiations have split. Other peace conditions are ignored by the Bolsheviki leaders, who say that Germany opposes the most vital principle underlying the Russian revolution.

In an interview with newspapermen, Foreign Minister Trotzky said that peace negotiations probably would not be resumed at Brest-Litovsk, as the Russians oppose stoutly the principle of annexation.

Terms Are Unjust.

On Tuesday evening, at a joint meeting of the central executive committee of the Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, representatives of the peasants' deputies, the Petrograd workmen's and soldiers' council, and representatives of the general army congress for the demobilization of the army, a resolution was adopted declaring that the German peace terms were unjust. It denounced Germany's attude toward the Baltic provinces as tyrannical, and authorized the Government to take steps to transfer future peace negotiations to a neutral country.

Russians generally favor Stockholm for the peace conference, but it is said the Germans are not willing to go to Sweden.

RUSS EXPOSE LYING GERMANS

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The Isvestria today gives the text of a pamphlet which the Bolsheviki are circulating in the German lines, in which it is declared that the peace conditions submitted by the central powers show the Austro-German promises of a democratic peace to be "unconscionable lies."

After describing the actions of the Germans in Poland and Lithuania in recruiting for forced labor and shooting hunger strikers, the pamphlet continues: "The German Government only found support in Courland from the hated slave owners, the German barons, who have their prototype in the Polish landowners."

The document declares Germany desires to free the peoples on Russia's western frontier from the scope of the revolution in order to subjugate them with German capital, impose an Austrian monarchy on Poland, and make Lithuania and Courland German duchies. It concludes:

"On such a basis the Russian Workmen's Government can never enter negotiations."

JAPANESE FREIGHTER AFIRE ON PACIFIC

A Pacific Port, Jan. 3.—Failure of the Toyo Kissen Kaisha Steamship Company to receive further word from its freighter, the Shinyo Maru No. 2, afire in the Pacific, led officials today to believe that the ship's wireless plant had been put out of commission. A relayed distress call from the freighter was the only message that has reached here.

The steamer, which left here December 21, carries 7,600 tons of merchandise and steel and a crew of 52 men. No passengers were aboard.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 15; lowest, 3 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 8 above; lowest, 3 below.

TOMORROW—MODERATING.

Toronto, Jan. 3—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Fair and very cold.

Friday—Southeasterly winds, moderating.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	....	46	Rain
Calgary	54	32	Clear
Winnipeg	8	4	Cloudy
Port Arthur	8	—4	Cloudy
Parry Sound	8	—6	Clear
Port Stanley	18	—2	Fair
Buffalo	16	2	Cloudy
Toronto	14	—8	Clear
Kingston	12	—8	Fair
Ottawa	6	—10	Fair
Montreal	2	—12	Clear
Quebec	— 6	—22	Clear
Father Point	— 4	—14	Cloudy

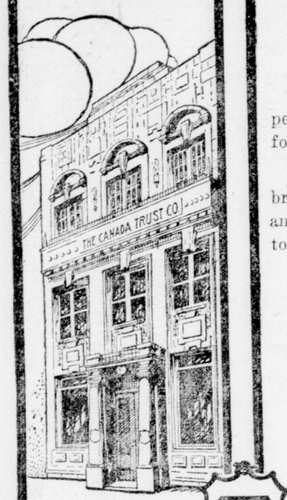
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Weather Notes.

Another storm now developing near the Middle Atlantic Coast will probably cause gales with snow in the maritime provinces. The weather continues very cold from Ontario eastward and comparatively mild in the western provinces.

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Another Coveted Honor Comes to Londoner Serving Overseas.

IS O. C. OF CORPS TRAIN

Officer Who Started Military Career With 7th Regiment Has Important Rank.

In the New Year's honor list appears the name of Major Edward Montogomery Harris, O. C., Canadian Corps Supply Column, as having been awarded the D. S. O.

Major Harris is a London boy and the younger son of George B. Harris, "Eldon House," this city. He is a member of the Canadian Permanent Army Service Corps, and at the outbreak of the war was A. D. of S. and T. at Quebec, where he was stationed. in the army service corps. In December, 1914, Major Harris was sent to Toronto to organize the 2nd Divisional Supply Column, which went overseas in March, 1915, proceeding to France in September of that year.

After seven months successful work on the western front, Major Harris was invalided home after an attack of pneumonia. On his return to England he was immediately promoted to the command of the Canadian Corps Supply Column of the Canadian Division.

Major Harris began his military career in the 7th Fusiliers, where he was a second lieutenant in B Company, when the regiment was reorganized. From the 7th he was gazetted to the imperial service, where for six years he served in England and India with the 1st Battalion (Middelsex) Regiment, transferring later to the Canadian Permanent Army Service Corps.

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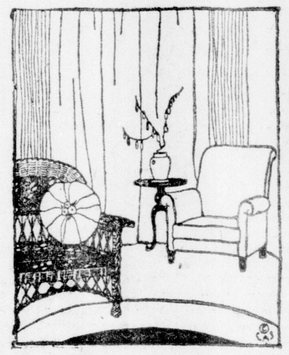
Wall Paper Sale Begins Friday

HALF-PRICE AND LESS

This sale will extend over the greater part of the month and will constitute a thorough clearing of all lines to make room for the new spring stocks. Announcements will appear from time to time of special sales and clearing lots, and if you have any decorating to do this spring it will pay you to keep in touch with this department from now until stock-taking. To begin the sale tomorrow, we offer 140 bundles, remnant lots, from 6 to 16 rolls.

140 Bundles at 5c, 10c and 20c Roll

140 remnant bundles, including many of the past season's best sellers, in Blends, Grasscloths, Tapestries, English Leather and Fibre Papers, Chintz and Floral Bedrooms, Kitchen Papers in tile and pattern effects, quantities from 6 to 16 rolls, many with borders to match. Priced in bundle lots at .....5c, 10c, 20c per roll
Remnant borders in one and two room lots, floral and oriental patterns, in light and dark colors, all suitable for cutout decorations; very choice for plain paper or tinted walls ..... 10c per roll



Dining-Room, Living-Room and Hall Papers

A large selection of papers in both plain and pattern styles, including tapestries, grasscloths, oatmeals, etc., at ..... 19c per roll
Borders to match plain papers at ..... 5c per roll and up
Dining and Living Room Paper in two-tone stripes, grasscloths, tapestries, etc., in brown, tan and green colors, with cutout borders and base to match ..... 8c roll

Parlor Papers About Half

Silk embossed parlors in green and champagne colors, floral patterns .....19c per roll
Silk-stripe parlors, with blended background, in green, cream and ivory colors, with cutout borders to match....15c per roll
Borders cut out, with base decorations ..... 8c yard
Tapestries, Blends, Grasscloths, Crash Papers, with borders or bands to match, half price .....30c roll

Birge Hand-Blocked Blends, Grasscloths, Swirls, etc., in blue, tan, grey and fawn shades banding to match, half price ..... 50c per roll
Birge Stipples in brown and tan colors with strappings and ornaments to match, very suitable for library or living-room use, half price .....25c per roll

Bedroom Papers About Half

English Chintz Papers, in grey and blue, grey and pink, black and rose colors, all 21 inches wide .....19c per roll
Plain, Stripe and Chintz Bedrooms, with borders to match, in all colors ..... 9c per roll

Kitchen Papers in stripe and floral patterns, in grey, tan and brown colors, with borders to match.....7c and 9c per roll
Varnish Tiles for kitchen or bathroom use, in tan, green or blue colors ..... 15c per roll

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PROHIBITION BLAMED FOR DROP OF $83414 IN LOCAL RETURNS OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPT.

Decreased Consumption of Liquors, Malt and Tobaccos Cause of Reduced Total — Customs Returns Improve.

Customs returns for the past year aggregate $176,909,787, according to figures secured from the custom house. Returns for 1916 amounted to $156,-931,149, which is $19,978,638 less than the returns of 1917.

Prohibition of the sale of liquor in Ontario had a most pronounced effect on the inland revenue returns for 1917 when compared to those of 1916, only three months and half of which were "dry." Comparison of the total local returns for the two years shows a falling off of $83,414.36. The returns were: 1917, $322,303.21; 1916, $405,717.57.

Prohibition of the sale of liquor in Ontario showed a pronounced affect upon inland revenue returns for the late year. A decrease of $4,004.75 was shown in comparison with the clearings of 1916. Last year's clearings aggregated $23,350.30, while the returns of 1916 were $27,355.05.

Accompanying the decrease due to liquor prohibition is a substantial drop in the revenue formerly received from cigars and tobaccos. The demand for cigars has fallen off thirty per cent since the enactment of the prohibition law. This is accounted for by the lessened demand for cigars following the closing of saloons and hotels. The revenue formerly obtained from malt and grains used in the manufacture of intoxicants has decreased to such an extent that less than ten per cent of the revenue on grains and malt of 1915 has been secured this year.

A comparison of revenue returns for the past two years follows:

	1917.	1916.
January	$27,518 48	$35,571 21
February	27,296 08	39,118 31
March	28,318 58	43,039 40
April	28,432 07	30,854 10
May	28,859 87	34,641 89
June	25,151 88	52,729 29
July	23,672 38	36,170 54
August	24,186 47	36,977 75
September	24,374 92	30,065 72
October	30,964 92	30,302 87
November	30,177 26	28,971 44
December	23,350 30	27,355 05
Totals	$322,303 21	$405,717 57

December inland revenue returns, $4,009 short of the same period a year ago, were made up as follows:

Spirits	$ 1,500.77
Malt	1,594.44
Raw leaf tobacco unstemmed	7,359.80
Raw leaf tobacco, stemmed	1,748.04
Cigars, ex-factory	5,836.68
Cigars, ex-warehouse	1,950.98
War tax stamps	2,780.79
Methylated spirits	566.46
Other receipts	12.84
Total	$23,350.30

Custom returns for the late year and for 1916 are:

	1917.	1916.
January	$ 16,370,251	$ 11,482,798
February	13,647,873	11,844,287
March	17,874,072	14,433,411
April	17,855,189	13,835,345
May	15,711,013	15,750,588
June	15,118,796	12,002,433
July	17,060,982	11,653,956
August	13,875,743	13,283,572
September	11,726,560	12,747,630
October	11,912,964	12,746,735
November	12,075,874	13,413,558
December	12,680,470	13,736,836
Totals	$176,909,787	$156,931,149

SAW TRENCH SERVICE BUT IS BEING SENT HOME AS TOO YOUNG



Advertiser Illustrations
FRANK ORENDORFF, son of Mr. Frank Orendorff, Dundas street east, who enlisted when he was 15 years old with the 142nd Battalion. He is being returned from England as too young, although he has been overseas more than a year and served twice in the trenches. He was taken from the trenches because of his age and sent to one of the special "under age" battalions in England, but is now being returned to Canada.

WESTERN "U" MED. GRADUATE, WINNER OF MILITARY CROSS



Advertiser Illustrations
DR. GORDON JEPSON, son of J. J. Jepson, 240 Pall Mall street.

SLIGHT HOPE YET THAT BRUCE SERVICE MAY BE CONTINUED

Railway Commission Has Not Reported on Negotiations With Railway.

If the efforts of the London Board of Trade and the Commercial Travelers' Association, backed by all the shippers of the district, have been successful in preventing the Grand Trunk from curtailing its passenger service on the London Huron and Bruce line, the organizations are not as yet aware of the fact. The present indications are that the change in the service is inevitable.

There is one hope, however. The railway commission wired that it was taking the question up with the Grand Trunk. It also acknowledged the receipt of the signed petition of 150 shippers against the proposed curtailment of the service. Superintendent Forrester has not been notified to date to change the present plans, but the fact that the railway commission has not given a reply to the shippers' petition, outlining the result of its negotiations with the Grand Trunk in regard to the matter, leads the shippers to believe that there is still hope for action before Saturday. "They cannot ignore us altogether," said Commissioner Philip.

QUAINT LITTLE "WOOLIES" WILL BE EXHIBITED AT CHARITY TEA ON FRIDAY

Event Will Be Held at Mrs. Mathewson's Residence.

A set of the quaint little "Woolies" which have been responsible for the raising of $16,000 in Vancouver in the past three years for the prisoners of war fund will be one of the many interesting exhibits of the art loan, to be a feature of the charity tea which Mrs. Mathewson, 486 Princess avenue, is giving at her home from 2 to 8 o'clock on Friday for the benefit of the starving children of France.

The "Woolies" are little mascots made of wool, and a number of them have already been worn in London. The remarkable part about them is the faithfulness with which each detail of costume is worked out. In the collection shown tomorrow will be King George and Queen Mary in coronation robes, an Indian prince, Miss Canada, Blue and Grey Red Cross nurses, Uncle Sam, Gen. Joffre, John Bull, boy scouts, soldiers, bantams, sailors, Sammies, kilties.

It is proposed to forward a box containing the entire collection to her majesty, Queen Mary, to give her an idea of the novel war work of the Canadian women.

ANNOUNCED TOMORROW.—It is expected that the Christmas examination results of the London Collegiate Institue will be announced tomorrow. The final tabulation of results will not be completed before this evening.

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It is the purest and most efficient of soaps and, if used judiciously, the most economical of soaps.

QUEBEC LIKELY TO 'KICK' ABOUT THE 'DRY' RULING

Prohibition Means Heavy Loss in Revenue to Province and Dominion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—A further clash of Federal and Provincial authority is predicted in connection with the new liquor regulations and restrictions passed by the Dominion Government recently. It is hinted that representation may be made by Quebec Province protesting against the legislation on the ground that it means a heavy loss of revenue to the province. The loss of revenue to the Dominion alone will be in the neighborhood of $12,000,000 a year, a very considerable sum, which must be made up by taxation in other directions.

Big Revenue Gone.

The customs revenue on spirits last year was seven millions, excise revenue on spirits approximated eleven million. In this, however, was included revenue and excise derived from liquor for medicinal manufacture and sacramental purposes. The total loss will exceed twelve millions. The loss to Quebec will be principally in the matter of license fees.

Quebec is the only province now which licenses wholesale and retail trade in liquor. Obviously when the important manufacture has been stopped there will be nothing to license. It is not, however, considered that a protest from the province will have any influence on the Government here.

LOCAL NEWS

RESUMING WORK. — The Senator Coffey Chapter, I. O. D. E., will resume work in St. Peter's Hall on Tuesday next, January 8.

UNFIT FOR SERVICE.—Capt. Garnet Stewart Atkinson, recently of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, has been struck off the strength of F Unit, M. H. C. C., as physically unfit for further service.

CLASS STARTS JANUARY 7.—Miss Mona FitzGerald, physical director at the Y. W. C. A., will resume the gymnasium and swimming classes on January 7, the children's class at Cronyn Hall commencing Saturday, January 5.

ADDRESSING MEN'S UNION. — President Braithwaite of the Western University is addressing the Men's Union of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Friday evening at 8 o'clock on the subject of "The Strong Men That Canada Needs."

ATTACHED TO GUARD.—Thirty-eight members of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, have been temporarily attached to the 7th Regiment Guard Details for rations and quarters, while they are acting as escorts for the drafted men who will arrive during the next few days.

KILLED IN CALIFORNIA. — Mrs. Rose West, 65 Craig street, has received word from her sister, Mrs. J. D. Knowles (formerly Alice Clarke of Colton, California, informing her of the death of Mrs. Knowles' husband and son Laurence. They were riding on a motorcycle when they were struck by a car and instantly killed. The bodies were terribly mangled. Mr. Knowles and family, formerly lived in Cleveland, but had gone to California on account of Mr. Knowles' health.

ANNUAL TREE.—The York Street Mission Hall held its twenty-second annual Christmas tree and entertainment this week, and it was a decided success. The best in the history of the mission; three hundred children with their parents, were made happy, each receiving a present and a bag of candy. The singing and recitations of the children were excellent. Prof. England with his orchestra took part; violin solos were rendered by Sergt.-Major Thornburn, Thomas Mercer and D. F. Donald. The entertainment was followed by a watch night service, which was well attended.

MAJOR NIVEN GUEST OF HEADQUARTERS STAFF AT WOLSELEY BARRACKS

Hero of Princess Pats Tells of Paschendaele Ridge.

Major Hugh Niven, M. C., D. S. O., was the guest of honor Wednesday evening at a dinner at the officers' mess of the district headquarters staff, Wolseley Barracks and following the dinner Major Niven gave a short address, dealing with military maters on the western front.

After the toast to Major Niven, proposed by Brig.-Gen. L. W. Shannon, general officer commanding this district, had been heartily responded to, Major Niven spoke along technical lines, telling the story of the Princess Pats and of the taking of Paschendael Ridge, in which the Pats took a leading part.

Quite Happy Over Reporting Here To Join C.E.F. Ranks

Drafted Men From Northern Part of District Enliven March With Song.

Men who came to London today to report under the first call to service of the military service act were far from downhearted for the most part. Many of them, of course, were men who had signed the "report for service" blank, but a goodly portion were those whose appeals for exemption had been turned down.

One party of men, coming in on the Bruce train from the northern section of Military District No. 1, marched up Richmond street, singing "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." Apparently there were no regrets at donning khaki among these army fledglings.

PROSECUTION FAILED AGAINST SISKINDS

Witnesses Called Failed to Come Through as Police Expected.

Two large-sized monkey wrenches were dropped in the police court mill of justice today by witnesses called by the prosecution in the case of Mrs. Sadie Siskind, 261 Clarence street, who was charged with selling liquor without a license contrary to the Ontario temperance act. Mrs. Siskind was found not guilty and the charge against Julius Siskind was not proceeded with. R. G. Fisher and Inspector Birrell shaking their heads, and remarking to the magistrate: "That will do, today, your worship."

The persons who suddenly clogged the wheels of justice were Rose Warren, 126 York street, and Bruce Boyd, same address, who were convicted a few days ago of a breach of the Ontario temperance act and fined $200 and costs.

Both these witnesses were summoned by the prosecution in an effort to prove the charge of selling against the Siskinds. Both testified that they did not know the Siskinds; did not know where they lived and had heard of them only in a vague way.

A returned soldier arrested some days ago on the street with a bottle in his possession furnished evidence at Boyd's trial that he had bought the liquor from Boyd and that Boyd had given him to the corner of Horton and Clarence streets while he went a few houses away and came back with the bottle.

When Boyd was asked to explain where he got the whisky he said he had secreted the bottle behind a box in a laneway where he had cached it some days previous.

R. J. Fisher acted for the prosecution and W. R. Meredith appeared for the defendants.

SWISS TROOPS FIRE UPON GERMAN VESSEL

Determined to Prevent Violations of Neutrality.

GENEVA, Jan. 2.—Swiss troops on duty on the shores of Lake Constance yesterday fired upon the newly-launched German lake steamer Kaiser Wilhelm, which entered Swiss territorial waters. The vessel was pierced in many places by rifle fire, and withdrew rapidly. No lives were lost.

The incident is regarded as marking Switzerland's determination to protect her neutrality.

NO SESSIONS.—There was no session of the boards of appeal to hear appeals from the decision of local exemption tribunals today.

MORELLO CONTINUES TO ENJOY FREEDOM DESPITE THE POLICE

Latest Clues Fail to Reveal Escaped Prisoner's Whereabouts.

Two clues have come to light since the disappearance of George Marello, who escaped frm the county agaln last Saturday morning.

Wrod was telephoned to the city late last night that a man answering his description was seen running along the road near Beachville village. Another story comes from Strathroy that Marello was seen there. Police have investigated both clues, but so far neither clue has materialized and Marello's actual whereabouts are still unknown.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]
Toronto, Jan. 3.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Am Cy..	21	19½	Spanish.	14	..
do pfd	..	52	do pfd.	50	..
Ames, c.	14½	..	St Ch. p.	57	..
do pfd.	50	..	Stl Can.	53	52½
Barcel..	9¼	8¾	do pfd.	85	..
Brazilian	33	32¾	T Paper.	..	72
Burt, c..	68½	..	Tor Ry.	60	58
do pfd.	86	..	Tucketts	19	..
C Bread.	18	..	Tw City.	65	64
C Car...	18½	..	Win Ry.	18	..
do pfd.	50	..	Banks—		
Cement.	58	57¾	Com'rce	185	..
C S L..	40½	40¼	Dom ...	199	..
do pfd.	76	75	Hamil'n	184	..
CGElec.	106	100	Imperial.	185	..
C Loco..	52½	..	Merch ..	167	..
do pfd.	82¾	..	N Scotia	214½	..
C P R..	142	140½	Royal..	205	205
C Dairy.	30	..	Toronto	185	..
do pfd.	60	..	Loans, etc.—		
ConLife	375	..	C Land.	149	..
C Smelt.	26	25	C Perm.	162½	..
Con Gas	148	..	C Invest.	74	..
Cr Nest..	50	..	H Prov.	..	134
Dome ..	900	850	H & E..	207	..
D Steel..	56	55¾	20% pd	..	196
Mackay.	76	75	L Bank.	..	139
do pfd.	60	59½	L & C..	128½	..
M Leaf..	..	92½	T Trust.	202	..
Monarch	..	30	T Mort.	134	..
do pfd.	77	..	Bonds—		
N S Car.	7½	6¾	M L & P	40	20
do pfd.	..	18	Penmans	..	80
Nipis'g.	815	800	Rio Jan.	..	81
NSSteel.	87½	67	Stl Can..	89¼	..
Petrol.	1350	1300	War Loan,		
P Paper.	..	41	1925...	95½	95¼
do pfd.	81	..	War Loan,		
Russell.	..	50	1931...	92¾	92⅝
do pfd.	70	..	War Loan,		
Sawyer..	11	..	1937...	92½	92
do pfd.	41	..			

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thomson & McKinnon, brokers, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:

New York, Jan. 3.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30.
Baltimore & Ohio.	51⅞	53¼	51⅝	53¼
Erie, com...	16¼	16⅞	16	16⅝
Erie, 1st pfd.	26½	27¾	26½	27¾
Great Northern.	91	91½	91	91⅜
New Haven.	31¼	32½	31¼	32½
New York Central	70½	73	70½	72½
Rock Island.	21¼	22¾	21	22
St. Paul.	46¼	47½	46¾	46⅞
Wabash, com.	22½	23½	22½	22½
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com.	85¾	86⅞	85¾	86⅞
Canadian Pacific.	140½	141½	140	140½
Louis. & Nash.	111½	112	111½	112
Missouri Pacific.	23⅞	24¼	23⅜	23¾
Northern Pacific.	86¼	88	86¼	88
Southern Pacific.	84	84⅞	83¾	84¾
Southern Railway	23⅞	24	23¾	23¾
Union Pacific.	114¾	117¾	114	116
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio.	51¾	52¾	51	52½
Lehigh Valley.	58¼	58¾	58¼	58⅝
Norfolk & West.	103½	105	103½	104½
Pennsylvania	46	46⅞	45¾	46⅝
Reading Railway.	73½	76	73	74⅝
Tractions—				
Brooklyn Transit.	47	..	..	..
Interboro, com.	8	9½	8	9⅜
Industrials—				
Allis-Chalmers	20½	20⅞	20¾	20⅞
Am. Beet Sugar.	74½	77	74½	77
American Can.	40½	41⅜	40	41¼
American Car.	71¾	73	71⅜	72⅞
Am. Locomotive.	57	58½	56¾	58⅛
American Sugar.	102½	102½	100⅞	101
Am. Smelters.	80	81⅝	79⅞	80⅞
Am. Tel. & Tel.	106	106	105½	106
American Wool.	46¾	46¾	46⅛	46⅛
Baldwin Loco.	60½	62	60½	61
Central Leather.	66½	69¼	66	68
Corn Products.	32¾	34¾	32¾	33¾
Col. Fuel & Iron.	38¼	39½	38	39¼
Distillers	35½	36⅞	35¾	36
Dome Mines.	9	9	8⅞	8⅞
General Electric.	134½	136	134½	136
General Motors.	115	117½	112	115¼
Goodrich Rubber.	39¾	40½	39¾	40½
G. Northern Ore.	27⅝	28¾	27½	28¼
Inter. Nickel.	29⅞	30⅞	29½	30⅝
Maxwell Motor.	27⅝	28¼	27⅜	27⅝
Marine, com.	23¾	24¼	23⅛	23⅝
Marine, pfd.	85¾	87½	85¼	86½
Studebaker	53	53	51⅜	51⅜
U. S. Rubber.	53½	54¼	53½	53¾
Virginia Chemical	35½	37	35½	36⅝
Western Union.	87⅞	89	87⅞	88½
Westinghouse.	41¾	43⅝	41¾	42¼
Willys-Overland.	21½	21⅞	21	21¾
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper.	62⅜	64	62⅜	63¼
Chino Copper.	43¼	43⅞	43¼	43⅝
Inspiration	47	48	47	47⅜
Miami Copper.	30⅞	30⅞	30½	30⅝
Nevada Con.	18⅞	19	18⅞	19
Ray Consolidated.	23⅜	..	..	..
Tennessee Copper	13½	13⅝	13½	13⅜
Utah Copper.	82½	83⅛	82	83¼
Oils—				
Am. Cotton Oil.	28½	..	..	..
Cal Petroleum.	14	14¼	14	14¼
New Mexican.	81¼	84⅝	81¼	83¾
Texas Oil.	144	146½	143½	144½
Steels—				
Bethlehem Steel.	80¼	83¼	79½	82¼
Crucible Steel.	57	58⅞	56½	57⅝
Lackawanna	79¼	81	79	81
Pressed Steel Car.	62¼	..	..	..
Republic Steel.	81½	82⅝	80½	80½
Railway Steel.	48¼	48¾	47½	47½
Sloss-Sheffield	41½	..	..	..
U. S. Steel.	95½	98¾	94¾	96⅜
U. S. Steel, pfd.	110	110¼	110	110¼
Bonds—				
Anglo-French 5's.	88¼	88⅝	88¼	88½

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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE ALTERED TO PREVENT AN ELIGIBLE BEING DRAFTED

Man and Woman Arrested in Toronto in Peculiar Case.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—In the arrest of Albina Bennett of St. Catharines and Joseph Renaud of Toronto, the local police believe they have discovered the authors of an ingenious attempt to prevent an eligible man being drafted under the provisions of the military service act.

It is alleged that Mrs. Bennett twice left her husband in St. Catharines to live with Renaud, who is a munition worker here. After the second separation Mr. Bennett found his marriage certificate with Renaud's name substituted for his own, which had been erased. Other erasures had been made, including the date of the marriage.

Bennett came to Toronto and gave the certificate to the police, with the request that they find his wife. Mrs. Bennett is held on a charge of vagrancy, but Renaud is faced with a more serious charge in connection with the alteration of the marriage certificate.

RUSSIAN TEACHERS STRIKE WANT ASSEMBLY CALLED

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The teachers in the Petrograd primary and secondary schools have gone on strike, as a protest against the failure to call together the constituent assembly. The Moscow teachers have also gone on strike for the same reason. Only 31 of the 4,000 working universities are unaffected.

Many army officers in Petrograd have organized a union and are accepting work as baggage handlers and street cleaners. Unemployed educated men, especially lawyers' clerks and former officials, are also organizing a union, and will offer their services as laborers.

100,000,000 BUSHELS SURPLUS SPUDS IN U. S.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 2.—A. D. Wilson, state food administrator, speaking before the members of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Association today, declared there was a surplus of from forty million to one hundred million bushels of potatoes in the United States.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

BURIAL AT GLENCOE.

The funeral of Percival E. Watterworth, age 52, who died at 49 Belgrave avenue, Monday last, was laid Wednesday from his late residence to the G. T. R. depot, the body being forwarded to Glencoe for burial.

Mr. Watterworth was head agent for the Maxwell Car Company in Western Ontario. He was prominently associated with the Masonic Order, being a member of Lorne Lodge of Glencoe for many years. Mr. Watterworth is survived by his widow Mary, and one daughter, Theo C. Watterworth.

The services this morning were conducted by Rev. W. M. Walker. Service will be also held from the residence of Hiram Lumley of Glencoe this afternoon.

The pallbearers in this city were Neil McGill, Thomas Geary, H. McPherson, B. Smith, T. Cousins and R. Booth.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE AND GRIP.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box; 30c. tf-law-w

MOUNT FOREST ELECTIONS.

MOUNT FOREST, Jan. 2.—The entire town council of Mount Forest was elected by acclamation as follows:

Mayor, A. S. Clarke; reeve, John Campbell; councillors, T. O. Mellis, J. H. Nooman, A. G. Luxton, Wm. Patten, Horace Youmans, J. N. Scott; board of education, S. J. Short, A. W. Wright, C. A. Jones, jr.

HORLICK'S
Malted Milk for Invalids
A nourishing and digestible food. Contains rich milk and malted grain extract. A powder soluble in water.

BIG RUSH OF DRAFTED MEN KEEPS STAFFS AT TOP SPEED

First Call Brings Hundreds Into City.

THE MAJORITY ARE CHEERFUL

Eligibles Picked by M. S. A. Accept Army Life Well.

FIVE DEFAULTERS SURRENDER

Come In Voluntarily, Three of Them Being A 2 Category Men—Two Apprehended.

With drafted men coming to the city on every train the clerical and medical staffs at the armories, where the collecting depot has been established, are working at top speed. They will remain on duty until 9 o'clock each night in order to deal with the work which the attestation of such a great number of men entails.

Today, the first one with the draft system in operation is likely to prove one of the heaviest when the records are completed, as it was evident early that more than two hundred men would be in the city by nightfall. Acting on instructions from Ottawa, officers at the depot would give out no information as to the exact number of men expected.

"Blue Bonnets" Out.

The "Blue Bonnets" were on the streets today for the first time. They are the soldiers who have been detailed to meet the drafted men arriving at the stations and act as escorts to the collecting depot. They are distinguished by a light blue band worn around their khaki caps. This color, although not outstanding, was practically the only one at the disposal of the military authorities. White is worn by pickets and some of the Royal Flying Corps cadets. Red and green are worn by staff officers.

Most of the men accepted the call cheerily, although occasionally the downcast countenance of a man waiting for examination indicated that he was not any too well pleased with his prospects.

The armories, like other buildings, suffered from the coal shortage, but a battery of coal-oil heaters was on duty today and prevent the examining rooms from becoming too cold.

Five Defaulters; Two Arrested.

Five men who had not complied with the Military Service Act surrendered on Wednesday. Three of them were fit for service in the front line trenches. Two were in a lower category but all were sent to the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment. Two men were apprehended, found to be in Category A2 and sent to the W. O. R.

Eight men applied for examination by order of the deputy registrar and seven were placed in Category A. One was unfit. A half-dozen men reported for service. They were John Reaman, Drayton; George S. Bere, London; Clarence Robert Nimmo, London; J. H. Long, London; Sidney G. Elliott, London; Leo Jackson, St. Thomas. Reaman was sent to the W. O. R. and the remainder to the 63rd Battery.

Seven recruits were accepted. They were T. N. Hillier, Newfoundland, Cleveland W. O. R.; S. Kreclevicz, Poland, Grand Rapids, Canadian Engineers; W. Hovey, U. S. A., Grand Rapids, W. O. R.; E. Norgate, England, London, Forestry; J. Cummings, Canada, London, W. O. R.; C. E. Hebblethwaite, Canada, London, W. O. R.; D. Jacobs, Canada, Grand Rapids, 7th Regiment Details.

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THOSE WHO HAVE COAL BESIEGING DEALERS TO GAIN GREATER SUPPLY

"Hogs" Add to Troubles of Dealers Who Have Practically No Fuel to Meet the Acute Shortage Which Faces Hundreds of London Homes.

A lot of Londoners must have been hunting coal today.

Four times in succession, The Advertiser called seven dealers on the telephone, and each time found that their phones were busy. On the fifth call two were secured.

The dealers are as one in stating that the coal situation today is acute. There is little or no coal in the city. Wednesday night two cars arrived. The dealers express the belief that a short time will see relief. They say that the miners, like others, have taken their Christmas holidays. They are now back at work. More coal will be mined from now on.

"We are being besieged with people looking for coal," said the Connell Coal Company. This firm says it has a little coal on hand, and is sending it out as fast as it possibly can, one-quarter of a ton per customer.

"We cannot commence to fill the orders that we have on hand, and so cannot take any new ones. The outlook for fresh deliveries were not good for the present," was the statement made here.

The dealers are a unit in condemning the coal hogs. William Heaman of W. Heaman & Son gave the best outline of how these rapacious individuals, who seek to hoard up fuel even while their fellow citizens suffer, while they have much more than their present needs.

Can Pick Out "Hogs."

Daily, he says, there are dozens who call on him looking for coal when they have lots in the cellar. "I have got so now that I can nearly pick them out," he says. "When I remark: 'You have lots of coal to do you,' they generally say: 'Well, possibly I have enough to do a week or ten days.' These are the people who have their cellars full and yet they are swarming to the dealers in hundreds looking for more. It is not right. Why can't they be decent? I wish I could get at some of their cellars. I would clean some of them out and relieve some of the suffering."

Mr. Heaman says that today London has more coal hoarded than ever before in its history. However, he hopes for relief in the next week or so. At the present time he, like all the other dealers, has little or no coal on hand.

Assistant Manager A. O. Hunt of the utilities commission, who is looking after the sufferers who daily appeal for help, says that this morning he had four or five requests for fuel. In most cases he got the people to take a small supply of coke to tide them over. The City Gas Company has a fair supply of this product and it is selling it in half-ton lots. It has but few rigs for delivery, however, and is making a reduction to those who call for their own. This morning there were about fifteen wagons waiting in line at one time to get a supply and haul it away.

Didn't Want Coke.

Mr. Hunt had a rather peculiar experience this morning. A woman called and informed him that she had an invalid in her home. They were out of fuel, and had been borrowing from their neighbors. They would like to get some fuel of some kind. Mr. Hunt suggested that she should take 500 pounds of coke. There would be no trouble in getting it, only to get a rig to deliver it.

"She was very much disgusted at my suggestion," said Mr. Hunt. "She did not take kindly to the coke at all." On the other hand, Mr. Hunt says that several people for whom he secured coke yesterday called him up today and expressed their satisfaction with the measure of relief afforded them. They said the coke, though dear, gave good satisfaction.

Mr. Hunt states that the supply of wood which the commission has on hand is by no means exhausted. It is selling a great deal of it in third-of-a-cord lots, and it is giving good satisfaction. It is being sold at $4.50 a load, which is about $13.50 a cord. The usual price for wood is about $17.

Mr. Hunt also believes that the serious situation now existing will clear in a short time, but in the meantime the citizens must be considerate of the needs of others and go light on their fuel.

Small Dealers Have Nothing.

Some of the smaller coal dealers are in worse plight than the bigger local retailers. Several of the "small dealer" class declared to The Advertiser that they had absolutely no coal on hand nor had they had as much as a pound for weeks.

Like the large distributors of coal these dealers, they say, have been driven almost crazy by the incessant demands for coal from customers, both old and new. Old customers naturally look to their accustomed dealer to supply them, or at least to tide them over. When they find he has none to give them they turn to others, and hundreds have tried every coal dealer in the city.

Brings Back Bills In.

There is one feature of the situation which might be called gratifying to the dealers, if there is anything which can be so characterized with incessant appeals for coal, and that is the payment of back coal bills. Customers who thought nothing of letting bills run for months and even years, have this year "settled on the nail," and in hundreds of cases have prepaid their coal bills. They figure that a balance against them on any dealer's books is a sure prevention of getting coal, and "back debts" appear only in isolated cases on the 1917-18 ledgers of the city dealers.

Seven Cars Today.

Seven carloads of coal were brought into the city today over the Grand Trunk lines and were soon being unloaded by the dealers to whom they were consigned.

At the courthouse today wood and coke is being burned, the last pound of coal being consumed in the furnaces yesterday

Soldiers Suffer, Too.

Soldiers, as well as civilians, are suffering from the scarcity of coal, and men in the headquarters offices, and in the offices of the various units quartered here, have been shivering through their daily tasks for several days. Prayers of thanksgiving were heard on all sides today when the news that a couple of carloads of coal for military purposes had made their appearance in London.

DOES TEMPERANCE ACT ALLOW CARRYING OF JAMAICA GINGER?

Interesting Point Arose in the Police Court Today.

DECISION WAS RESERVED

Council Will Submit Authorities in Case of Howard Laidley.

One of the anomalies of the law with particular reference to the Ontario Temperance Act was pointed out by Magistrate Graydon in police court today when he called attention to the fact that a man could buy Jamaica ginger, which showed over 62 per cent alcohol, without a doctor's prescription, whereas if the same individual requires plain whisky of about 48 to 55 per cent alcohol a physician's certificate is required.

This reference on the part of the magistrate was made during the hearing of the case against Howard Laidley, 38 Garfield avenue, who was charged with having liquor in his possession on the street.

After hearing the evidence the magistrate reserved his decision to permit R. J. Fisher for the prosecution and E. W. M. Flock for the defendant to submit authorities regarding the questions in dispute.

Laidley was arrested on the street by Constable Irwin because the officer said he believed Laidley had a bottle, although he showed not the slightest signs of intoxication.

Laidley testified he had "terrible cramps in the stomach" and had purchased a small vial of Jamaica ginger at a local drug store. This the constable found on Laidley, who had not consumed any of the fluid, but was on his way home when arrested.

A. J. Slack, chemist at the Institute of Public Health, testified the fluid in the bottle showed 62½ per cent alcohol, equivalent to 121½ proof spirits.

The decision in the case will establish a precedent whether a man can or cannot have Jamaica ginger in his possession if he can prove he was not using the tincture as a beverage.

ANOTHER DOCTOR FROM CITY WINS MILITARY CROSS

Dr. Gordon Jepson Decorated for Service at Front.

War honors have came to another London family. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jepson, 240 Pall Mall street, received a cable from their son, Capt. Gordon Jepson, from France, stating that he had been awarded the military cross. The cable made the brief announcement only. No details were given.

The parents, however, believe that Dr. Jepson's decoration is a reward for gallant services at the battle of Passchendaele. He was attached as medical officer to a Montreal infantry battalion, which figured in all the heavy fighting in this big attack. After the battle Dr. Jepson wrote to his parents and stated that he had been through the heavy fighting. He gave no details of his personal experiences other than to say that he had done his part.

"He is a very reticent young man," said his mother to The Advertiser.

Dr. Jepson is a graduate of the Western Ontario Medical School. He went overseas shortly after enlisting, and for some time was attached to the Ontario Government Orpington Hospital. Later he joined a field ambulance so as to get to France, and then transferred to No. 2 Stationary Hospital. Later he secured an opportunity to see action in the front line trenches by accepting the post of medical officer of the Montreal unit. His nine months' experience in this post culminated with the battle of Passchendaele and his decoration.

RAILWAY WORKERS BEING RECRUITED IN THIS DISTRICT

Seventy Men Wanted for New Section of Corps.

About seventy men, including firemen, eginemen and boiler washers, are needed for No. 3 Section, Skilled Railway Employees, and efforts will be made shortly to obtain them in this city, two officers being expected to visit London in the next few days for this purpose.

Men in Class 1 and Category A who have voluntarily reported for duty will be eligible for transfer from their units to the Skilled Railway Employees, and in that case will be transferred to St. John, Que. Men not in Class 1 and men of other categories than A will also be eligible, and may be transferred from other units if they are already in the Canadian army.

Capt. H. H. Pinch and Lieut. J. D. McBeath are in charge of the work of recruiting for the unit, and are expected to arrive here in the near future, and they will select men of the required trades who are now on the strength of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, at Queen's Park camp. No men of lower category than B2 are to be accepted.

The following are the trades in one of which the men must be qualified: Blacksmiths, blacksmiths strikers, enginemen and air compressor men, fitters, fitters (pneumatic), holders-on, driller, grinders, slotter and planer, turners (iron), painters pipe fitters, rope splicer, rivetters, slingers, steam, cranemen, dividing wood and steel wagon workers, wagon repairers and erectors, boiler washer, firemen.

QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

Send In Your Problems and They Will Be Answered From Official Information by The Advertiser.

Question.—1. I was categorized A-2, but my medical history sheet shows that I have a hammer toe and varicose veins. I would like to know whether I should have been placed in a lower category.

2. I have in my possession a passport to Great Britain, which holds good until August 15, 1918, and can then be renewed for another two years. How does that stand in relation to the act?

T. W. A. C.

Answer.—1. If you believe yourself unfit you should have applied for exemption on that ground, and then you could have had another medical examination. It is possible that some error has been made in your categorization, but questions of medical status cannot be answered here.

2. If you are not liable for service here it is possible that you may be allowed to leave the country. State your case in writing to W. E. Wismer, deputy registrar, Royal Bank Building, London, Ont., if you desire to leave the country, and he will give you a permit if such is allowable.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Much Apparently If Election Results Can Be Taken for Anything.

"What's in a name?" asked a man on the car today after reviewing the result of the municipal elections.

A glance over the names of the successful candidates would lead to the belief that there is considerable.

Look at the candidates for the mayoralty. It is perhaps a question as to whether or not the name of Somerville or Stevenson is best known, and this despite the fact that the name of the ex-mayor has been daily before the people for the last three years. It is safe to say that when the people went to the polls on Tuesday morning they were as familiar with the name of Somerville as that of the ex-mayor. The clean-cut campaign of the mayor-elect and the support which he received from the press was in no small measure responsible for this. There was another factor, however. The boys of yesterday are the men of today, and what boy has not heard of Somerville's Long Tom popcorn? And what boy forgot it? Dr. Shaw was the least known of the trio. The vote shows it.

As to the board of control, who is there in the city that on hearing the name of Little associated with public life, does not look back with pleasant memories to the time when the city of London had a real mayor? Who is there that has not heard of Robinson, Little & Co.? Controller Little has a fine record for a young man in public life. His election could not be said to be contingent on the above certificates of character, but it is safe to say that they have played a part in making him so well known about the city. Then did they not help him to head the poll?

The same applied to the utilities. The name of Pocock has for many years been associated with the shoe business in London.

Mr. Vining, who ran second is not so well known as Mr. Pocock. This is his first flight into the municipal arena, but not his first appearance in public life. The name of Vining has been well known in London for years. Jared Vining was for many years secretary of the Canadian Club. F. W. Daly, though he had taken a couple of fliers in public life before, has seemingly afterwards retired into obscurity. Hence the publicity thereby obtained has been lost to him. His return has usually been in what might be said to be, the role of a newcomer.

Gray & Parker, later Gray's, Limited, have for years numbered among London's leading merchants, and the name of James Gray is synonomous with the name of his firm. Besides, Mr. Gray has been more or less in public life. His two sons gave excellent service to their country in the war, Sergt. Ronald Gray making the supreme sacrifice. James Gray has always been a good bowler and good fellow among those who knew him intimately. He headed the poll.

Touching on the aldermen, who is there that has not heard of P. J. Watt? Others to the contrary notwithstanding, there are hundreds and hundreds of citizens who retain pleasant memories of purchases, made in the not-to-be-forgotten past, off P. J. His advent in public life would indicate that hundreds of citizens paid their best respects to an old friend.

Frank Harley and Gordon Drake, who headed the polls in their wards, are not only known because of their year's work on the council, but both have excellent business records. Mr. Drake has for years been a leader in the grocers' organization. His work in helping make their annual picnic a success has made him widely known.

The candidates-elect mentioned above headed the polls in their respective contests. Facts which are believed to have stood these men well in the contest are mentioned not in a derogatory, but more in a complimentary manner. It is not to the discredit of any man to have an excellent name to go along with his own character on his entry into public life. Those interested who glance over the list will undoubtedly agree that those who played follow the leader were just a little less known than those who led them, while among the defeated candidates will be found the majority of those who for the first time, made their initial jump into public life.

Candidates Elect Already Qualify For Civic Office

Number of Them Have Taken Oath of Office.

Some of those elected at the polls on Monday have qualified for office. They include Controllers E. S. Little and C. H. Merryfield, George C. Gunn, as hospital trustee; Ald. J. J. Harding, P. J. Watt, O. G. Keene, W. A. Wilson, F. R. Watkinson, H. B. Ashplant, S. R. Manness and Trustees James Gray, Thomas Rowe and Ed. Smith.

The candidates-elect have until the organization meeting of the various bodies to perform this little task, so there is no rush.

CANADIAN ARMY HAS FINEST DESCIPLINE IN WORLD, SAYS PASTOR

Capt. A. E. Lavell Is Back From Saloniki Front.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 2. — Capt. A. E. Lavell, who left here as chaplain of the 135th Battalion, and who saw service at Saloniki, returned today. The Canadian army, he says, now has the finest discipline in the world, based on a mutual trust between officers and men, and the will to accomplish things. Rev. Mr. Lavell, who was a leading temperance worker here before his departure, made some interesting observations on the rum issue, stating that liquor was till a curse in England, and one of the hardest things in the war to combat. It was still responsible for many things, but the issue of rum in the front line trenches, under the strictest military supervision, was another matter. A prohibitionist could favor this issue and still be a prohibitionist, declared Capt. Lavell.

15 TONS AT BRANTFORD.

Brantford, Jan. 3.—The charge was made this morning by a local coal dealer that unless there was a change at once the whole system of civic distribution of coal would fall through. He alleges that dealers are not only filling orders placed without orders from the civic distributing centre, but that new orders are being taken and filled. There were but 15 tons of coal available this morning, and the civic office closed down

CRAWFORD—ROSS.

HIGHGATE, Jan. 2. — The wedding of Nina Mae, only daughter of Samuel Ross, and E. Raeburn Crawford, of Highgate, was solemnized at the bride's home, con. 12, Camden Township, by Rev. Dr. Boyd pastor of Thamesville Presbyterian Church. The bride was becomingly attired in white satin. After a brief honeymoon to wetern points Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will take up their residence at Turin, where Mr. Crawford is principal of the public school.

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BARGAINS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

50c Kosmeo Face Powder **39c**	50c Kosmeo Cream **39c**	15c Iris Nail Polish **9c**	Wampole's Tasteless Preparation Cod Liver Oil **$1.00**	35c Sani-Flush **20c**	$1.00 Eno's Fruit Salt **67c**	25c Wood's Norway Pine Syrup **17c**	$1.00 Burdock Blood Bitters **67c**	25c Blaud's Iron Pills **19c**	25c A. B. S. & C. Tablets **19c**

8 DOZEN
Ebony Manicure Pieces
such as Nail Files, Cuticle Knives, etc. Regular 50c.
Friday and Saturday .... **33c each**

6 DOZEN
Canadian Hair Dye
Regular 50c
Friday and Saturday **33c**
Limit, 2 to 1 Customer.

Chewing Gum
All kinds.
Wrigley's, Adams etc., every day .. **3 for 10c**

BIG BARGAIN SALE OF
Tooth Preparations

25c Euthymol Tooth Paste	19c
25c Euthymol Tooth Powder	19c
25c Zodenta Paste	19c
25c Zodenta Powder	19c
25c S. D. L. Paste	15c
25c Zonox Paste	19c
50c Zonox Anti-Acid	33c
50c Tepeco	35c
50c Pebeco	38c
25c Peroxide Dental Cream	19c
25c Charcoal Tooth Paste,	19c

Vogue Royale
(Trade Mark)
Toilet Articles

50c Eau de Quinine	39c
$1 Eau de Quinine	79c
25c Florida Water	19c
50c Florida Water	39c
25c Bay Rum	19c
50c Bay Rum	39c
25c Cream of Almonds	19c
25c Cream of Roses	19c
25c Cream of Violets	19c
50c Peroxide and Almond Cream	19c
25c Brilliantine	19c
35c Cold Cream	24c
35c Vanishing Cream	24c
65c Vanishing Cream	48c
65c Cold Cream	48c
35c Skin Food	24c
65c Skin Food	48c
25c Shampoo	19c
50c Shampoo	39c

8 DOZEN
Mennen's Ruvia
(Deodorant)
Regular 25c.
Friday and Saturday **17c**
Limit, 2 to 1 Customer.

10 DOZEN
M.S.C. Cocoanut Oil Shampoo
Regular 50c.
Friday and Saturday **24c**
Limit, 2 to 1 Customer.

BIG BARGAIN SALE
Nature's Remedy
Regular 25c 15c
Regular 50c 29c

BIG BARGAIN SALE OF
Rubber Goods
$2.25 Fountain Syringe, **$1.49**
Enema Syringe ..... 69c, 89c and $1.19
75c Combination Fittings, **49c**
$2.25 Hot Water Bottle **$1.49**
$2.50 Hot Water Bottle **$1.79**
$2.75 Hot Water Bottle **$1.98**
The Standard Guarantee protects you

1 Gross
STANOL
LIQUID PARAFFIN OIL
Tasteless and Odorless
Regular 75c
Friday and Saturday **48c**

15 Gross
GIN PILLS
Probably the largest purchase of Gin Pills ever made by one retail drug firm in Ontario.
Regular 50c
Friday and Saturday
35c or 3 for $1.00

1 Gross
Sweet Nitre Kidney Pills
Regular 50c
Friday and Saturday **29c**

2 Gross
FORMINOL
The Great Germicide and Antiseptic
Regular 25c **14c**

OPENING 1918 SALE
Talcum Powders
Friday and Saturday

25c Palmolive	19c
25c Page Talcum, all odors	14c
25c 1-lb. Talcum, violet	14c
25c Taylor's Talcum	19c
25c Colgate's	20c
25c Williams'	20c
25c Mennen's Talcum	15c
25c Lyman's	19c
75c Mary Garden	48c
75c Lilas de Rigaud	48c
Corson's Ideal Orchid	25c
Djer-Kiss Talcum	28c

ZONOX
(Trade Mark)
GUARANTEED PREPARATIONS
Now Enjoying An Enormous Sale

$1 Blood Purifier	79c
$1 Celery Nerve Tonic	79c
$1 Syrup of Hypophosphites	79c
25c White Liniment	19c
50c Hair Restorer	39c
25c Throat Pastilles	19c
25c Worm Powders	19c
25c Carminative	19c
25c Aromatic Cascara	19c
25c Wild Strawberry	19c
25c Larkspur Lotion	19c
25c Sweet Castor Oil	19c
25c Pain Expeller	19c
50c Eczema Ointment	39c
25c Rubbing Oil	19c
25c Throat Gargle	19c
50c Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil	39c
$1 Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil	79c
50c Hair Tonic	39c
$1 Hair Tonic	79c
50c Rheumatic Cure	39c
25c Herbal Ointment	19c
50c Carbolic Ointment	39c

2 Gross
Young's Laxative Quinine Tablets
For That Cold in the Head
Regular 25c
Friday and Saturday Special
2 for 25c

EXTRA SPECIAL CLEARING SALE OF
VOGUE ROYALE FACE POWDER
Only 12½ dozen left in warehouse.
Regular 35c 19c
Regular 75c 39c
While it lasts Friday and Saturday. Do not overlook this big bargain.

BIG BARGAIN SALE OF
TOOTH BRUSHES
Regular 19c Brush 15c
Regular 25c Brush 19c
Regular 35c Brush 25c
Regular 40c Brush 29c
Regular 50c Brush 35c
On December 31 we had over 120 dozen of all kinds in stock at our warehouse.
Rubberset, Prophylactic and Hutax Brushes not included in this sale

4 Dozen
Picket Playing Cards
Regular 35c Value
Friday and Saturday .... **24c Pkg**
Not More Than 2 Packages to 1 Customer.

2 Gross
Miller's Worm Powders
Regular 25c
Friday and Saturday while they last **15c**
Not More Than 2 to 1 Customer.

6 Dozen
Blood Iron Salts
Regular $1.00
Friday and Saturday **67c**
Limit, 2 to 1 Customer.

15 Gross
PEROXIDE OF HYDROGEN
Fresh. Full Strength

Regular 25c	10c
Regular 40c	25c
Regular 60c	35c

Friday and Saturday

24 Cases
CASTILE SOAP
Long Bar
Regular 35c
Friday and Saturday special **24c**
Limit, 2 to 1 Customer.

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At 252 Dundas Street Only
Phone 4040

PLANTS.

Fern pans of ferns and flowering plants, each	59c
Begonias, each	29c
Ferns, each	29c and 69c
Boston Ferns, each	79c

CUT FLOWERS.

Roses, per dozen	$1.75
Narcissus, per dozen	69c
Violets, per bunch	49c

Prompt Delivery.

CIGARS
We carry all the leading brands at the Standard popular prices. Also in boxes of 10, 25 and 50. Special for Friday and Saturday 1,500 only STANDARD TWINS, regular 2 for 15c or 4 for 25c. While they last
5 for 25c

3 Gross
Brooks' Baby Barley
Regular 50c pkg.
Friday and Saturday **33c**

20 Dozen
York Shaving Stick
Regular 20c Value
Friday and Saturday **15c**
Limit, 2 to 1 Customer.

17 Dozen
Royal Dorothy Soothers
Regular 25c
Friday and Saturday **19c**

SPECIAL BARGAIN SALE
DR. CHASE'S PREPARATIONS

25c Kidney and Liver Pills	17c
50c Nerve Food	33c
60c Ointment	39c
25c Catarrh Powder	17c
25c Linseed and Turps	17c
60c Linseed and Turps	43c

Friday and Saturday

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SPITE FENCES IN BUSINESS.

THOSE newspapers and individuals who sought to make political capital in the recent campaign out of racial differences are liable to have much to answer for. The unpatriotic actions and words which told Quebec that Ontario is her enemy are being taken with the utmost seriousness in some sections of the French province. There is little doubt that in the end the better judgment will prevail, but in the meantime damage has been done to the spirit of confederation which it will take years to repair. For a long time bitterness will rankle in the breasts of the French-Canadians, who know that they have as much right as any to be regarded as part of the Canadian population. If a racial war should be followed by commercial war of even small proportions, as the agitators in the lower province are urging, that unity which is essential to the welfare of the country will have been shattered to such an extent as to cause almost irreparable damage, unless heroic measures are adopted by the leaders on both sides.

And to make matters worse there is a disposition in this province of Ontario, supposed to lead in intelligence, to point the finger at Kitchener and draw a commercial barrier at its boundaries. There was reason to believe that the day of village spite fences had passed, but here we have it revived on a scale that threatens to give Ontario business methods an odious name wherever business is done. Because these same superloyalists, for political purposes, declared Kitchener, holus bolus, disloyal, businessmen of other cities now chose to "pass by on the other side," and institute a boycott against Kitchener industries. It may be recalled that this is in accordance with the prediction, which seemed like a promise, of the late member of North Waterloo, whose German script circulars failed to bring him salvation at the polls. Are the industries of Kitchener disloyal? Is there one of them disloyal? If so it is the duty of the Government, and not the businessmen, to act. Has any evidence been produced to show that any business institution of that city has not been true in word and deed to the best interests of Canada and the British Empire? Much evidence has been produced to show that most of them are as loyal as business institutions anywhere. Moreover, Kitchener is not composed entirely of residents of German descent. It has many good old Anglo-Saxon names in its directory, and these men along with the others are made to suffer because of the narrow-mindedness which is still thinking of spite fences. What a reputation such a spirit is likely to give Canadian business abroad! Where do businessmen, under the spell of such a spirit, expect to find anyone willing to enter into business relations with them?

PUBLICITY IS ESSENTIAL.

CANADA has given her consent to the conscription of 100,000 men for military service. Canada has a right to know all particulars concerning enlistments under the military service act, including the numbers furnished by each district and the total number afforded by the first class. If there is to be another class called out, the people have the right to know how many are required from it to make up the number designated in the act.

Ottawa reports say that it has been decided by the powers that be that these items of information are to be kept a secret; that the names and numbers of those called out today are not to be made public. It may be that little good purpose would be served by publication of the names, but Canadians are most decidedly interested in knowing how the act is working in the various military districts and the provinces. Those who have read the boast of the Government—that Quebec was to be made to toe the mark—are eager to see whether it was fact or bluff; whether this attitude expressed the determination of the Government, or that which quietly promised exemption to all farmers and industrials.

The mind of the civilian fails to comprehend what military advantage would accrue to the enemy if he were permitted to know how many men Canada was raising and from what districts they were coming. The announcement has been blazoned abroad by the Government that 100,000 men were to be taken. That is all the enemy cares to know. Interest in other details is confined to the Canadian people, and why should they be kept in the dark?

The Government has been returned to power. The majority of the voters on December 17 last trusted it to enforce conscription fairly and equitably. They should be kept fully informed and given every opportunity to judge whether their faith is justified. Secrecy will be taken as a cause for grave suspicion.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

IN SPITE of the fact that there is a strong feeling in favor of making the patriotic fund and its distribution a Government function, the executive committee of the fund has decided unanimously to make the usual appeal for voluntary subscriptions this year. Whether this will end the question or whether the Government may decide to take unto itself the duties in connection with it is not certain, but the latter move would find many supporters.

It is announced by the governor-general, president of the fund, that the decision to retain the voluntary system was reached only after all other alternatives had been considered exhaustively. That may be so, but the public would be interested to learn what objections were raised and by whom to making a change.

The patriotic fund as at present administered carries with it just a tinge of charity in the public mind. There are many wives of soldiers who do not apply for a grant because of this, although they require the additional money and are thoroughly deserving of it. They shrink from asking to be included in the list of those who are receiving the fund. There are, also, certain other more or less disagreeable features which sensitive minds would avoid, and the placing of the fund under Government control might eliminate these.

Under present conditions, a private soldier's wife receives from a grateful country $25 per month, and from $15 to $20 a month from her husband's pay. This gives her a maximum of $45. If she has no children, the amount is hardly sufficient to keep her, and if she has a family the amount is absolutely inadequate. Why should she have to ask for a voluntary grant? Is the work her husband is doing for his country not of sufficient importance to warrant the payment of a wage which will keep him and his family in comfort? Why should she have to submit to an oversight of her conduct and affairs if she would increase her income? It is monstrously unfair. No wage-earning or salary-earning civilian would work for a firm which insisted on supervising his domestic affairs before paying him the money he earns. Why should the wife of the man who is doing the greatest and most important work of all be subjected to such humiliation?

The new Government of Canada owes it to the soldiers to pay enough for their services to guarantee a comfortable living for their families. Had this been done earlier, conscription might never have been deemed advisable. The people pay the patriotic fund money in any case, and surely the idea of keeping to the voluntary plan is not based on the theory that money will be saved because some will not apply who would receive the monthly check if it became part of the soldier's pay. That would be discounting natural pride and independence.

Canadians are willing to pay all that is necessary for the upkeep of the soldiers and their dependents. Let it be paid the same as any other salary.

RUSSIA AND WORLD PEACE.

THE revolution in Russia is full of results for all the world. For decades the one grand pretext of German armaments was protection against the brute mass of Russia under its military autocrat. As Great Britain feared for India, so the Russian peril was much nearer up to the Germans, overhanging them so that democracy seemed a hopeless ideal in face of aggressive and all-powerful czardom. We feel ourselves, in the midst of the present struggle, that the pure democracy of peace time has to be qualified if we are to make headway against bandit despotism. How much more must the Germans have felt the need of their system of blood and iron with Russia always leaning on their eastern shoulder. Napoleon had predicted that Europe would be either Russia or the United States of Europe.

The weakness of Russia evideneed in and after the Japanese war emboldened the rulers of Germany to use their huge "protective" machine for a sudden aggression, a conquest of the world. The German people became intoxicated with a dream of universal dominion. But now comes in with crushing losses the reaction. The kaiser and his Pan-Germans see and fear it. They know that not only will the German masses repudiate the idea of conquest, but that the break-up and democratization of Russia suggests the needlessness of continuing the junker system of blood and iron and the practicability, advisability at last of democracy in Germany. The Russ "disease" is bound to infect neighbor Hans. A free and innocent Russia means the chance at last of a free Germany.

So, as the great mass of unfree Russia kept the world uneasy and armed, ever since Waterloo, the mass of democratic Russia is making quickly and inevitably for a disarmed and friendly world. It will disarm Germany and Great Britain, too. The fear of Russia was our bogey from the time of Napoleon to the Japanese success in 1905. It forced up Britain's naval armaments for the defence of India and the seas. Of late it has been the German machine, originally brought into being and forced to high power by the Franco-Prussian peril, later turned to world conquest, that has forced the pace for us in the insane competition of war preparation, but that machine is going to pieces under the weight of the world's counter-attack, and with the removal of the Russian peril that made its raison d'etre. The world's way to general disarmament and democracy is clearing wonderfully with the overthrow of the Russian bureaucracy. The German peoples can greatly facilitate the inevitable course of events by overthrowing the out-of-date Hohenzollerns, and thus enabling a guaranteed peace and resultant entente cordiale of all the world.

THE CONDUCTOR OF THE BRANCH

Hast seen the man? In blue and brass array?
Who doth conduct the traveler o'er "the Branch,"
Who hoppeth up and down his cars all day,
From Monday morning even to "Dimanche?"

Cheerful, impressive, rubicund, benign,
Yet clothed with all authority and power,
His cap-gold lettered, most impressive sign—
He is a monarch. Be it but an hour.

See him unbend and pat the youthful bean
Of babelet making primal tour from home;
And mark his jokes so fresh—so evergreen—
For old Commercials—ancient men of Roam.

The kids who journey up to Learning's fount,
Do gaze upon him with sincere amaze,
Marking the splendor of that noble Mount
(I mean his head) where wisdom ever stays.

All idiotic questions come his way,
But none of them surprise him or affright—
Heard 'em before. So turning on the Jay—
And holding him by button—puts him right.

Of fem'nine beauty he is connoisseur—
A friend of flappers—and esteemed by all;
But for the brutal, bold, presumptuous boor,
He is decocted bitterness and gall.

Then bless this golden-buttoned, cheery soul,
Friend of the wise as well as Scant-o-brain,
And when we journey northwards to the Pole,
May he be there conductor of the train.

ARISTOPHELES.

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A WISHING GAME.

[By Martha McCulloch-Williams.]

"Let's play 'wish on.' It's the only way we'll ever get things," Joe said, trying to speak lightly, but failing rather piteously.

Leslie smiled softly. "You first," she said. "I have to be shown, you know. Wish me—what you will."

"Oh! First, an Easter bonnet, with a towering feather on it," Joe half chanted, adding with a grimace, "Might as well wish you a crown."

"Got all the crown I pine for—a martyr's," Leslie retorted. Then, with a little laugh: "Joe, you were made for grandeurs. I wish on you a Paris frock—the last word of fashion—and all that goes with it; a motor car, of course, and, equally of course, a husband to provide it."

"You generous person!" Joe cried, standing on one foot and swinging the other. For a moment she was a figure of joy, all worries forgotten in the picture of her imagining self. "Only please wish the right husband. I couldn't bear him if he was bald or had a face that sat propped on a double chin——"

"I must say you're over nice. Never look a gift-husband in the mouth," Leslie flung back.

They thought themselves alone in their aunt's house—a big house, beautifully furnished, with all save love. She gave its shelter rather grudgingly to those children of her sister and her brother. They were closer in heart than sisters, as often curiously fails out. Having shelter and food, their inherited pittances sufficed narrowly for other needs. Aunt Luella would not hear of their working. Her nieces, under her protection, must make their market in matrimony.

Through an open window came the whiff of a fine cigar; following it, the slight stir of one rising from a rather creaky steamer chair. Joe started violently, whispering: "The Sultan must be here. How did it happen, all unknown to us?"

"Came by aeroplane, most likely," Leslie returned as cautiously. "But I'm wondering how long ago. Suppose—only suppose—he overheard."

"Better death!" Joe whispered, striking an attitude, but giggling too much to hold it. Cautiously the pair crept into the wide hall, up the stairs, down a corridor, and at last won a haven in their own special wing. A tiny window in it, almost obscured by vines, gave them a view of the piazza outside the library, where they had talked. Yes, there sat the Sultan, otherwise John Melton. Mrs. Ware had told them of his coming. She had also intimated very plainly that he stood in need of a wife, and while not on the outlook for one, might be snared. Also, and further, that if he went away scot free she would take it very ill as proof of rank ingratitude on the part of her dependents.

"Easy mind here. He looks too wooden for anything. If he heard, he didn't understand," Joe commented, putting down the glasses through which she had surveyed him. Leslie caught them up eagerly. After her look she laughed, saying: "I think he heard, but imagined we must be discussing a new brand of religion. So let's wish some more."

"Not unless you promise you won't wish him on me," Joe said.

Leslie cuffed her affectionately, saying primly: "No fear. If anybody is sacrificed to him, behold in me the lamb for the marriage altar."

"You wouldn't take him, really?" Joe asked.

Leslie nodded. "I would, at the drop of a hat, and mighty nearly drop it myself. The sin of it Fate would have to chalk up against Aunt Luella. My, how she'd sizzle if she knew I said that. But, truly, she's inviting us to sell ourselves in the highest moral fashion.

"I'd rather die a spinster—almost," Joe said plaintively. She had the glasses again. Through them the piazza showed very near. Hence she saw clearly a dog, whining, frothing, whirling, dart around the angle of it and leap toward the unsuspecting sitter. Once, twice, thrice, the mad brute sprang, but Joe saw only the first leap. With Leslie at her heels she ran to the stranger's help. None too soon.

As they came upon him, he stood tense, jaws set, hands locked about the dog's throat, holding it away from him with the strength of a giant.

"Get something—a blanket—thicker the better," he ordered over his shoulder at sound of footsteps.

Leslie darted to fetch a heavy steamer rug. Joe hunted cord—clothesline, strong and flexible. How she did it she never knew, but in some fashion a dangling noose of the cord caught over the snarling, strangling muzzle and was deftly drawn taut. Then a cast of the robe made the creature helpless. Gathering the folds of it tight, the stranger said huskily:

"Show me a safe place. The poor beast may not be really mad. Anyway, he must live until we can be certain."

They led him to an empty chicken-run, one quite secure, with a roomy cover at the end, and a leafy tree for shade just outside. The dog cowered on the turf of it, then darted out of sight. His captors looked one at the other, with something like thanksgiving. "Wish all women were as brave and ready," Melton said, smiling at them. "Now, please, I'm very lonesome. Won't you let me in the game?"

"You listened!" Joe cried.

Melton nodded. "Nothing else I could do," he said, almost plaintively. "You know the doctrine of necessity excuses almost anything."

"If only we had known," Leslie murmured.

Melton laughed lazily. "I would have heard no good of myself," he said.

Joe began to pout. "You forgot we've been very well brought up," she said. "We had always rather be polite than truthful."

"Thank you: I'll remember," he said, taking her hand. Joe merrily put her other pretty hand over his big muscular one. But almost instantly she snatched them away with a shudder. He looked at her narrowly.

"I see! You don't forget the strangling," he said. "I feel like a murderer myself when I recall it. I should have had to kill him if you had not come to the rescue."

"So you pity even a mad dog—one supposed to be?" Leslie asked.

He looked straight in her eyes as he answered, "I pity all madness; it seems to me there should be none. Freedom and happiness are its sure antidotes."

A fortnight later he asked Joe to marry him, and marvelled that she turned as white as death while she listened. When he waited her answer she turned from him, walked the room length twice, then stopped dead, saying: "You've made a mistake. You don't want me—Leslie——"

"What of her?" Melton asked.

Joe choked, but went on bravely. "Take her out of all this—the stagnation, the tyranny—you must have seen. She is almost mad from it. I want her to be happy. No matter about—about me."

"She shall be happy. We will not leave her here. But you must take me, or that can't happen," Melton said gaily.

Joe looked away. "She won't go," she said.

"Ask her." Melton returned, smiling whimsically.

And before Joe could speak there was Leslie right behind her, saying with happy tears:

"Dear girl, it is—all right!"

Bits of Byplay

by Luke McLuke

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Cheer Up!

I smile because the sun is bright,
I smile because the stars at night
All give me proof of God's great might—
I smile.
I smile in spite of war's dismay,
I know that God in His great way
Will make all right in His own day.
I smile.

Poor Old Paw.

Willie—Paw?

Paw—Yes, my son. What is it?

Willie—Could a foreigner with a glass eye be naturalized in this country?

Paw—You better keep your face closed if you know what is good for you, young man.

Betcha!

For many months sweet Mary Mound
Could not hear songs of love I'd sing,
But when I gave her one, I found
That she could hear a diamond ring.

Then It Happened.

"What is the difference between a condemned murderer and a painting?" asked the Rummy, as he took a handful of matches.

"I'll bite," said the Barkeep, as he reached for a club. "What is the difference?"

"A painting can't be hanged until after it is executed," replied the Rummy as he headed for the door.

Happy China.

In China actors are quite rare,
This is a fact, so do not stare;
For in old China, my dear cousin,
They sell eggs for three cents per dozen.

The Wise Fool.

"The way of the trangressor is hard," quoted the Sage.

"Yes," agreed the Fool. "On other folks."

Strange.

That she is very smart, I'll vow,
Yet Mrs. Young,
For some strang reason, can't learn how
To hold her tongue.

Mercy!

We were in High Point, N. C., the other day and we heard Edward Curser.

Triplett—Breeding.

The culmination of a very happy courtship of several months came Thursday afternoon in the marriage of Mr. Walter Triplett of the Madison Garage, and Miss Hazel Breeding. The ceremony was performed in Lexington.—Richmond (Ky.) Register.

Did the choir sing "What Will the Harvest Be?"

Any Other Nominations?

The friends of Dr. George B. DeVine of Maysville, Ky., have nominated him for Chaplain of the Club.

A Prayer For the Kaiser.

Oh, may that brute, the kaiser, float
On open sea, in open boat,
In Arctic seas without a coat—
Glory Hallelujah!
Without a compass, sail or bar,
A million miles away from shore,
Where mighty waves like mountains roar—
Glory Hallelujah!
May sharks devour him, stem and stern,
A whale engulf him down in turn,
And the devil get the whole concern—
Glory Hallelujah!
Oh, may this cursed kaiser dwell
In darkest pits of deepest hell,
And gnash his teeth and groan and yell—
Glory Hallelujah!
And, 'mid his roars and frantic cries,
Oh, may eternal ashes rise,
And blow forever in his eyes—
In burning brimstone may he be,
While little devils dance in glee,
And lock the door and lose the key—
Glory Hallelujah!

—Anon.

Names Is Names.

Ruth M. Loose lives at Mount GHead, Ohio.

Our Daily Special.

You Can't Keep a Good Thermometer Down.

Luke McLuke Says.

Why is it that the bright baby a fond father is always bragging about has an attack of dumbitis when you meet it?

Isn't it wonderful how a girl manages to put off getting fat until after she gets married?

Too many girls imagine that using a dollar's worth of perfume gives them an atmosphere of refinement. But it doesn't.

Father gets mad because son belongs to a political club and is enthused over politics. Father is grouchy and tells son that political clubs are all flapdoodle and tommyrot. But if son could have seen father about 20 years ago when father marched in political parades carrying a coal-oil torch and dolled up in a red, white and blue cape, son would have laughed himself to death.

It takes a mighty fair-minded man to admit that a man who doesn't agree with him may be right about it.

If you want to find out who owns a Pullman car, just refuse to tip the porter.

There never was a man who was as polite to his own wife as he is to some other woman.

Cheer up! Look around you and you will see a lot of poor unfortunate cusses whose cases make your lot look like Easy Street.

When a man is well he acts as if good health wasn't worth a nickel. But when he is sick he wants to get well worse than anything else in the world.

We are willing to grant equal suffrage to every girl who can bake a biscuit that won't dent a hole in the oilcloth on the kitchen floor when you let the biscuit fall.



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MAJESTIC

In "The Adopted Son," the Metro Super-Feature, co-starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, adapted from the story of Max Brand, appearing in the All-Story Weekly, a cast of well-known actors supports the famous co-stars.

J. W. Johnston has already won the admiration of Metro patrons for his excellent work in the leading male role in "God's Half-Acre," a Metro wonder-play, with Mabel Taliaferro as star. He has appeared in prominent parts for Famous Players, Fine Arts, Pathe, and Lasky. Mr. Johnston is a native of Ireland.

Leslie Stowe, who has the appealing role of the head of the McLanes in "The Adopted Son," was seen in "The Dawn of Love," with Mabel Taliaferro, having the part of the father. Mr. Stowe is an actor who puts sincerity into all of his work.

John Smiley has long been a Metro favorite. He has been seen in "The Millionaire's Double," with Lionel Barrymore, in "God's Half-Acre" with Mabel Taliaferro, and in numerous other character parts in Metro wonder-plays.

In "The Adopted Son" some well-known cowboys give exhibitions of sensational riding. Among these are Art Ortega and "Blacky" Thompson. Ortega, who was a member of the original 101 Bison Company, and has played for Kalem, Universal and others before coming to Metro, has been a screen player for more than ten years. Most of his Metro appearances have been with Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne.

At the Majestic again today.

PATRICIA

Some grouchy individual once remarked that all William S. Hart's photoplays are the same, that if you see one you see all. There is just about as much truth in this statement as if a person were to say that having seen the sun one morning he did not want to see it another day.

It is a well-known fact that the motion picture patron who goes to view a Hart picture made by Thomas H. Ince for Artcraft is certain to see a western play, in which under no circumstances will he behold this famous screen star masquerading as a follower of fashion, or plodding through five long, tedious reels of film as a deep-dyed villain.

Hart always is a hero—and a heroic hero at that. He never has sought to disguise his well-known features. He has never essayed other than the role of the sturdy, rugged, virile man of the big western country—and yet no two Hart pictures bear any resemblance to each other.

Hart's popularity knows no geography. He is as well liked in the most northern point where picture houses flourish as in the cities and towns south of the Mason and Dixon line, where he is affectionately termed "Two-Gun Hicky" and "Black Buck" by his admirers. Women and girls delight in the thrills that abound in a Hart picture. Small boys mentally decide to be Bill Harts when they reach man's estate. Grown men wish they had Hart's talents as an actor, his compelling personality and his unquestioned popularity.

Not one of these numerous millions of picture enthusiasts will agree to the statement that all Hart films are the same, any more than a Central American revolutionist will concur in the opinion that two days resemble each other to any considerable extent.

A new William S. Hart picture, "The Silent Man," made by Thomas H. Ince for Artcraft, will be seen today, Friday and Saturday at the Patricia.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

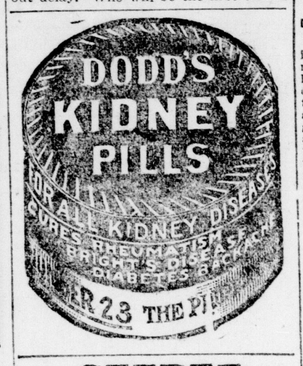
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The action of certain decent citizens who have given of their own meagre supply to relieve the distressed condition due to fuel shortage, suggests the possibility of much being done on these lines if only the mayor and council would attempt something. There are undoubtedly citizens with surplus coal in their cellars. Why not ask them to voluntarily sell a portion of this to the municipal yard? Those citizens willing might telephone their willingness to supply, say, anyone in want of half a ton at the same rate as they paid for it, and the city garbage carts might be utilized to convey it from one house to another; or it might be arranged through the coal merchants. It is up to the council to do something. If all the surplus trees in the city, which are undoubtedly the cause of much of the catarrh and bronchitis so prevalent here, were cut down and permitted to dry during the summer months, a supply of wood would be available for next winter. Fifty per cent of the trees in this city could be dispensed with.

I believe there is plenty of fuel to tide over the next two months. Let all unite and fearlessly act in order that no poor family suffers from want of fuel. A fuel controller without a supply of coal coming to the city can be of little use, but the surplus in the cellars of the more fortunate ones would, I'm sure, be given up to relieve the extremely poor, who often live in houses where there is not any gas, and no other means of obtaining heat for ordinary cooking purposes.

Let the mayor and council act without delay. Who will be the first citizen to telephone the mayor that he has half a ton of coal to spare?

SANDPAPER.



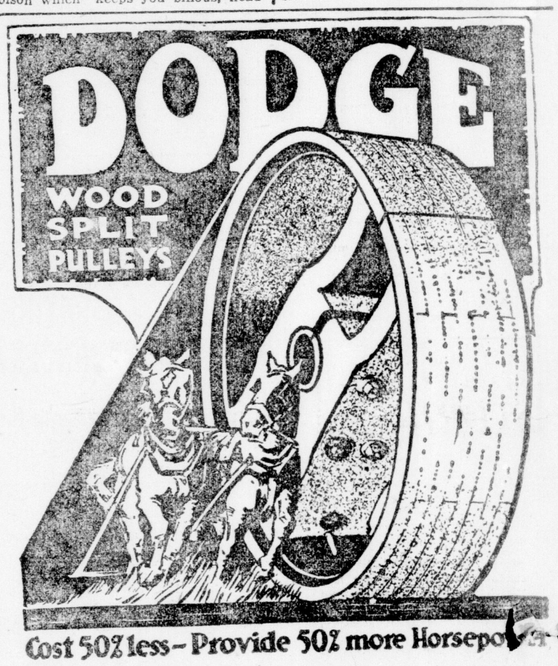
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ADELE GARRISON'S NEW

REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

Why Dicky's Inquiry About Madge's Wrist Watch Gave Him Joy and Her Sadness.

"Don't you ever take that wrist watch off, Madge?"

Dicky's tone was lazily amused. I had impatiently expressed a wish for a serviceable, inexpensive, leather-strapped wrist watch one day when I had forgotten to put on the very pretty watch I own, and had been without a timepiece when I needed one badly. Upon his return from town the next day he had brought one with him.

I had worn it rather steadily, partly because of its convenience, partly because I liked to feel my husband's gift upon my arm. But never had I guarded it so closely as I had since my return from Lillian Underwood's and my entrance into the secret service as one of her assistants. There was a reason for this which made my heart throb apprehensively at Dicky's question.

"Only when I have my hands in water," I returned lightly.

"And you sleep in it, too, I've noticed," Dicky said. "What's the use of that, when you can't see the time unless you use a flashlight or turn on the electric light?"

"I keep a flashlight under my pillow, you know," I explained nervously—how I wished Dicky would talk of anything else! "And I like to have it on my arm," I finished lamely.

"You're a funny little thing," Dicky looked at me speculatively. "Just like a kid in some things. Who would ever have thought you'd care for anything like this so much? But I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll exchange it for one with a luminous dial. Then you can tell what time it is no matter how dark the room."

"But I don't want any other kind, Dicky," I said faintly, trying to gather my wits together to combat this unexpected danger to one of Lillian's cherished plans.

"What nonsense!" Dicky, imperious, masterful, crossed over to me, put out his hand to examine the watch. "It shouldn't be damaged at all, you've had it so short a time. Just let me take it down today, and I'll bring you the other one tonight."

Can't You Guess?"

It was a very real terror now that confronted me. There was no time for half-measures. I despised myself for the subterfuge I was about to use, but there was no help for it.

I reached up my arms, deftly avoiding Dicky's grasp at the watch, and put them tightly around his neck.

"Dicky, dear," I said softly, "can't you guess why I don't want the watch changed?"

His face softened as he bent it to mine and kissed me.

"Suppose you tell me," he half whispered. Dicky is the most susceptible person to coaxing tenderness I've ever known. I have often wished I could be the cuddly, petting kind of wife his temperament demands.

"Because you put it on my wrist yourself that day, don't you remember? And you hadn't brought me a gift in a long time before. It was a sort of red-letter day for me. I couldn't bear the thought of any other watch, even another you yourself would get me."

Dicky laughed, but there was infinite tenderness in the laughter. There was also surrender.

"All right, have it your own way," he said. "I'll try not to have my gifts so rare after this. I have been neglectful, sweetheart; but it isn't because I don't love you, you know that, don't you?"

At What Cost?

He bent back my head, looked into my eyes before he kissed me. And I forced myself to answer his loving look in although it was torture to meet his eyes.

Never had I so thoroughly loathed myself as when I told Dicky that I couldn't bear the thought of any other watch upon my arm. Even as I said the words, the metal of the watch I wore seemed to my excited imagination to be branding the falsehood into my shrinking flesh.

For the watch upon my arm wasn't the one Dicky had given me at all. That reposed safely in a locked box in Lillian's house waiting for my next trip into the city to reclaim it. I could hear yet Lillian's exclamation of pleasure when she noticed that I was wearing the convenient leather-cased contrivance.

"What luck!" she had said, when she had manoeuvred a few moments for us alone together away from the rest just before I left the house. "I was wondering how you could best conceal this paper."

She held in her hand the tiny envelope of thinnest texture which I had last seen when my father's letter to me inclosed it to Lillian. That it was a most important document, he had warned us, in a code known only to four men in the country. And the envelope had been written in invisible kind, although it was torture to meet cret test as addressed to Allen Drake, the mysterious man whom I had feared was on the track of my father.

"You must never let this leave your person," she had said. "Not even I can guess how much depends upon it. And I don't dare to keep it for the next few days. Just now it is safer with you."

She had taken from a box a wrist watch, seemingly the counterpart of my own, but with a specially designed back, containing much more room than the ordinary watch. This she had pried open, deposited the paper within and closed the watch carefully.

"I'll keep the other one here for you," she had said, dismissing the whole thing abruptly as was her custom.

"Remember! No one else must touch that watch."

I had obeyed her, but, oh! at what cost to my self-respect, and my love for Dicky!

SECRETS OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

How Some Persons "Fake" Illness Without Meaning To

BY DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG

A. B., M. A., M. D. (Johns Hopkins University.)

Just where truth ends and "faking" begins in those persons who think they are very sick and are not or who pretend they have a chronic illness which is not present, is not easy to define.

Acute seeming illness is often called "hysteria." It is probably due to some disorders of the glands, because it is associated with an emotional cause. Some kinds of epilepsy are of this emotional sort.

Another example of temporary malingering is "aphonia" or loss of voice due to an emotional "paralysis" of the vocal chords. This is generally called erroneously "nervousness." Certain kinds of suppressed feelings cause this.

These conditions are not "faking." The victim actually undergoes a temporary physical change of some kind, traceable, perhaps, to the thyroid, pituitary or other glands.

It is not a "will to do" but a lack of the will to do what is needed to counteract the symptoms and overcome the loss of physical stability. The patient is not "crooked," hypocritical or insincere, but is merely powerless to correct the twisted quirk into a real equilibrium or agreement between personality and the world.

How To Distinguish.

Discipline, education, training, knowledge and public opinion cause a lot of natural appetites, tendencies, inclinations, wishes, desires and motives to be concealed and suppressed. Their natural outlets are dammed with a consequent pressure of these torrents and Niagaras of feeling being turned aside to force their way out in some other direction. This discharge then occurs when there is some form of discipline or habit which prevents the emotions seeking ordinary expression. The potential energy which is not used up accumulates until it compels some kind of unreal, foolish or abnormal manifestation.

Malingering, therefore, is not to be blamed upon the patient whose wishes are clearly beyond control for the time being. Rather public opinion with its crocodile tears and the customs, laws and codes of society which cause hypocrites and concealment, suppression and repression of feelings—civilization so-called, is justly to be blamed.

Sympathy should go out to the "malingerer" and "hysteric," and some sort of resentment, should be asserted against the machinery-made public opinion with its lack of human charity.

A workingman employed by a public service corporation, which pays half wages to those injured, suffered some damage to a leg. He became spineless and depressed, and lost interest in most things. He was a member of several sick benefit societies, and came in for something under the workmen's compensation acts.

There were no outward signs or any others to show that he was injured, although he had many "subjective," "introspective" symptoms—symptoms are the things told of by the patient, signs are what the doctors and the experimental psychologists can find.

Bring Out Hidden Cause.

Upon adding up his society benefits, his half-pay and his compensation rights it was found that this man's income was actually greater when sick than when he was at regular work.

Yet the man did not consciously feign. He was unconsciously guided or forced by the obvious rewards into the state of a malingerer. The overpowering motive of a better reward suspected his ordinary, normal activities for altered ones, just as the hypnotist uses similar suggestive motives to urge the mesmerized subject to carry out the former's will. Of course, the instant the motive is either removed or made to appear openly unworthy the malingerer usually begins to mend. Thereafter he is amenable to ordinary treatment.

Answers to Health Questions

MRS. L. M. Q—My boy has had for the past few months a skin eruption on his hands and feet. The skin is rough and even the nails are dry and hard. What causes this?

A—The boy's affection is probably pityriasis. The following ointment is oftentimes effective:

Tar ointment (50 per cent).1 dram
Benzoinated lard .....12 drams

After this ointment has been used for a week the amount of tar should be increased, provided there has been no irritation; then have a pharmacist make up two drams of the 50 per cent tar ointment to 12 drams of benzoinated lard.

READER. Q—What can I use to make my hair curl?

A—Purchase some quince seed and add a little rosewater to it. Apply this to the hair and lace some hairpins in it to keep the waves in place. Let it dry thoroughly and then brush it lightly.

MRS. L. P. Q—I am troubled with crackling sounds in my knees. Please tell me what causes this; also give remedy.

A—Diets and medicines do not reach this disorder in spite of assertions to the contrary. The reason is plain. The rustling, creaky, crackling sounds in knee, shoulder, knuckles and other joints are strained tendons, cartilages, gristles or ligaments. The treatment is rest, change of occupation, free use of harmless drinks like milk, water and oils. You should have an X-ray picture taken and an orthopedic surgical examination made.

S. K. Q—How can I make my light hair lighter?

A—I have heard that if you will wash your hair in light ale once every two weeks, not only will your hair be made lighter, but the scalp will be highly benefited.

Dr. Hirshberg will answer questions for readers of this paper on medical, hygienic and sanitation subjects that are of general interest. He cannot always undertake to prescribe or offer advice for individual cases. Where the subject is not of general interest letters will be answered personally, if a stamped and addressed envelope is inclosed. Address ALL INQUIRIES to Dr. K. L. Hirshberg, care this office.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

BY GENEVIEVE KEMBLE.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

While in many respects this should be a day of signal results from the astrological standpoint, yet there are contradictory testimonies which proclaim it a day for clever manipulation in order to reap the good thereof and vanquish the malignant. The trine of Moon to Jupiter is one of the finest astrological aspects, making for success, honor, gain in every direction. It is splendid for financial investment, and for starting new enterprises, but the lunar conjunction to Mars has a tendency to exaggerate the Jupiter benefits by a reckless, impetuous, hasty and prodigal proclivity which may defeat where curbed and properly managed it would demonstrate brilliant achievement. Avoiding disputes, litigation, snap judgments and extravagance the Jupiter rule may win, especially as it is fortified by other benefic signs.

Those whose birthday it is may expect a year of gain and success, but they should avoid quarrelling, haste and rashness. A child born on this day will be generous, bold and clever, but should not exaggerate these qualities if it would attain the very highest success.

She Signs "Betsy."

Dear Miss Grey.—Seeing where "A Returned Lonely Soldier" would like to have postcards sent him, I am inclosing one, which I wish you would forward to him. If you insert this note in your columns sign me BETSY.

Ans.—Very well, "Betsy," the card only awaits the young man's address.

"DOING MY BIT"

Practical Suggestions on Individual Ways To Help Win the War.

BY ALBERT BARRETT SAYRES.

Combatting the Spread of Untruths.

Among the gravest of minor dangers during war times is the innocent spreading of untruths about the armies or the organizations that serve the nation in other ways.

Since the day we declared war against Germany there have been stories constantly arising and as constantly disproved, tending to shake public confidence. What the trend of these stories has been you know as well as I do, and I would not give them further publicity, even through denying them. They are all the type of unfounded rumor that a little common sense applied in an instant's thought denies without official statement.

All of us cannot fight at the front; some of us may feel that we're doing very little while trying to do our best at home, but each of us can serve the nation by refusing to repeat stories that would tend to depress confidence, for this is the very thing the enemy would find most comfort and value in accomplishing.

How are you to test rumors? Instantly apply your common sense to one when it reaches you, and point out its untruth to the person who repeats it to you. Thus you will stop that person from repeating it to others. And, of course, by not repeating it yourself you will restrict its spread. Do this to every rumor that comes to your care.

Remember that the very fact you hear it as a rumor is enough to determine it as a lie. The Government gives official statement to truths. Lies know no father save the enemy. Do your share by refusing to spread untruths, and by stamping them out whenever and wherever they come to you.

Stopping Meat Losses.

There are six ways in which the housewife may waste meat after she has selected and has paid for it. These are:

Leaving the trimmings at the market.

Throwing away the fats that could be used in frying, shortening or in soapmaking.

Throwing away the bones that could be used in making soup.

Neglecting to serve the meat from which the soup is made.

Not using the left-overs.

Throwing away the refuse bones and scraps.

Give thought to your opportunity for saving. In which ways do you waste the food you buy? You can end them.

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

"John Prepares the Way for Jesus.' Mark, i., 11.

Golden Text—"Behold the Lamb of God, That Taketh Away the Sin of the World." John, i., 29.

12. Verse 6—What did John's peculiar dress, and food, indicate as to John's general character?

13. Why should a minister of the gospel dress in any different garb from other men of the same social standing?

14. Verse 7—When a truly spiritual man compares himself with Jesus, what feelings are always produced in him?

Please Accept Thanks.

"Santa Claus" very kindly remembered Cynthia Grey during the holiday season with a number of extremely nice booklets and Christmas postals. These friendly tokens from "Echo," "Muggins," "Aunt Hester" (whoever are you "Auntie"?), "Mrs. E. L. B." (I'm not at all offended but have been SO busy), "Girl of The Limberlost," and "Tillicum," Nanaimo, B.C. ("Tilly," I have missed your Page letters), are herewith most gratefully acknowledged. Your dainty Christmas souvenirs and good wishes are treasured.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Couch of Grimsby spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hiscox.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Scranton of Toronto are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Scranton of Craig street.

Miss Amy Campbell has returned from Bothwell after spending Christmas and the New Year with relatives there.

Miss Florence Fletcher has returned from Melbourne, where she spent the holiday with relatives.

The members of A. Y. P. A. of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, spent an enjoyable evening on New Year's Eve, when they were tendered a watch-night party at the home of Mrs. Appleyard. Musical numbers and games were indulged in, and a dainty midnight luncheon was served.

Arnold McConnell has returned to Detroit after spending the New Year with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McConnell, Oakland avenue.

A December wedding was solemnized at Trinity Church, Beachville, on the 27th inst., when Roxey Ifene, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Forden, was married to Rev. Kerwood Alexander, B.A., of St. Judes, Fenton. Principal Waller of Huron College of this city, assisted by the Rev. M. Ryott, performed the double ring ceremony. Miss Constance Alexander, sister of the groom, played the wedding march. The bride who was given away by her father looked charming in a gown of white satin and georgette crepe, trimmed with pearls, her veil was of white tulle with a coronet of orange blossoms; she carried a shower bouquet of orchids, roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Gertrude Stewart of Boston, Mass., a cousin of the bride, made a charming bridesmaid and wore a pale blue gown and black picture hat, and carried a bouquet of Sunset roses. Miss Elleen Forden, little sister of the bride, was a flower girl and looked dainty in pale pink taffeta, and carried a basket of pink sweetpeas. The best man was Mr. D. McClellan of Woodstock. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's table looked pretty decorated with smilax and carnations. Mrs. Forden, mother of the bride, was handsomely gowned in black satin with French lace and a corsage bouquet of violets and a black hat with silver lace. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander left later in the evening for Toronto and other points east. Mrs. Alexander traveling in a suit of steel grey broadcloth and a small black hat with grey points and fox furs. On their return they will reside in Flint, Michigan.

Mrs. James Gleed and Mrs. E. Efner have returned from Cleveland, where they spent the holiday with Mrs. Gleed's sister, Mrs. Bartlett, formerly of this city.

Miss M. Howard of Adelaide street, was taken suddenly ill and has been rushed to Victoria Hospital, where she will undergo an examination for appendicitis.

Dr. W. G. Mitchell of Chicago is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, Talbot street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rumball (formerly Bessie Armitage) are visiting Mr. Rumball's sister, Mrs. Nichols, 90 Bruce street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McMartin and family of Hamilton are spending a few days with Mrs. McMartin's mother, Talbot street.

The Red Cross council meeting was held on Wednesday in Hyman Hall. Reports that were read were most encouraging. Not as many as were expected were present, owing to the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCann have left to spend the winter in California.

A recent edition of the Regina Leader states that Lieut.-Col. T. E. Perrett of Regina, who some time ago was blinded by a shell, is the guest of Mr. John A. Reid, agent-general for Alberta, and Mrs. Reid at Revenscroft, Golders Green, England. Col. Perrett, who went overseas in command of the 168th Battalion, is a brother of Mrs. E. T. White, 34 Marley Place, South London. He was formerly principal of the Normal School in Regina, and previous to that superintendent of schools.

JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren G. Partridge.

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JIMMY COON FOLLOWS HIS NOSE.

The night was black as pitch, but it was just the kind of a night that Jimmy Coon loves for his best hunting. For you know that Jimmy Coon has wonderful eyes so that he can see on the darkest night just as well as you can see on the brightest day.

Jimmy Coon had been hunting some time to find where Mrs. Quail was laying all her fresh eggs. You see Mrs. Quail builds her nest on the ground, and she is a very busy and thrifty housewife. When she starts out to provide for her big family, she carries a very big market basket. And Mrs. Quail may have as many as twenty or more fine fresh eggs in her pantry at one time.

So you see that it pays Jimmy Coon to find out where Mrs. Quail lives, and where her pantry is. Now some one tells Jimmy Coon where to find nice fresh eggs. It is his cunning little sharp nose. It sniffs and snuffs among the dew-wet leaves on the darkest night. And that little sharp nose tells him that Mrs. Quail, with her big market basket on her arm, has been walking this way.

And that wonderful nose of Jimmy Coon's tells him how to follow her little footsteps, and by and by that nose tells Jimmy just where Mrs. Quail's pantry is.

And Jimmy Coon followed his nose that dark night, and suddenly he stopped, and his sharp eyes saw a beautiful sight. Near an old mossy stone wall, in the big pasture of Farmer Jones, among the hazelnut bushes, was the home of Mrs. Quail.

And wonderful to tell, she was at home, and was in the sitting-room, attending strictly to her own business. Her sitting-room was hidden under a fallen thorn bush. And Jimmy Coon said to himself, "My, what a pretty lady Mrs. Quail is. What a handsome mottled-brown dress she wears. I wonder how many eggs she has in her pantry."

And Jimmy Coon began to creep softly up near Mrs. Quail. Now Mrs. Quail has also very sharp eyes and very good ears. And she saw and heard that scamp, Jimmy Coon, prowling around her pantry that dark night. And Mrs. Quail, to save her life, sprang from her beautiful nest. It almost broke her motherly heart to forsake her home on that dark night, when her enemy, Jimmy Coon, was so near and so hungry. But Mrs. Quail was so quick and graceful in her movements that when she sprang from her lovely nest she never injured a single egg. And what a pretty sight greeted Jimmy Coon's eyes.

Tomorrow—Jimmy Coon has a Big Fight.



"I wonder how many eggs she has in her pantry."

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

"Tay and Pay."

Dear Miss Grey.—To settle an argument please tell us when and where the American ship "The Maine" was destroyed. Also do you know where we might obtain the words of that "sweet old song"—Sweet Marie? Some of it runs: "I've a secret in my heart, Sweet Marie,
A tale I would impart . . ."
Thanks in anticipation, from
TAY AND PAY.

Ans.—The Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, February 15, 1898, and 264 lives lost.

I chanced to have the words of "Sweet Marie" among some Canadian verse clippings. Its author was the late Cy Warman, who hade his home in London, and an old Advertiser printer, was the first to "put it into type" in a little country printing office in Colorado. Am happy to reproduce them herewith:

I've a secret in my heart, Sweet Marie,
A tale I would impart, love, to thee:
Every daisy in the dell knows my secret,
Knows it well, and yet I dare not tell, Sweet Marie.

When I hold your hand in mine, Sweet Marie,
A feeling most divine comes to me; all the world
Is full of spring, full of warblers on the wing,
And I listen while they sing, Sweet Marie.

In the morn when I awake, Sweet Marie,
Seems to me my heart will break, love, for thee;
Every wave that shakes the shore seems to sing
It o'er and o'er, seems to say that I adore, Sweet Marie.

When the sunset tints the west, Sweet Marie,
And I sit down to rest love with thee; all the stars
That stud the sky, seem to stand and wonder why
They're so dimmer than your eye, Sweet Marie.

Not the sun-glints in your hair, Sweet Marie,
Not because your face is fair, love, to see;
But your soul so pure and sweet
Makes my happiness complete,
Makes me falter at your feet, Sweet Marie.

We're All Proud.

Bramshott, England.

Dear Miss Grey and Friends,—As it's nearing Christmas time, I thought I'd write you just a line to wish you all the compliments of the season, and I hope the Mail-Box has every success in the New Year.

My chum is also writing, so I expect you'll get both our letters together. We're at Bramshott Camp at present, and it isn't a very bright outlook for a place to spend Christmas in, but we mustn't complain, as we're all proud to be over here and doing our best for Old England.

Say, Miss Grey, where is "Twenty-One" now? I heard he was in England and asking for me. If possible I'd like to get his address, so I could correspond with him.

I was reading one of the latest Advertisers which we had over here just the other day, and I noticed all the names in the page were not familiar ones. Where have all the old ones gone anyway? You want to give them a good calling down, especially "Silver Bell." I haven't seen a Mail-Box letter from her for ages, athough I often receive one myself. Not strange at all, is it? Ha, ha! Well, I'll say good-bye for now, as cook house has just blown. It's the most welcome call in the day, without a doubt. But regards from your old friend, as ever, LAURIE.

Ans.—Your letter came to hand too late for us to say "Merry Christmas," Laurie, but we all extend you season's greetings, anyway, and very best wishes for the New Year. Probably the hint from yourself re old-time Pagelites remembering us with a letter will have more weight than any persuasion of mine. And since you are so especially favored by that Silver Bell lady, can you not remind her of her duty to the Mail-Box?

Our last epistle from T. O. brought the news of his being in a hospital in France, suffering from trench fever, "six feet of aches and pains," as he aptly described it. I am sending you his address, Laurie, so you may at least write him.

They're Old Favorites.

Dear Miss Grey.—I am a new reader of your page. I thought I would write to you to get a copy of "The Face On the Barroom Floor" and "The Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight." I would like to have them. NURSE.

Ans.—No copies of either poem are at hand just now. If any reader is kind enough to supply them for "Nurse" it may be well to reprint them on this page. While each poem has been given space at least twice, there are many new readers who, like "Nurse," would be pleased to see them in print. Such old-time pieces ever appear to be popular.

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GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

SQUEEDEE AND THE ROBINS.

Last spring Robin Red Breast spent days and days fussing around the orchard trying to find a suitable place to build a nest, for Robin Red Breast had lost his little heart to Miss Brown Breast, and had gone so far as to ask her to be his wife. Of course, she had done a lot of chattering, but finally agreed that it all depended on what kind of a home he had to offer.

"The orchard won't do—there're too many boys gathering blossoms and fruit," decided Red Breast, so he flew into a tall elm tree.

"Just the place!" he chirped, as he spied a lovely fork in the branches right near the trunk of the tree.

So he gathered twigs and straws, binding them together tightly with bits of cord he found under the tree. From a neighboring chicken pen he borrowed a few downy white feathers which he carefully plastered in with mud, and when it was all finished, Robin Red Breast flew away to find Miss Brown Breast.

Chattering, happy as could be, they flew into the elm tree.

"Well, how do you like the lovely nest I've built for you?" Robin asked proudly, as they settled on the end of the limb that held the nest.

"Where is it?" asked Miss Brown Breast, looking all around.

"Oh, dear me!" cried Robin, and he nearly fell off his perch, for there she sat within a dozen hops of his nest and couldn't see it.

"You just don't want to see it. You're ungrateful!" screamed Robin angrily, and he flew around Miss Brown Breast in a terrible rage and began tearing the pretty nest to pieces.

No telling what might have happened if Squeedee hadn't peeked from behind a leaf just then and inquired the cause of the racket.

"I expected her at least to admire it," chattered Robin Red Breast.

"But I couldn't see it for the leaves that hid it!" cried Miss Brown Breast with tears in her bright black eyes."

"You didn't want to see it!" shrieked Robin.

"Oh, you silly fellow," laughed Squeedee. "Don't you know she has paid you the highest compliment one bird can pay another—your cleverness in hiding a nest."

Robin Red Breast hung his head. He looked from Squeedee to Miss Brown Breast.

"How perfectly foolish of me!" cried Robin, swelling with pride. "Forgive me, dear, for doubting your word," and he chirped to Miss Brown Bird until she, of course, forgave him, and peeked into the nest.

"How stoutly it is fastened to the limb. No wind can blow it away," laughed Miss Brown Breast. "And how firm the weaving. The best I've ever seen, and such lovely soft lining," and Brown Breast stepped into the nest and cuddled down, fluffing her feathers around her throat.

Robin Red Breast tilted himself on the branch nearby and lifted his pretty head in song, telling every bird of the forest that Miss Brown Breast had accepted his lovely nest and had become his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Red Breast lived all summer in the old elm tree happy as could be, and whenever they heard two birds discussing the building of a new nest they would tell them what Squeedee had told them.

"Squeedee's right. The greatest compliment you gave me was when you asked me where the nest was," chirped Robin Red Breast.

Diary of a Fashion Model

BY GRACE THORNCLIFFE

She Learns Some of the Things To Be Remembered When Selecting a Hat.

Shortly after noon the other day the usual crowd of smart women came into the studio and every one of them wanted a hat.

Madame told me to ask Mrs. William Sedgewick and her two daughters to come into one of the fitting rooms and she would see whether there were any hats that would be suitable for them.

Marcelle soon appeared followed by two of the girls laden with millinery.

"These have not yet been placed on display; I thought you might like to have them first," she said to Madame, who, thanking her, told her to hurry away to take care of some of the others in the studio.

"Now, have you any idea as to what you would like, Mrs. Sedgewick? Is it to be a large hat or a small hat?"

"Something in fur; a smart, close-fitting turban."

"That is a large order to fill. I usually insist upon designing all fur hats especially for the wearer. Unless they are made to fit the head perfectly they are never becoming. But here is something that might do." Madame handed Mrs. Sedgewick a high, crushable turban of ermine trimmed with two tiny brown ostrich tips.

But the proportions of the turban were wrong for Mrs. Sedgewick's face.

"Wait a minute," said Madame, "there's a stunning little hat with a brim of nutria in one of the cabinets. See whether you can find it, Claire."

When I returned to the fitting room with the hat the elder of the Sedgewick girls, who is very tall and good-looking, was wearing a large hat of grey velvet with a draped crown. It was trimmed with a flat band of uncurled ostrich feathers.

Madame looked at her steadily for a while, then said: "Are you quite positive that this hat is becoming to you?"

"Of course. It is the best-looking big hat I've had on in ages," replied Miss Sedgewick.

"Please take this hand mirror and look at it from all sides; then tell me what you think about it. The trouble with most girls when buying a hat is they see only a full front view of themselves and then imagine the hat is equally becoming at the sides and back."

Miss Sedgewick promptly did as Madame suggested. "There is something wrong with it; this left side seems to droop too far," she acknowledged. Haven't you something that will satisfy your good taste, Madame, and at the same time be a large grey hat?"

"You are going to have exactly what you want. Had you taken the hat from this box instead of the other you would have found the right model. Try this one on," Madame said, handing Miss Sedgewick a charming hat of grey velvet.

It was girlish and altogether different from the hat she found so disappointing. The brim was quite wide and drooped slightly. The crown was very soft and crushable, and was applied to the brim with a narrow cording of velvet. The hat was trimmed in the simplest manner imaginable. A narrow band of grey faille ribbon was stitched to the extreme edge of the brim so that it hung downward. The effect was very softening to the face, since it relieved the sharp line of the brim. A bow of the ribbon was poised on the edge of the brim in front, slightly to one side.

This time Miss Sedgewick took the hand mirror, and without being told, looked at the hat from all angles.

"It is very becoming. Do say that I may have it!" she said to Madame, half fearful that she might be told that the hat was not suitable for her. But Madame was thoroughly satisfied, and told her to wear it home.

Then, taking the fur hat which I had brought for Mrs. Sedgewick, she adjusted it on that lady's head.

Again Madame's judgment proved faultless. The little hat with its rolling brim of nutria and its draped crown of dull green duvetyn, elaborately embroidered with terra-cotta wool and silver, looked extremely well on Mrs. Sedgewick.

"We'll have to substitute sable for the nutria so that the hat will correspond with your furs," said Madame. "But I shall have the work done at once, and by this time tomorrow the hat will be at your home."

Then Madame sent me upstairs with the hat to give the furrier the necessary directions while she went into the studio to help others choose the right hats.

WINIFRED BLACK

Writes About LOVE, THE MAGICIAN

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The Old Magician is at work again in our neighborhood.

We've been having rather a serious time for a while, knitting sweaters and talking about the taxes, and frowning down anything that savored of light-hearted giddiness. And there has been illness and anxiety and worry and care.

The cleverest woman in the neighborhood has a son at the front, and she hasn't heard from him for weeks, and we all go away from the front of the house at nine in the morning and at three in the afternoon, so that we won't see the postman and hear him tell her that there is nothing from France—today.

The sweetest woman is worried about her daughter. Daughter wants to go into social settlement work, and Father doesn't approve of it, and there's a lot of arguing, and the sweetest woman doesn't smile as sweetly as she did a while back.

The friendliest woman is in debt, or her husband is, and that's quite the same thing, and the friendliest woman can't think or talk about a thing but how to economize, and she wonders how people make so much money and, above all, save so much.

And, altogether, we were getting to be rather a prosy, matter of fact, down in the mouth lot with our war bulletins and our tax discussions and our melancholy mums—and all of a sudden the Great Magician arrived.

Love Walks With Them.

The first thing that made me suspect he was in the neighborhood was this:

I met little Mrs. Gray and her daughter coming down a quiet street, and little Mrs. Gray's eyes were full of tears, but they were somehow not sad tears, and Daughter's face was flushed and happy, and with them walked a tall young fellow who never looked like anything in particular to me before—but all at once there was something fine and manly about him.

An hour afterward I heard that little Mrs. Gray's daughter is engaged to be married. Her sweetheart is going to the front, and the wedding is to be very quiet, but little Mrs. Gray is happy over it.

She and Daughter didn't always agree perfectly, and Daughter really was rather selfish and inconsiderate. But now Daughter's heart is so full of love and trust and happiness that she can't help spilling some of it into every life that comes anywhere near hers, and she wants to hear about when Mother was engaged, and what Father said about the ring, and who gave Mother away at the wedding, and she's going to wear Mother's wedding slippers, and all at once the two women are loving friends like two girls together.

The Old World's Rosy.

And then, what do you think? The crusty old man who lives close to us in his big house all alone with his servants came to see me the other day, and told me that his son's wife was coming home to visit, and bringing the baby. And could I recommend a good nurse, and where would I advise him to arrange for a daily delivery of absolutely fresh milk, and would I mind coming over to see which would be the best room for the nursery? And his face shone so I hardly knew him.

Two years ago the rich man's son married without the rich man's consent, and he had never spoken to him since, but now that the baby has arrived and is named after him, why, of course——!

To cap the climax, the little middle-aged school teacher came and told us that she is going to be married, and she wouldn't be teaching after next term, and, to all our amazement, she was not only pretty when she told it, but actually beautiful!

We're embroidering guest towels in our neighborhood, and monogramming lunch cloths, and telling each other where we went on our own honeymoon and who gave us what at the wedding.

We're making baby caps, too, and knitting baby socks, for the new baby at the poor rich man's home must know, without any doubt about it at all, that he and his mother have come home to real friends.

And the grey world is rosy, and the mornings are full of laughter and the evenings are full of song—for Love, the old, old magician, is at his magic work again in our neighborhood, and we are glad.

Incidents In the Lives of World-Famous Women

BY ELOISE FARRINGTON

How a Storm at Sea Gave a Princess the Love of her Life

When Don Roderic sat upon the throne of Spain, Toledo was the capital of that country. The Gothic king commanded that the defences of the cities be destroyed that they might not afford shelter to his enemies. The walls of the frontier cities, however, were left. Among these was the ancient city of Denia, on the shores of the Mediterranean.

The inhabitants of Denia lived in constant dread of Moorish pirates. A strong castle was built high on the rocks overlooking the sea, and at the approach of a pirate ship bells were rung and signal fires kindled in the towers to warn the people of their danger.

One day, in the midst of a fierce tempest, the alarm was given that a Moorish ship was heading straight for the port. As the vessel drew near it was discovered that she was a bark of state and ceremony and not a raider of the pirates. Richly adorned with rare carving and gilding, with water-soaked banners and gay ribbons hanging from her broken masts and torn silken sails, the watchers on shore prepared to extend a friendly welcome to those aboard the storm-torn craft.

When the ship was safely anchored in the harbor the Spaniards saw on deck a group of noble born Moors, both men and maidens, clothed in elaborate garments of silk adorned with jewels. In their midst stood a young woman of astonishing beauty. She was evidently of high rank, as a bodyguard of Moors with drawn scimitars surrounded her.

The strangers descended from the vessel, and a venerable Moor approached the governor of Denia, addressing him in the Gothic language:

"Most excellent sir, we beg your protection. The Princess Elyata, whom we have under our care, is the only daughter of the King of Algiers. She is on her way to the court of the King of Tunis, to whom she is betrothed. The storm has spared the life of our precious charge, be you not more cruel we implore you."

The sympathetic alcalde replied in a courteous manner, inviting the princess and her train to the shelter of the castle. Not many days afterward the Moorish princess and her attendants were escorted to Toledo. The king advanced in state to meet her, and was so impressed with her beauty and dignity of bearing that he loved her at first sight.

Elyata was depressed and sad because of her captivity, and it grieved Roderic that she seldom smiled or seemed to enjoy the beauty of her surroundings. He made every effort to please and amuse her. A royal palace was given to her for a residence. In the course of time the courteous attentions of Roderic served to soften the grief of the Moorish princess, and a deep affection awoke in her heart for the noble, handsome king of the Goths.

But one thing was lacking—Elyata was not a Christian. She consented to be taught the doctrines of the church by the learned bishops, and was finally baptized, when her name was changed to Exilona.

Then the marriage was celebrated with unsurpassed magnificence. Tournaments, banquets and entertainments of all kinds followed, and for weeks the subjects of Roderic rejoiced in his happiness.

The Moorish followers who longed to return to Africa were ladened with rich presents and given permission to go. An embassy of Goths accompanied them to inform the King of Algiers of his daughter's marriage, and to offer him the friendship and support of Roderic, King of the Goths.

MUTT AND JEFF.—Jeff Hasn't Any More Sense Than an Ostrich. (Copyright, 1918, by H. C. Fisher. Trade mark registered in Canada.) (BY "BUD" FISHER)



THE SPORT-LIGHT

By Grantland Rice.

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You will hear, off and on, about the various needs of army life. A citizen contemplating service under The Flag thinks of sweaters, uniforms, shoes, boots, woolen helmets and a wide variety of other things that might be needed.

Make a complete list of these needs and then you will be only half way through. For you will have left out one of the most important ingredients. We refer to a philosophy—a philosophy that will take care of the violent wrench that is sure to follow.

You need something more than a stove and a few pieces of wood to get up thirty minutes before daybreak in a cold tent pitched at the edge of a winter's dawn and make a fire without a thought of complaint.

You need something more than a uniform and good shoes and a sweater to face the endless round of drill, discipline and study in a cheerful frame of mind.

You need a philosophy which will overlook all the annoyances and discomforts and routine in a view of greater things beyond—serving The Flag and winning the war.

When the soldier has arrived at the point where these last two things are the only ones that count his philosophy is completed.

AN EXAMPLE.

Here is one illustration that may clear up the discussion a bit. We ran into a lieutenant just back from France.

Some one brought up polite mention of the "cooties" prevalent in that battered but still valient land.

"They are bad," he remarked, "but they have their uses."

Some one desired to know what he meant.

"You may recall," said the lieutenant, "Mark Twain's remark that fleas were necessary to a dog—they kept him from thinking about being a dog. Now a soldier fighting in France is no dog. But the 'cooties' that he will meet over there will undoubtedly keep him from thinking about things a whole lot worse than 'cooties'—gas shells and shrapnel. For example: A soldier beset with 'cooties' doesn't bother much about shells, gas, shrapnel or anything else. And 'cooties' doesn't bother much about shells, gas, shrapnel or anything else. And that's just as it should be. For they are the things that one shouldn't think about if he can find something else to ponder about. Which is just where the 'cooties' have their use."

THE GENERAL IDEA.

The above outlines the general idea. Most discomforts, one way or another, have their uses. For one thing, they increase the value of the ordinary comforts of existence.

The citizen who enters an army, or the soldier already in it, who makes up his mind that a cold tent once in a while, a fifteen mile hike, a long drill routine and various other trials and troubles and annoyances are only a small part of the game will soon find life cheerful enough.

The one who doesn't adjust his mind or his philosophy to this status is in for a black existence.

And the best part of it all is how quickly a man who makes up his mind can come to the proper adjustment without any great wrench. The wrench may arrive later in the form of a six-inch shell, but what may happen in the future is always a minor detail against the job you have at hand.

It was Old Iry Cobb who first said that "war was a vast anaesthetic." Troubles or disasters that in normal time would land with crushing effect leave no such effect in war, for the reason that the system is already partially stunned by the overwhelming presence of death.

"LET'S TAKE OUR MEDICINE," IS ADVICE OF MATHEWSON

"The next army draft may cripple a lot of good ball clubs, some worse than others," says Christy Mathewson, manager of the Cincinnati Reds. "Yet it may fall with equal severity on everybody, thus leaving the clubs on almost an equal basis. By building up the teams with whatever talent is available, there will be plenty of baseball, plenty of players and a good, lively season next year. I think that under such circumstances the fans will readily make allowances and will give loyal and friendly support all along the line. We must take our medicine. Uncle Sam is entitled to all the help that our national game can provide."

You Can Tell the People Who Have Iron in Their Blood—Strong, Healthy, Vigorous Folks!

Doctor Says Ordinary Nuxated Iron Will Make Nervous, Rundown People 100 Per Cent Stronger in Two Weeks' Time in Many Cases.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—"One glance is enough to tell which people have iron in their blood," said Dr. E. Sauer, a Boston physician who has studied widely both in this country and in great European medical institutions, in a recent discourse. "They are the ones that do and dare. The others are in the weakling class. Sleepless nights spent worrying over supposed ailments, constant dosing with habit-forming drugs and narcotics for nervous weakness, stomach, liver or kidney disease and useless attempts to brace up with strong coffee or other stimulants are what keep them suffering and vainly longing to be strong. Their real trouble is lack of iron in the blood. Without iron the blood has no power to change food into living tissue and therefore, nothing you eat does you any good; you don't get the strength out of it. The moment iron is supplied the multitude of dangerous symptoms disappear. I have seen dozens of nervous, rundown people who were ailing all the time, double and even triple their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of every sign of dyspepsia, liver and other trouble in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this, after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without any benefit.

If you are not strong or well you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. There is nothing like good old iron to put color in your cheeks and sound, healthy flesh on your bones. But you must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated like Nuxated iron if you want it to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless.

NOTE—Nuxated Iron recommended above by Dr. E. Sauer, is one of the newer organic iron compounds. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach; on the contrary, it is a most potent remedy, in nearly all forms of indigestion, as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The Manufacturers have such great confidence in Nuxated Iron that they offer to forfeit $100 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron and increase their strength 100 per cent or over in four weeks' time provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed in this city by Standard Drug Company, Limited, and all leading druggists.

IT DOES NOT PAY TO SELL PLAYERS

Connick Mack Receives Nearly $15,000 for Nine Athletics, But Loss in Gate Receipts Exceeds That Sum—Fans Become His Enemy.

It does not pay to sell star ball players. Connie Mack can tell you that very well right now and Connie will probably be in an even better position to tell you about it next October, or before that.

It is estimated that the tall tactician cleaned up something like $150,000, as a result of selling nine of his men. The figures are apportioned something like this:

Eddie Collins	$ 50,000
Frank Baker	37,500
Jack Barry	10,000
Eddie Murphy	10,000
Bob Shawkey	5,000
Jack Lapp	3,000
Joe Bush, Amos Strunk and Wallie Schang	25,000
Estimated total	$140,500

But, following the initial sale of the series that Connie conducted, fans quit coming to his ball park and the difference between the gate receipts before he acted and the gate receipts after was a nice fat sum of money.

During the season of 1917 Connie began building up another good ball team and fans were forgetting their old grievances and returning to Shibe Park. And right when Connie was getting them back he tossed over three of the remaining four good ball players.

Philadelphians are very sore. It is doubtful if Connie can play to as many as 5,000 people any day this year (in Philadelphia) and his losses will exceed considerably his gain in sales

TORONTO DEFEATED OTTAWA IN FASTEST CONTEST IN YEARS

Brilliant Individual Work on Both Sides Featured Game.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—In one of the most brilliantly played hockey matches ever seen in the capital, the Torontos defeated the Ottawas tonight by six goals to five, and deserved the victory, although their margin of play was not very great at any stage of the game. The contest was replete in brilliant individual work, and in this respect the rival goaltenders were outstanding figures, both Sammy Hebert and Clint Benedict playing remarkably well.

The victors were better balanced and their play more consistent, and it is to this they owe victory. The Senators had men in the lineup who only played in spots, while on the other hand every man of the Blue Shirts was in the game all the time. This applied both to the regulars and the substitutes.

Lineup:

Ottawa.	Position.	Toronto.
Benedict	Goal	Hebert
Shore	Defence	Mummery
Crawford	Defence	Cameron
Cy. Denney	Centre	Skinner
Darragh	Wing	Corb Denneny
Boucher	Subs.	Noble
Lowery	Subs.	Randall
Gerard	Subs.	Meeking
	Subs.	Coughlin
	Subs.	Brooks

KITCHENER HANDILY DEFEATS PRESTON

KITCHENER, Jan. 2.—The Kitchener senior sextet won the first home-and-home game in the O.H.A. series here tonight by handing defeat to the Preston aggregation by a score of 12 to 1. The Kitchenters took Preston's measure in three minutes of play, when Hillis scored the first goal for Kitchener, time 3 minutes 25 seconds. Hillis repeated in five and a half minutes, leaving Parks to tally the third for Kitchener in 6 minutes 40 seconds. Quinn of Preston took the bench for slamming, and shortly after Hillis shot another Kitchener goal in 9 minutes 25 seconds.

From this point on the fans leaned back and took for granted that it was Kitchener's game. The Prestonians had good combination, but fell short on speed and shooting, being erratic in the latter asset.

Schlegel scored the only point for Preston in thirteen minutes of play in the second period.

Kitchener.	Preston.
Hainsworth	Goal — Shortt
Trushinski	Defence — Quinn
Karges	Defence — I. Bowman
Hillis	Centre — Schlegel
Parks	Wing — A. Bowman
Solomon	Wing — Ruppel
Ferriman	Sub. — Schrum

Referee—L. Whitehead, Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TO BE PLAYED AT THE JUBILEE RINK

Wanderers, Canadiens and Six Other Teams Lose Equipment.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2. — Arrangements were completed this afternoon to play out the remainder of the National Hockey League schedule at the Jubilee Rink owing to the destruction of the Montreal Arena this morning.

The Wanderer and Canadien hockey clubs of the N. H. L. lost all their equipment in the fire this morning. Six city league teams also lost their equipment.

The next game in the new quarters of the N. H. L. will be between Ottawa and Canadiens next Saturday night.

SOLDIERS TO PLAY DETROIT HOCKEY TEAM JAN. 14-15

Locals Should Have Strong Squad After Today.

The London military hockey team will play the Detroit hockey club's team at Detroit on January 14 and 15. The Detroit management have been angling for a game with the locals for some time, but Manager D. L. Storey refused to take on the over-the-river aggregation until he was more certain of what men he would have on his team.

Present indications would point to a mighty strong collection of puck-chasers among the soldiers. Q.-M.-S. Storey is counting upon having some star men on his line-up. Dance of the Collingwood intermediate O. H. A. champions of 1913; Chase of the Midland seniors, and N. Ruppell of the Preston seniors.

Russell Sandercock of Woodstock, Grieves of Ingersoll, Howson, Rosch and Scott have already joined the colors. Carpenter, Hainsworth and Feriman of the Kitchener seniors. Suter has been in the uniform for some time.

It would be so very hard work to pick a sextet of puck-chaser from a fast crowd like those named above. All are experienced players, and should make the London military hockey team head the standings.

The soldiers will open their season at Sarnia on January 5, and play again at Toronto on January 9.

WITH THE BOWLERS

The second half of the City Bowling League's schedule was commenced on Wednesday evening, when the Has-Beens defeated the Brunswicks two out of three games. Some good scores were turned in. Hooper of the Has-Beens ran 202 and 235 for his first two games, while Lawson of the Brunswicks collected 210 for his second round. The teams and scores follow:

HAS-BEENS.

Hooper	202	235	153—590
Lang	160	133	129—422
Smith	196	148	192—536
Sheere	168	135	173—476
Totals	726	516	647—1889

BRUNSWICKS.

Lawson	151	210	157—518
McCullough	140	159	147—446
Rossiter	165	185	129—479
Sanguinetti	148	178	186—512
Totals	604	732	620—1956

DORCHESTER DEFEATS LONDON HOCKEY TEAM

A London hockey team composed of local followers of the sport were defeated at Dorchester on New Year's Day by a score of 6 to 2. The game was a well-played one, but the Dorchester aggregation had the edge on the locals all the time, and had it not been for the good work of Bill Lewis the home team would have piled up a few more tallies on the London boys. Captain George Gauld also played a good game, although he was forced to take a bench rest several times for slugging. The Dorchester people turned out in force to see the game.

MATTY BANKING ON YOUNGSTERS

Christy Mathewson is banking heavily on young players to help his Reds during the 1918 campaign.

One player upon whom he places much reliance is Pitcher Eddie Gerner, who was sent last season to the Montreal club of the International League.

Gerner was one of the hardest workers in the league and was able to win about half his games for a team that was a failure from the start of the season. Dan Howley, manager of the Montreal club, has predicted that Gerner will be a big success with the Reds. With the announcement that the International League is ready to blow up, Mathewson opened negotiations with Jack Dunn of Baltimore and with other club owners in that league for the purpose of picking up players. Two of the athletes sought by Matty are Pitcher Parnham and Infielder Lawry of Baltimore.

Hockey Fans Worried About Ottawa News

Brief Training of Drafted Men Means No More Senior Hockey.

Hockey fans are worried about the effect of the report from military headquarters at Ottawa that drafted men will be trained for a short time only at each training centre before being transferred to another point will have on local senior hockey. This may mean that the crack players who come here under the military service act, as well as those who volunteered, will be transferred to another place to complete their training, thus depriving the Military Hockey Club of their services. If many of the players were transferred it would mean that the soldier team would be forced to drop out of the round from lack of men.

However, it is likely that some arrangement will be made whereby the members of the team will remain in London until the close of the senior O.H.A. season, should the dispatch from Ottawa prove to be correct.

EVERY GIANT GETS CONTRACT OFFERED

Captain Herzog's Contract Has Year to Run Yet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. — The New York National League baseball club announced tonight that contracts for the coming season have been sent to all players on the Giants' roster, with the exception of Capt. Charles Herzog, whose contract has another year to run. According to the officials of the club the contracts sent out today call for relatively the same salaries as in former years.

THURSDAY BONSPIELS COMMENCE AT LONDON CURLING CLUB TODAY

The regular Thursday bonspiels of the London Curling Club will commence today, the 'spiel starting promptly at 4 o'clock. Players are requested to be on time so that the games may be started at once. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock and play will be continued in the evening. Five games will be played, two before supper and three after.

HERMITS TO HOLD FINAL WORKOUT

Juniors in Good Shape to Meet Sarnia Friday Night.

The juniors will hold their final workout before their game with Sarnia here on Friday night at 9:30 tonight at the Jubilee rink. The seniors of the London Military Hockey Club will share the ice with the Hermits.

The Hermits experienced some difficulty on Wednesday night in getting ice. The London Curling Club informed Manager A. T. Taylor that as they were putting on a bonspiel this afternoon he could not use the ice. Mr. Taylor and his Hermits thereupon moved to Westminster rink, where they secured the ice.

Mr. Taylor refused to announce his team last night, but the names of those who will play against Sarnia will be made public after the practice this evening.

BIG INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD MEET OFF THIS WINTER

New York, Jan. 3.—The annual indoor track and field meet of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America will not be held this winter, according to an announcement today by Romeyn Berry of the graduate advisory committee of the organization. The outdoor meet will be held as usual, Mr. Berry said, and probably will be on May 31 and June 1 until the association at its annual meeting on March 2 changes the dates by constitutional amendment.

Mr. Berry said the outdoor meet probably would be held on Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

Mooney Gibson on Reserve of Giant Players

Famous Catcher To Be With New York Again.

George ("Mooney") Gibson of the New York Giants has received notification that he is on the reserve list of the Giants for the season of 1918, and that a contract will be forwarded to him in a few days. This means that London's star baseball player will be back with McGraw again. Last season "Mooney" worked pitchers and catchers, and will probably do the same thing this summer.

NO "WAR CLAUSE" IN GIANTS' CONTRACTS

New York, Jan. 3.—No "war clause," whereby the owners would be relieved of their contractural obligations in the event the baseball season is not finished, is contained in the contracts sent to players reserved by the New York National League Club, it was learned today. The officials of the club believed, according to Secretary John B. Foster, that the interests of the clubowners are adequately protected by the present tenday clause.

DOG SHOW RESULTS

At the dog show on Friday evening the following specials were given (they were omitted in the account given on Saturday):

Variety Classes.

Sporting dogs — Destiny's Prince, English setter, owned by O. L. Walper, silver cup.

Non-sporting dogs—Elsie Maynard, English bull, C. S. Webber, silver sup.

Best Terrier—Olcliffe Biddy, wire fox terrier, W. H. Shortt, silver cup.

Best toy—1 Riches St. Patrick, Pomeranian, L. Bricklin; 2 Prince, Yorkshire, W. J. Blackburn.

Best setter—Lady Park, Mrs. W. Gray.

Best cocker—Bessie, George Bowman.

Best collie—Col. McEwen.

Best French bull—Madam Gamin, Mrs. S. McCallum.

Best Boston—Revola Mafie, J. Lunan.

Best smooth fox terrier—Sabin Rifleman, F. Westbury.

Best wire—Forest City Lucky Jim, W. H. Shortt.

Best Canadian-bred wire bitch—Miss Tepnotch, J. Murphy.

Best hound—Vanguard, E. A. Keays.

Best puppy, any breed, under six months—1 English bull Mr. Stevenson; 2 Wire fox terrier, Forest City Melody, W. H. Shortt.

Mrs. Wm. Gray special, piece of cut glass, for best toy—For best toy.

Mr. Ed Warren—$2 for best Canadian-bred wire bitch.

All other specials were given by the executive committee of the association.

PLAYS 26 CHESS GAMES WITHOUT ONE DEFEAT

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Frank Marshall, American chess champion, played 26 games at the Westmount Chess Club last night and survived without a defeat. Seven of the players succeeded in drawing, but the remaining nineteen lost.

MAYORALTY BATTLE IS ON AT BLENHEIM

BLENHEIM, Jan. 2.—When time was up for qualifying for municipal election the following were the results:

Mayor—James Sterling, J. J. Cookson and J. H. Holmes. All were members of the council last year.

Reeve—Samuel Reek and J. H. Ferguson. The former was a member of the council last year, while the latter was not, but he has been reeve before several years.

Councillors—Alex Clunis, L. H. Edmunds, Peter Labadie, Dr. A. J. McTavish, Budd Stewart and Geo. Y. Vester. All by acclamation, as there as six required.

Clunis and Vester were members of last year's council, while the others have been members of previous councils, except Stewart, who is a new man.

Harwich Township—The following are in the race in Harwich:

Reeve—Charles Buchanan and Harvey Jenner.

Deputy-Reeve—John A. Cameron and James McCormick.

Councillors—Samuel Burk, Thomas Smyth W. J. Corlett, James Campbell, Ray H. King, Robert Tedford. Three to be elected.

It was talked of at one time that there was likely to be no election in Harwich this year, but on nomination day, after things got warmed up and a number of hot speeches had been made, all hopes of such an outcome vanished.

VOTING IN JERUSALEM ON CANADIAN ELECTION

Ballot Box Affecting Blondin's Riding Has Long Journey.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—The recount of votes cast in the election of P. R. DuTremblay over Lieut.-Col. Blondin, in the Laurier-Outremont division in this city on December 17, when the minister was defeated by a majority of over 2,000, which was fixed for today in the practice division of the supreme court, was put over till February 18 by Mr. Justice Burneau.

The postponement was granted on the application of Mr. DuTremblay's counsel, who pointed out that a recount might prove useless and an unnecessary expense pending the result of the soldiers' vote being made known. It is stated that there was one ballot box affecting the Laurier-Outremont result as far away as Jerusalem.

HESPELER CITIZENS MUST PURCHASE COAL THROUGH TOWN CLERK

Fuel Is Scarce and Greedy Ones Try to Get More.

HESPELER, Jan. 2. — A proclamation has been issued by Mayor L. E. Weaver whereby orders for coal for the next 30 days must be placed through the town clerk. The move was taken on advice received from the Dominion fuel controller. The regulation came into effect today. The reason for this step being taken was two-fold, a scarcity of coal in town, and the fact that many who had sufficient supplies for the present were buying more.

IN NORTH DUMFRIES FOR NINETY YEARS

GALT, Jan. 2.—John Milroy, aged 91, and for 90 years a resident of North Dumfries, died today after suffering for the past five years with paralysis and spending the last two years of his life in bed. He was born in Scotland, and came to Canada when only a year old, settling in North Dumfries. He had farmed all his life, and at one time took active part in municipal affairs of township, serving for a number of years in council and at county council. He was one of the oldest members of the First Presbyterian Church, and a staunch Liberal. Two sons and one daughter survive, and one sister, Mrs. Alex McBean of North Dumfries, who is 93 years of age and who is still quite active and about every day.

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STEFANSSON IS NOT AT FORT YUKON; FAR FROM CIVILIZATION

Recent Message Carried to Fort Yukon From Herchell.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Contrary to the popular impression created by a recent dispatch from the north country to the effect that Vilhjalmier Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, was safe at Fort Yukon, it is now learned that he is still in the vicinity of Baily or Herschell Island, and will not be back on the outskirts of civilization for some considerable time yet.

The message which arrived at Fort Yukon, dated November 10, and which announced that Stefansson and his party were safe, came from Herschell by messenger overland. It is believed that Stefansson and his party are at Herschell still. He has three boats, the Polar Bear, the North Star and another. These are undoubtedly frozen in either at Herschell or at Baily Island. It is possible that Stefansson may come back to civilization with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police patrol, which leaves Dawson for Fort MacPherson during the new year, and which will return in about a month. If he decides to do so he will meet the patrol at MacPherson.

In any case the patrol will likely bring back full particulars about the party. If he decides to stay till he can bring his vessels back it will be August before he can get around Point Barrow and out. There are about 24 in the party.

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LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY

Timetable Effective Sept. 20.

TO ST. THOMAS—†5:20, †6:20, 7:20, *8:20, 9:20, *10:20, 11:20 a.m., 12:20, *1:20, 2:20, *3:20, 4:20, *5:20, 6:20, *7:20, 8:20, 9:20, *10:20, †11:20 p.m.

TO PORT STANLEY—†*6:20, *8:20, *10:20 a.m. *1:20, *3:20, *5:20, *7:20, *10:20 p.m.

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GEN. F. MAURICE WARNS PUBLIC REVERSES MAY OCCUR IN WEST

Germans Undoubtedly Preparing to Make Stupendous Offensive.

ALLIES MAY GIVE GROUND

Numbers and Guns Can Force Individual Sections of Front.

HEAVY CASUALTIES DUE

Enemy Will Not Be Able to Inflict Such Losses as Did Allies Last Year.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The probability of the Germans now taking a vigorous offensive attitude on the western front was pointed out by Major-Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk to the Associated Press today.

There were two factors that contributed to this probability, the general said, the first being the steady flow of German reinforcements from the eastern front, and the second the fact that the American forces were not yet ready to take any considerable part in the operations.

The public should be prepared, Gen. Maurice said, for some losses of both ground and men if the Germans attempted really determined offensive operation. They would not, however, be able to inflict any such losses on the Allies as the latter had inflicted on the Germans during the last year, he declared.

Foe Fails in Thrust.

"The enemy in the last fortnight has been attempting numerous raids, mostly on a small scale," began Gen. Maurice. "At Cambrai, however, he tried a larger operation, with the object of getting control of a ridge on the British flank, whence he hoped he could strangle the supplies to a British salient and force its withdrawal. His attack, however, ended in an almost complete failure, for, although he gained a few hundred yards of our front trenches, he failed to set foot on the ridge anywhere.

"These attempts to take the offensive," continued the general, "are a sign of a new distribution of the belligerent forces on the front. The enemy is steadily bringing troops from Russia, with the aim of re-establishing his superiority over the Anglo-French forces. The Germans do not possess a magic carpet, and cannot transfer troops at a supernatural rate, especially under winter transport conditions. Nevertheless, there is a steady flow of German troops westward.

Looks for Big Battles.

"The Germans are still a long way from having superior numbers on the west front, but the relative strength of the forces is already so altered that it is doubtful whether the Allied commanders would feel justified in undertaking offensive operations on a large scale. The enemy's constantly improving numerical position will, on the other hand, lead inevitably to offensive operation by the Germans, but I see no reason to believe that he will be able to inflict anything like such losses on us as we inflicted on him during the last year.

"Owing to our work of the last year we are in an excellent defensive position, holding practically all the high ground. On the other hand, we are everywhere on new ground, where we must prepare new defensive systems. We must be prepared to lose ground if the enemy makes a determined attack with the usual artillery preparation, followed by energetic infantry assaults, for our own experience has taught us that it is practically always possible to move a certain distance under these conditions of attack."

May Pause in Palestine.

Regarding the situation in Palestine, Gen. Maurice said:

"A word of caution is necessary relative to the hopes of an immediate further advance in Palestine. The hills of Judea are notoriously difficult, the weather is unfavorable, and the roads impassable owing to the wet season. The transport problems, therefore, is likely to prevent any considerable movement there for some time."

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN ABANDONED AUTO WITH HEAD GASHED

Men Under Arrest Deny Murder — Say Car Upset.

DETROIT, Jan. 2.—Mrs. A. Krolik, ...ago, was found dead in an abandoned auto this afternoon a short distance outside the village of Rockwood, ...igan miles south of Detroit. Her ... has battered beyond recognition. The ...ers and bottom of the tonneau were ...ished with blood. A few minutes later ... Police with unpronounceable names ... taken into custody by the sheriff's ... deputies, charged with having ... a grip knowledge of the crime. Both were ... the influence of liquor, but deny ... connection with the woman's murder.

The men arrested insist she was not murdered, but was the victim of an automobile accident, the car in which she was ... having skidded and overturned. ... admit, however, that all of the ... of four were intoxicated. The ... searching for the third man.

BERT ... REATH FINED $100 ... UNJUSTIFIABLE ELE... PUBLICATION

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—A fine of $100 and costs ... posed on Bert McCreath, for... the Toronto ... Goderich, now of Toronto, ... today by Mag... the police court ... the view that ... Denison, who took ... lished in an ... statements published ... reflected on ... circular and which Waldron, wholly ... of Gordon Waldron, ... dale in the ... a seat in Parkdale in the ... were not justi... general elections, ... McCreath acts... ... the publication of $100 was in... minimum fine ... the magistrate ... summing up, ... justification for ... there was no circular. ... ation of the

4,600 Ger... Swept Up... —Year

LONDON, Jan. ... last year one th... the which are used ... ers around the E... swept an average ... miles daily. D... are they swept up ... mines. ... an

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION

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G. Malakonis.

STRATFORD.
Albert King.

DIED OF WOUNDS

WOODFORD.
S. Doran.

ILL

STRATFORD.
Frederick Elgear.

OWEN SOUND.
H. H. Craig.

WOUNDED AND MISSING

PELEE ISLAND.
E. H. Peitz.

GAS EXPLOSION AT INGERSOLL MAY COST MANAGER HIS LIFE

M. D. Montgomery Is in Hospital With Terrible Burns.

CAUSE IS A MYSTERY

Harley Barton Was Also Badly Burned, But Will Recover.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 2.—Manager M. D. Montgomery of the Ingersoll Gas Light Company, and a friend, Harley Barton, son of W. H. Barton of West Oxford, were seriously burned, as the result of being caught in an explosion at the gas works shortly before 5 o'clock this afternoon. Both are in Alexandra Hospital, and Montgomery's condition is still serious. Fire followed the explosion, the brigade being called out, and considerable damage was caused to the roof of the building before the flames were extinguished. No explanation has been given as to the cause of the explosion. Montgomery and Barton had just entered the building when a somewhat muffled sound was heard by residents of the district, and in a twinkling flames broke out in the roof of the building. Soon afterwards the two men, their clothes in flames, groped their way out of the building. They were given immediate assistance, but it was necessary to roll Montgomery in the snow before the flames, which had already eaten parts of his clothing, were extinguished. Both men were taken into a neighboring residence, and soon afterwards were removed to the hospital.

Harley Barton is a school teacher at Crean Hill, New Ontario, and had been spending his holidays at his home.

This is the second serious gas explosion here. About a year ago there was a heavy blow-up of natural gas, which did considerable damage.

'SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS' IS SLOGAN IN LOBO WOMEN'S BIG DRIVE

Will Break All Records if Yarn Supply Holds Out.

ILDERTON, Jan. 2.—Ilderton Red Cross women have been very busy all through the holidays. The family of C. McAndless, Sr., has done great work, Mrs. McAndless and two daughters knitted 400 pairs of soldiers' socks during 1917.

The Lobo Red Cross women are having a drive the second week of January, when each helper will try to beat all past records in knitting and sewing for the soldiers, and if the supply of yarn holds out a monster bale will be ready for the next meeting.

Some very pointed remarks were made at the last meeting as to why the Red Cross women workers were deprived of their vote at the election, but still they work on the same as ever.

The fuel question has been acute here since the cold spell. Scarcely any coal has been received, and many of the villagers are going back to wood-burning. Coal-burning furnaces for the surrounding churches and schools have had to have the little they got from London.

Many farmers also who have no wood left are buying wood from their neighbors. The price of wood has gone up by leaps and bounds to nearly doubt that of last winter.

One school in Lobo is burning green wood at $8 per cord, and some claim that some of the coal that has been received in Lobo was of very poor quality, largely slate and other dirt.

On New Year's Eve the members of the Ivan choir and Y. P. S. met at the manse and spent a very enjoyable evening. One of their most prominent members, Miss Hope Campbell, leaves this week for New York, where she will start training for a nurse. In the course of the evening the young people all assembled in the parlor, where Miss Campbell was presented with a beautiful ivory manicure set, accompanied by a short address by the choir leader, Mr. MacVicar expressed on behalf of the young people the deep regret felt by them at the departure of Miss Campbell, who was a prominent worker in the different societies.

Messrs. John and Arch Campbell of Manitoba are visiting friends in Lobo after many years' absence.

Mrs. Harry Lynn and daughter of Edmonton, Alta., are spending the winter among Lobo and Ailsa Craig friends.

W. Leitch, Toronto, who is spending a part of his holidays in Lobo, conducted services at Vanneck and Ilderton on Sunday. He is expected to preach in Ivan Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening next.

EARTHQUAKE'S TOLL IN GUATEMALA NOW ESTIMATED AT 2,500

Communications Between San Salvador and Guatemala Again Cut.

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, Jan. 2.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2,500 persons lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquakes.

Early reports on the earthquake, which begun Christmas Day, declared the loss of life was heavy, some estimates reaching 1,000. A Guatemala City dispatch of December 31, however, said that only a few persons had been killed.

Many persons are going overland from Salvador to Guatemala to investigate the fate of friends.

Telegraphic communication between San Salvador and Guatemala is again interrupted

WAS TWICE WOUNDED.

STRATFORD, Jan. 2. — After having been overseas for two years, during which time he was twice wounded, Lieut. Arthur W. Deacon is home again. His last wound was in the arm and was severe. He still has it in a sling. Lieut. Deacon says he is fine and that everything in England is going along well.

QUEBEC PREMIER SAYS POOH-POOH TO UNION GOVT.

Will Disregard Order Prohibiting Flotation of Debentures.

DECLARE ORDER ILLEGAL

Infringement Upon Rights of Province, as Given by B. N. A.

QUEBEC, Jan. 2.—Sir Lomer Gouin, as attorney-general of the province of Quebec, has passed an order-in-council which will be published in the Quebec Official Gazette this week, in which the executive council of this province strongly protests against the order-in-council recently passed by the Dominion Government, and aimed at prohibiting, for the time being, all undertakings not regarded as essential to the country's full participation in the war, by requiring that all provincial, municipal, and private flotations be first approved by the federal authorities, and informs the Government of Canada that it is the intention of the Quebec Government to consider the regulations as illegal unconstitutional and in no wise binding upon the province of Quebec.

After quoting at length from the federal order, the Quebec order-in-council concludes as follows:

Have Exceeded Powers.

"That in the opinion of the honorable the attorney-general, these regulations are beyond the powers of the Federa lParliament, which could neither adopt them, directly nor delegate the powers to enact them to the Government of Canada.

"That the effect of the said regulation is to restrict the rights, powers and prerogatives of provincial governments and in particular of the government of this province in so far as regards the matters which the constitution governing us confers exclusively upon them, and that nothing in the British North America act, 1867, justifies such an encroachment; that the ord-r-in-council in question was passed without the Government of this province having been informed thereof, and that the knowledge that it accquired of it was so acquired through the press.

Regarded As Illegal.

"That it is of importance strongly to protest against the manner of interpreting our constitution by the federal government, and against this attempt to do away with a right expressly belonging to the province; for the above reasons the honorable the attorney-general recommends:

"1—That the Government of Canada be informed that it is the intention of the Government of this province to consider these regulations as illegal, unconstitutional, and in no wise binding upon this province.

"2—That a notice be published in the Quebec Official Gazette informing the public that, in the opinion of this Government the said order-in-council, dated the 22nd December, 1917, concerning the issue of bonds and debentures in Canada is illegal, and unconstitutional as far as this province is concerned."

BRITISH BOMBS FIND IMPORTANT MARKS BACK OF THE GERMAN LINES

LONDON, Jan. 2.—More than 200 bombs were dropped on Tuesday on various targets, including a large ammunition depot near Courtrai and the Inglemunster airdrome, according to an official statement tonight on the aerial operations.

"In air fighting," continues the statement, "two hostile machines were brought down and two others driven down out of control. Another was shot down inside our lines by anti-craft guns. One of our machine is missing."

THREE BOYS PERISH IN BLINDING STORM AT KELLY'S ISLAND

Lone Survivor of Lake Erie Tragedy Is Badly Frozen.

SEARCH PROVES FUTILE

Believed Bodies May Have Been Carried Out on Ice.

TOLEDO, Jan. 2.—Three boys perished and one man was terribly frozen in a New Year's battle on the ice in Lake Erie between Marblehead and Kelly's Island.

The dead are: George Kruko, 14 years old; Mike Zebekie, 12; Joseph Ontko, 13, all of Marblehead.

The boys, with George Priest, 22 years old, walked from Marblehead, four miles across the lake to Kelly's Island yesterday.

They started on the return trip at noon, but soon encountered a northeast gale, a blinding snowstorm, and zero temperature.

At 7 o'clock last night members of the Marblehead coastguard crew saw a man half a mile off shore on the ice. They brought him in. The man was Priest, dazed and frozen. He said he had left the Kruko boy's dead body on the ice. The other two had started back to Kelly's Island.

Telephone information is that the boys did not reach the island, and that the gale has broken the ice in the channel. Big fires were kept burning all night along the south shore, and whistles in the stone quarries were blown constantly. Coastguards searched until late last night for the boys out on the lake, and resumed the work this morning. They say that without doubt the lads perished and the bodies may have been carried ou further into the lake by the ice floes.

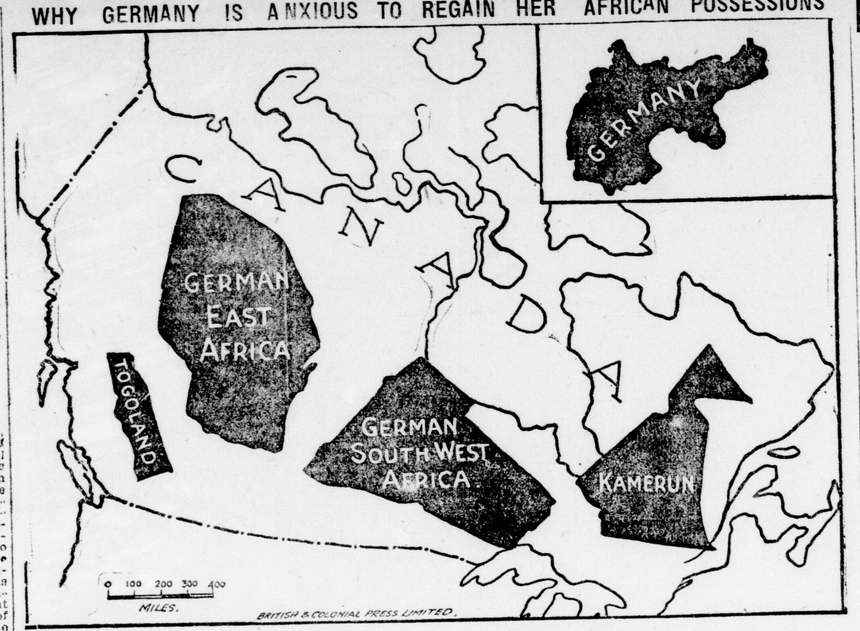
WEEK OF PRAYER IS PLANNED AT HARROW

HARROW, Jan. 2.—The different churches of the village will unite in a week of prayer, commencing Monday evening. The following will be the order: Monday evening in the Presbyterian Church, to be conducted by Rev. J. E. Russ; subject, "The place of the Bible in Christian Life and Experience. Tuesday evening in the Anglican Church, to be addressed by Rev. Dr. Husser; subject, "The Place and Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church." Wednesday evening in the Methodist Church; speaker, Rev. J. W. Connor; subject, "The Fulfilment of Prophecy and the Signs of the Times." Thursday evening in the Baptist Church; speaker, Rev A. Edington; subject, "Missions, the Life of the Church." Friday evening in the Methodist Church; speaker, Rev. T. Frears; subject, "Christianity—How It Should Be Expressed in the Life of the Individual Christian."

FOOD CONTROLLER BOOSTS USE OF FROZEN FISH

OTTAWA, Jan. 2. — The food controller, through the fish committee of his office, is starting a campaign to increase the use in Canada of frozen fish. This effort will be part of the larger campaign to increase consumption of all kinds of fish in order to release beef, bacon and other meats for export to the Allies.

WHY GERMANY IS ANXIOUS TO REGAIN HER AFRICAN POSSESSIONS



Advertiser Illustrations

German-African possessions super-imposed on a map of Canada—map being drawn to exact scale. Inset is map of Germany in Europe drawn to same scale.

CAPTURED GERMAN ORDER SHOWS DISREGARD FOR U. S. ENTRY IS FEIGNED

LONDON, Jan. 2.—As showing that the pretended German disregard for the entry of the United States into the war is feigned, the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters quotes an official German army order as follows:

"The recent entry of America into the war compels our higher command to form a considerable number of new aircraft units."

The order proceeds to urge the officers to promote the utmost numbers of transfers of officers to the flying corps for necessary training. The correspondent adds that prisoners are unanimous in stating that large forces of heavy artillery are on the way from the Russian front to the Western front.

United States Govt. Intends To Solve High Cost of Shoes

Complete Census of Hide and Leather Stocks Is Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A complete census of the hide and leather stocks in the United States is being made by the federal trade commission preliminary to beginning its investigation of the hide and leather industry, which will seek to determine the justification for present "exceedingly high" prices of shoes and all other leather products.

CABINET HAS COLD COMFORT ONLY FOR SHIVERING PEOPLE

Ottawa Citizens Raise Wail Lest Children Freeze.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The cabinet met this afternoon in the privy council chamber.

Meantime in the offices of the city council men and women stood in rows and clamored for fuel to save their children from freezing to death in the deadly below zero weather.

They were promised each a few sacks full if they would provide the wherewithal to haul them to their homes.

The cabinet considered the situation pro and con. They cudgelled their brains. They even, it is believed, called in the fuel controller and his $25,000-a-year assistant, and they decided as a result of their deliberations to do what? To close down the parliamentary library, so that the few tons of coal consumed there should be conserved for the perishing citizens.

They also appointed a committee to investigate and report as to what Government buildings and offices could be temporarily closed for the same purpose.

As the average public building is so jammed with employees as to resemble an orphan home not much relief from the coal problem can be expected from the deliberations of the committee.

It has been suggested, however, that the Victoria museum which burns several tons a day and which at present houses the food control staff of several hundred people might very well be closed down for the winter without subjecting the country or the war to any particular inconveniences.

The coal shortage, however, is not confined to Ottawa, though the Government, apparently, has not yet awakened to the fact.

Sir Robert Borden will not be back from the Virginia hot springs until Wednesday next.

STRATFORD EDITOR REPORTS FOR SERVICE

STRATFORD, Jan. 2.—Among local men who will report for service in the first call under the military service act is Ross Keane, editor of the Stratford Herald, who today laid down the pen, and will leave Friday for London.

Mr. Keane succeeded to the editor's chair when W. S. Dingman was appointed license commissioner.

RED CROSS DANCE AT NAIRN FRIDAY NIGHT

NAIRN, Jan. 2.—Arrangements have been completed for a dance in the town hall here Friday evening. The entire proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross.

Rev. W. D. McIntosh is moving today to Brucefield, where he has accepted a pastorate.

Daniel McIntyre has dropped out of the municipal race, and the contest for the reeveship of East Williams is now between John Stewart and James Smith.

William Wyatt has received $500 and Colin Duncan $100 from the council in connection with injuries they sustained in an auto accident some time ago.

ROYAL SPANISH PALACE AT LAGRANJA ON FIRE; BUILT IN 1721-1723

PARIS, Jan. 2.—A Havas dispatch from Madrid says that the royal palace at Lagranja, near Madrid, is on fire Details of the fire are not known.

The royal palace at Lagranja was built in 1721-23. It consists of a main building, inclosing the court of the original "Granja" (grange) and of two double wings. The royal apartments on the first floor have been noted for their 18th century magnificence.

ENLISTMENTS 2,081 FOR CANADIAN FORCES FROM DEC. 1 TO 15

Casualties in Same Period 1,217, of Which 45 Per Cent Are Slight.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Recruiting figures showing the number of men enlisted in the infantry, artillery, railway construction and forestry units in Canada and the United States during the first half of December, and the wastage in the Canadian expeditionary force for the same period, have been issued by the militia department

The figures reveal a net loss for the half month of 1,621 men, the total enlistments being 2,081, as against a total wastage of 3,702. The total enlistments were divided among the various branches of the services as follows: Infantry, 1,308; artillery, 375; railway construction and forestry, 311; miscellaneous, 87.

The total number of men enlisted in Canada during the two weeks was 1,516, in the United States 768, and in England 24.

The casualties overseas during the half month totalled 1,217, of which 45 per cent will, it is estimated, within a period of six months be fit for general service. A total of 272 men were discharged in England, 981 were returned to Canada for discharge, and 532 were discharged in Canada. The total wastage in infantry units was 1,575.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. NO. 3, CARADOC.

Senior IV.—Mamie Weld, 85; Jean Douglas, 81.

Senior III.—Gladys Stiltz, 74; Edward Thorburn, 64; Fred Nagle (absent).

Junior III.—Thomas Thorburn, 78; Evelyn Rhindress, 73; Kenneth Douglas, 72; Margaret Hyatt, 70; Kathleen Lockwood, 69.

Junior II.—Beulah Comfort, 80; Vera Jones, 70; Hazel Wilson, 70; Mary Nagle, 68.

Part II.—Irene Hyatt, 69; Dustin Jones, 60; Bessie Nagle, 59; Olive McAuley, 59.

Class I.—Ronald Shiltz.

Primer—Wallace Hyatt, Jessie Weld William Clark, Vernon Jones.

Teacher—Dorothy Emery.

LITTLEWOOD SCHOOL.

Senior IV.—Gwen Kelly, 67 per cent. Junior IV.—Bruce Kelly, 73 per cent; George Griffith, 59.

Junior III—Phyllis Macfarlane, 67 per cent; Lloyd Griffith, 69; George Pearse, 60; Amy Roszel, 50; Eva Adams, 47.

Junior II.—Ralph Kelly, 60 per cent. Primer—Almeda Roszel, Enos Willis. Teacher—Archie Griffith.

S. S. NO. 2, LONDON.

The report of S. S. No. 2, London Township, is:

Class IV.—Gwendolyn Hodgins, Jean O'Neil, Doris O'Neil, William Hodgins, Frank Stanley, Chester Turner, Fred Stanley, Margaret Turner, Harry Ferguson, Murray Shoebottom, Elva Roberts (absent).

Class III.—Winnifred Roberts, Gladys O'Neil, Joseph Halle, Clarence Stanley, Myrtle O'Neil.

Class II.—Dora McDonald, Joe O'Neil, Aljoe O'Neil and Glen Hodgins (equal).

Class I.—Marjorie O'Neil, Clifford Hodgins and Marion Hodgins (equal); Warren McDonald.

Primer—Edna Stanley, Addie O'Neil, Lawrence McDonald, Olive McDonald.

MARGARET L. TUTT, teacher.

SCHOONER SPRINGS LEAK AND SINKS SOON AFTER

Captain and Crew Rescued in the Nick of Time.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Captain Weston Keeping and crew of the British schooner Seth, Jr., of Liverpool, N.S., arrived here today, having been rescued from their waterlogged vessel on December 26. The Seth Jr was bound from a South American port to Canada and sprung a leak. The crew was rescued by a passing steamer and the schooner sank shortly afterwards.

HON. H. A. TURGEON REFUSES JUDGESHIP

REGINA, Jan. 2.—Hon. H. A. Turgeon, Saskatchewan's attorney-general, will not leave the Saskatchewan Government to go on the bench. Mr. Turgeon within the last few weeks was offered the position of chief justice of the court of king's bench, but declined.

ONTARIO'S RED CROSS GIVINGS $1,602,000

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Ontario's contribution to the Red Cross in 1917 was $1,602,000 which beats the record of 1916 by a good margin. Contributions are still coming into the offices of the society in the parliament buildings.

BRITISH LABORITES RECOMMEND POLICY FOR AFTER THE WAR

Enforcement of National Minimum Wage.

REVOLUTION IN FINANCE

Control of Industry; Surplus Wealth for the Common Good.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Universal enforcement of a national minimum wage; control of industry; a revolution in national finance, and the surplus wealth for the common good—these are the four cardinal points of the Labor recommendation policy after the war as submitted in a draft report of the British Labor party prepared by a sub-committee of the executive committee for submission at the party conference next June, or before, should a general election render it necessary. The title of the draft report is "Labor and the New Social Order," and the report declares that what has to be reconstructed after the war is not this or that government, department or social machinery, but "society itself."

"If," continues the report, "we are to escape the decay of civilization itself, which the Japanese statesman, Count Okuma (former premier) foresees, we must insure the building up of a new social order."

Demoblization.

Regarding democratic control of industry the report complains that neither the Government nor either of the great political parties has yet formulated any plan for dealing with the demoblization of the millions of soldiers, and says:

"Any government allowing discharged soldiers or munition workers to fall into the clutches of charity or the poor law would have to be instantly driven from office by an outburst of popular indignation. The Labor party has refused absolutely to believe that the British people will permanently tolerate any reconstruction or the perpetuation of the disorganization, waste and inefficiency involved in their abandonment to a jostling raid of separate privateers, with minds bent not on the service of the community, but, by the very law of their being, only on the utmost possible profiteering."

Government Gets Praise.

The Labor party holds that whatever may be the shortcomings of Government importation and control, it has demonstrably prevented a lot of profiteering. Nor can it end immediately upon the declaration of peace.

"The people will be extremely foolish if they ever allow indispensable industries to slip back into the unfettered control of private capitalists who are actually, at the instance of the Government itself, rapidly combining trade by trade into monopolist trusts."

After definitely repudiating all proposals for a protective tariff, the Labor party program calls for more warmth in politics and much less apathetic acquiescence in existing miseries.

Duncan Ross Gets Coal Distributed Among Needy Ones

Fuel Intended for Armories Keeping Strathroy Citizens Warm.

STRATHROY, Jan. 2. — Prompt action by Duncan Ross, M. P., today enabled many citizens to get coal who otherwise would have had to go without. There is an acute shortage of fuel here, and when a car came in today for the armories and postoffice Mr. Ross at once wired to Ottawa explaining the situation, and asking permission to close the armories and distribute the coal among those who need it badly. A reply came by wire granting his request. Mr. Ross is being warmly commended for his good work.

Marie Corelli and Lady Langton Fined For Hoarding Food

Notables Among First Victims of Rhondda's New Regulations.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Marie Corelli, novelist, and Lady Mabel Gore Langton, sister of Earl Temple, were among today's victims of the food controller's regulations against hoarding food, the former being fined £50 and £20 costs, while Lady Langton was fined £80.

Miss Corelli was charged with having purchased excessive quantities of sugar. In her defence she said the sugar was to be used in making jam. Lady Langton was accused of having purchased excessive quantities of tea, coffee, sugar and other provisions.

CANADA'S FIRE LOSS $23,251,604 LAST YEAR

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—According to figures compiled by the commission of conservation, fire losses in Canada during 1917 totaled $23,251,604.

The number of fires reported totaled 4,092, but over $15,500,000 of damage resulted from 76 fires. Fatalities due to fires for the years numbered 189, apart from the Halifax disaster.

BRITISH SHIPS SUNK TOTAL 21 FOR PAST WEEK

Eighteen of Over 1,600 Tons and Three of Less Capacity.

DECEMBER'S RECORD LOW

More Submarines Sunk in the Past Month Than Germany Launched.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Nine French merchant ships of more than 1,600 tons were sunk by submarines or mines during the week ending December 29. There was no loss of vessels under 1,600 tons, or of fishing ships. Two attacks on steamers failed.

Rome, Jan. 3.—Enemy submarines during the week ending December 29 sunk one Italian steamship of more than 1,500 tons and one sailing vessel of less than 100 tons. Two steamers which were attacked managed to escape.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Eighteen British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over have been sunk by mine or submarine during the last week, according to the admiralty statement tonight. Three merchantmen under 1,600 tons were also sunk.

This is a material increase over the previous week, when the sinkings numbered twelve, of which eleven were more than 1,600 tons.

The summary:

Arrivals, 2,111.

Sailings, 2,074.

British merchantmen, 1,600 tons or over, sunk, 18, including two previously; under 1,600 tons, three; fishing vessels, none; vessels unsuccessfully attacked, eight.

December Not So Bad.

Although the sinkings of ships of large tonnage in the last week have been rather heavy, the total for December is characterized as satisfactory, being only slightly larger than for November, which established a new low record. The tonnage sunk during December was well below that of any month previous to September. Against this, however, the sinkings of submarines were greater in December than in any previous month since the war began.

Naval men declare that more submarines were sunk in December than the German shipyards were able to launch; so the German submarine navy may now be said to have begun actually to shrink—a process which the Allies hope to accelerate rapidly with the increasing effectiveness of naval methods.

The total entrances and clearances, while low for the past week owing to weather conditions, were larger in December than in November. The sinkings in the last month occurred mainly in two areas. Owing to the severe weather the submarines have been compelled to concentrate and work closer to shore. This, perhaps, accounts for the larger number of submarines caught. One of these was rammed in the most casual manner by a slow-going coastal steamer at almost within gunshot of land.

American Liner's Exploit.

Canadians have already been told of the success of an American liner's gun crew in another, although this score will not be recognized by the admiralty unless confirmed from some other source owing to the fact that the gunners saw only a smashed periscope and the submarine might conceivably be able to limp home.

Reports of encounters with submarines in the past three months indicate that whatever improvements have been made in the U-boats they are not nearly so efficient or deadly as they were earlier in the year. This is due partly to the lower standard of their torpedoes and also to the deterioration in the quality of their crews. The U-boating as in aviation, experienced men are irreplaceable, and novices stand a poor chance.

Allied naval men have learned to identify the German U-boat veteran, merely by the character of his operation, and can tell when the novice comes on their beat by the amateurishness of his methods. Some of the German veterans, like the commander whom the Americans have nicknamed "Kelly," are foemen worthy of the navyman's best efforts but the U-boat novices fall into the net easily, and their chances of escape are small.

Mine-laying submarines continue very active, and figures given the Associated Press today show that last year more than 4,600 German mines were swept up in British waters alone.

CABINET WILL HEAR PROTESTS OF WEST AGAINST RATE RULE

Whole Railway Situation May Be Reopened.

"KICKS" ARE NUMEROUS

Manitoba Claims That Board Acted Beyond Its Authority.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—With the exception of Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster and probably Hon. Frank Cochrane, practically all the members of the cabinet will be here by the end of the week to face the problems which confront them.

One of the first matters to be considered will be the recent order of the Dominion Railway Board increasing freight rates. The order has brought a storm of protest from all parts of the west, and Premier Norris of Manitoba has served notice that it is the intention of his Government, backed by the Winnipeg, Regina and other boards of trade, to appeal the finding to the supreme court.

May Appeal to Governor.

An appeal of facts may be taken against an order of the railway commission to the governor in council, in which case the cabinet has to decide. On a question of law leave to appeal is granted by the supreme court and the appeal is heard by that body. On a question of jurisdiction leave to appeal must be secured from the board itself.

The west protests, first of all, against the policy of granting an increase, which will accrue to the benefit of a company, the Canadian Pacific, which is not in need of help and which will discourage production in proportion as it increases the cost of materials to the producer.

Agreement Over-Ridden.

They protest, secondly, on the ground that the board has no power to override an agreement made in Manitoba with the Canadian Northern many years ago. Whether the question is one of law or of jurisdiction it is hard to say.

Telegrams from the Government of Manitoba, from the grain-growers and from boards of trade have already been received here and handed to the railway board. No definite action has yet been taken. It is certain that the discussion which will take place in the cabinet council over the representations made will raise again the whole problem of the Canadian railway situation.

THOMPSON IS MAYOR.

CLINTON, Jan. 2.—Mayor C. W. Thompson and Reeve James Ford have been elected for 1918 without opposition. B. J. Gibbings received the appointment of public utilities commissioner. There are nine candidates for council, and six to be elected. All the school trustees were elected by acclamation.

You Eat too Much Meat—We didn't need a war to teach us that meat eating is largely a habit founded upon dietetic ignorance. The best substitute for meat or eggs is the whole wheat grain; in fact, it is a more complete food—a better balanced ration. **Shredded Wheat Biscuit** contains the entire wheat grain prepared in a digestible form. It is 100 per cent. whole wheat boiled in steam, drawn into porous, filmy shreds and baked crisp and brown. Two of these crisp little loaves of baked whole wheat with milk make a nourishing, satisfying meal.

Made in Canada.

ENEMY PLAYING CONSTANT FIRE ON WEST FRONT

Indications Not Lacking That Offensive Is in Preparation.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Apparently as proof that the Germans are preparing for a big offensive is the almost continuous bombardment of various sectors along the British and French fronts. Aside from these bombardments, there has been little activity except by small raiding parties. A heavy snow is falling and another cold wave has set in on the French front from St. Quentin to the Vosges Mountains.

GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE ALL PACKING HOUSES IN CANADA BEFORE MARCH 1

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The Dominion Government may take over the operation of all the packing houses in Canada before March 1, according to Gideon Grant, counsel of the packing Toronto Abattoir Companies, which were charged in court today with maintaining a nuisance.

In the course of the trial Mr. Grant said he understood an order-in-council was being prepared at Ottawa in connection with the Government's proposed action.

PROF. WILLIAM DALE IS MAYOR OF ST. MARYS

ST. MARYS, Jan. 2.—Professor Wm. Dale, former chairman of the finance committee, is mayor of St. Marys by acclamation. There will be contests in two of the four wards. The slate now stands as follows:

Mayor—Wm. Dale (acclamation).

Councillors—West ward, W. J. Stafford (acclamation); north ward, W. J. Stillman (acclamation); east ward (contest), W. H. Pullyblank, W. W. Ready; south ward (contest), Peter Munnoch, Ed Blackman. Sen. Councillors at large, two to be elected—W. R. Butcher, D. G. McBeth, Wm. Mathieson, George A. Hayes, John Sheldon.

The public school trustees for the four wards were elected by acclamation, namely—North ward, W. H. Hay; east ward, E. W. White; south ward, Dr. W. F. Brown; west ward, George Gregory.

Water, light and heat commissioner—C. E. Richardson (acclamation).

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LOST — WALKING-STICK — THINK left Simcoe street school; name on it, John Knox. Reward at this office. b

LOST — GOLD CUFF LINK — ON Ridout or in Ridout car. Reward, this office. 70c

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H. C. McBRIDE, MEMBER ONTARIO Association of Architects, etc. Molsons Bank Building. Phone 262.

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Architect and Civil Engineer.
415 RICHMOND STREET.

WILLIAM G. MURRAY, ARCHITECT —Dominion Savings Building, top floor. Phones: Office 1557; house 1581.

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DR. S. M. THOMAS, 252½ DUNDAS street. Phone 2085.

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DR. HOCKEN, CORNER ADELAIDE and Dundas streets. Phone 2463. Consultation by appointment.

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An extra charge of ten cents is made for all transient advertisements that are charged.

BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

BORN.

McLEAN—At Victoria Hospital, Jan. 1, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. F. P. McLean, 247 Horton street, a daughter. b

DEATHS.

CROLL—At Victoria Hospital, on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1918, Charles Croll, dearly beloved husband of Annie Croll.
Funeral from his late residence, 124 Oak street, on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 2:30 p.m., service at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. 70u

LENEHAN—At the family residence, 758 York street, on Thursday, January 3, 1917, Michael J. Lenehan, dearly beloved husband of Mary Lenehan, in his 63rd year.
Funeral notice later. b

WALLACE—At the residence of her son, J. J. Wallace, 534 Dundas street, on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1918, Johanna, relict of the late Robert Wallace, aged 80 years.
Funeral from the above address on Thursday at 3 o'clock, services at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. 70u

MEETINGS.

REGULAR MEETING OF PALESTINE Shrine, W. S. O. J., No. 3, this Thursday evening, January 3. Social evening. Visitors welcome. Annie Tullett, W. H. P.; J. R. Staples, scribe. b

REGULAR MEETING OF ST. George's, 42, A., F. and A. M., G. R. C., this (Thursday) evening, Jan. 3, in Masonic Hall, 7:30 o'clock. Visitors welcome. Conferring first degrees. Charles F. Ross, W. Master. A. Ellis, Secretary. P

INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY — Open meeting will be held in K. of P. Hall, Richmond street, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4. 71u

W. L. CLARKE, CANADA'S NOTED lecturer; quarterly meeting of London Mothers' Club in Lord Roberts School, Friday, Jan. 4, 8 o'clock. Subject, "A Child's Right To Be in Heaven." Opening of publicity campaign for child's welfare exhibit. Public invited. b

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Delaware Agricultural Society
will be held in the Town Hall, Delaware, on Friday, Jan. 18, 1918, at 1 o'clock p.m. Election of officers and transaction of business in general. J. H. Matthews, secretary. J. J. Jones, president. J. 3, 7, 10.

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NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING of East Middlesex Agricultural Society will be held in Western Fair Office, London, on Saturday, Jan. 19, 1918, at the hour of 1 p.m. Business: to receive annual report; to receive auditors' report; election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. E. Douglas, president, Ilderton; James H. Wheaton, secretary, Thorndale. Jan.3,10,17

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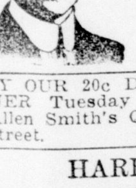
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WANTED IMMEDIATELY, ASSISTANT, about 19, manufacturer's works office. Greene-Swift, Limited. 70c

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OFFICE BOY OR GIRL WANTED BY wholesale house. Apply in own handwriting, stating age and experience, if any. Box 251, Advertiser. 69tf

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The War Charities Act, 1917

Department of the Secretary of State of Canada.

The War Charities Act, 1917, defines "war charities" as follows: Any fund, institution or association, other than a church or the Salvation Army, whether established before or after the commencement of this act, having for its objects or among its objects the relief of suffering or distress, or the supplying of needs or comforts to sufferers from the war, or to soldiers, returned soldiers or their families or dependents, or any other charitable purpose connected with the present European war. Any question whether a charity is a war charity shall be finally determined by the minister."

The act also provides:

(1) It shall not be lawful to make any appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money or in kind for any war charity as hereinbefore defined, or to raise or attempt to raise money for any such war charity by promoting any bazaar, sale, entertainment or exhibition or by any similar means, unless—

(a) the war charity is either exempted from registration or is registered under this act, and

(b) the approval in writing of the executive committee or other governing body of the war charity has been obtained, either directly or through some person duly authorized to give such approval on behalf of such governing body;

and if any person contravenes any of the provisions of this section he shall be guilty of an offence against this act.

(2) This section shall not apply to any collection at divine service in a place of public worship.

The act was assented to on the 20th of September, 1917, and the above section so far as it relates to registration is applicable to war charities on the 20th of December, 1917. After that date collections made otherwise than on behalf of a registered war charity by subscriptions, donations, bazaars, sales, entertainments, exhibitions or similar means of collecting money are illegal.

Regulations and information respecting registration may be obtained from the undersigned.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.
Ottawa, December 3, 1917.
Dec. 13, 20, 27, J. 3.

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5 HOSTILE PLANES FALL

Austro-German Aviators Continue Bombing Open Towns in Italy.

ROME, Jan. 2.—Another attempt by the enemy to cross the Piave River has been defeated by the Italians, the war office announces. Half a score of vessels loaded with enemy troops were dispersed at Intestadura when the crossing was attempted.

British patrols have been active in attacking hostile advanced posts with considerable success.

The text of the statement reads:

"The usual artillery actions took place. Italian and English batteries exploded two enemy munition depots at Fontigo and south of Conegliano. English patrols attacked enemy advanced posts, inflicting losses and capturing prisoners.

"About ten vessels loaded with troops which attempted to approach the right bank of the Piave at Intestadura were dispersed by our fire.

Drop Five Foe Planes.

"Aviators and English batteries brought down three enemy airplanes. Two others fell as the result of aerial battles with Italian and French aviators. During the night enemy aviators dropped a few bombs on Mestre and Treviso. No damage was done nor were there any casualties. Enemy aviators also bombed Bassano, where one person was killed and five persons were wounded. Slight damage was done.

"Our squadrons bombed aviation camps at Lacomina and Aviano, causing extensive fires. Enemy movements at the railway station of St Stino de Livenza and enemy barracks have been bombed effectively by an Italian dirigible."

WITHDRAWAL VOLUNTARY.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The withdrawal of the Austrian troops which forced a crossing of the Piave River above Venice to the eastern bank of the river, which was announced in yesterday's Italian official statement, took place on Wednesday of last week, according to an official Austrian announcement received here today. It follows:

"On the Italian front there were artillery duels at times on the Asiago Plateau in the Monte Tomba region and on the lower Piave.

"Early on December 26 our men on the bridgehead near Zeenson were withdrawn without loss to the eastern bank of the Piave. The enemy did not discover this evacuation until Monday. He directed an uninterrupted fire of artillery and mine throwers until that day against the field works which had been left behind."

FORTY NAMES ARE ON MORAVIAN HONOR ROLL

MORAVIANTOWN, Jan. 2.—Sergt. Reuben Tobias has returned from overseas. After a short visit at his home he is to go for a time to Guelph. He did not cross to France, but remained in England as instructor.

Nancy Snake, one of the oldest women on this reserve, died on Saturday night and was buried yesterday. She was ill for some time. She has a son, Frank, in France. The funeral service was conducted by Rev Mr. Kaine, Anglican, Thamesville.

Thomas Noah has been elected to fill the vacancy in the council, caused by Emerson Snake going overseas.

Lieut. Phiny Nethercott visited his home here during the holidays, and while here presented the reserve with an honor roll of all that have enlisted during the war. Forty names are on already and two more to go on, when particulars are obtained as to their standing. It is to be kept in the town hall. Of this number two have lost their lives, Walter Tobias and Stephen Logan. A number have been wounded.

There were so many enlisted from here that none have been conscripted as yet.

DEATH OF IRISH LEADER.

MONTEVISTA, Colo., Jan. 2.—J. F. Sheridan, Irish political leader, who figured prominently in the trial of Charles Stewart Parnell, for treason in England in 1890, and who once was an editorial writer on the New York Herald, died at his ranch near here Monday, it became known today. He was 77 years of age.

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...MERICANS ARE ...EING RUSHED TO WEST FRONT

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...NCLE SAM'S FULL POWER

Germany Will Feel Forces of Greatest Democracy In the World.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—American troops are to be rushed to Europe in as large and as constant a stream as is humanly possible; the Allied nations will so arrange their shipping as to provide the necessary transports; the merchant shipbuilding program must be rushed; there is to be closer co-operation of all the co-belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy; the part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it ...t.

...These are the principal results, as ...ey affect America, of the recent ...er-Allied war council in Paris, an...unced today for the first time by ...e state department.

...These recommendations, made by the ...erican delegates, of whom Col. E. M. ...use, President Wilson's personal rep...entative, was the head, are the re... of the great council of heads of the co-belligerents.

More Work for U. S. Navy.

...definite plan was formed for more ...tive utilization of American naval ...ces, and an agreement was made ...h the British admiralty to effect ...tain plans for anti-submarine war...e.

...he contribution of the United States ... a pooling of war resources was ...eed upon. The arrangement guar...eed that full equipment of every ...d will be available to all American ...ces sent to Europe during 1918.

...rrangements were made to have the ...ited States participate in military ...liberations of a supreme war council ...s a step toward efficient and cen...alized unity of control of military ...erations."

...Plans also were worked out whereby, ...n order to permit the United States to ...isualize the problem of food control ...t home, Great Britain, France and ...taly agreed to put legalized and com...ulsory control of foodstuffs in force in ...eir countries.

Co-ordination of Effectives.

...A statement issued by the state de...artment in connection with the recom...endations says in part:

..."A review of the report filed with ... department of state by Col. House, ... head of the special war mission ...hich visited Great Britain and France ... November, shows that it succeeded ...n its purpose of reaching a definite ...working plan for the prosecution of ... the war, through co-operation of the ...overnments represented at the con...rence held at Paris, from the various ...elds of activity, and through mar...alling the resources of the nations ... war with the central powers and ...ordinating their uses under a com...n authority, thus avoiding the waste ...d uncertainties that have arisen ...m independent action.

..."The agreements which were reached, ...en in full operation, will greatly ...rease the effectiveness of the efforts ...w being put forth by the United ...ates and the Allies in the conflict ...ainst Germany and Austro-Hungary.

..."The extent of the military effort to ... aimed at by the United States was ...arly determined, and an Allied ad...ory board was created to advise ...ach nation on allotments of ships, so ...s to permit the American military ...ort to be realized.

The Recommendations.

...The recommendations include:

..."Naval: (1) The formation of an ...ter-Allied naval council to co...dinate the operation of the naval ...rces of the United States and her ...sociates in the war, so that these ...rces may in the future be operated ... one in the prosecution of the war ...n sea and in conjunction with the ...nd forces.

..."(2) An agreement between the ...ritish admiralty and the navy de...rtment putting into effect certain ...ans relating to the prosecution of ... naval war against the submarines.

..."(3) The formation of a definite ...n for the more active utilization of ...merican naval forces in conjunction ...th those of nations engaged in the ...r against the central powers.

..."(4) Agreement with the British ...miralty making it possible for Am...can naval officers to keep fully in...med of the operations and policy of ... British admiralty, so that perfect ...operation between the navy de...tment and that body is assured.

...(5) Reorganization of American ...al forces at French ports.

...(6) The securing of a full and de...ed picture of the naval problem in ...opean waters.

America's Military Effort.

..."Military: (1) The extent of the ...itary effort to be aimed at by the ...ited States was clearly determined.

...(2) Negotiations were carried on ...king to the pooling of resources for ... mutual advantage of all of the ...ntries engaged in the war against ...many. The contribution of the ...ted States to this pooling arrange...nt was agreed upon. The contribu...s likewise of the countries as...ated with the United States were ...ermined. This pooling arrangement ...ranteed that full equipment of ...ry kind would be available to all ...erican troops sent to Europe dur... the year 1918.

...(3) Unqualified support to the ...olution adopted by the inter-Allied ...ferences looking to the creation of ...Allied advisory board charged with ...y of advising the shipping author... of each nation concerning the ...cation of tonnage, so as to permit ... American military effort to be ...lized.

...(4) Arrangements made for fullest ...operation between the United ...tes, Great Britain and France in ... production of military instruments ...d supplies of all kinds.

...(5) Participation in military de...rations of supreme war council as ...ep towards efficient and centraliz...unity of control of military opera...s.

Part in Supreme Council.

..."Diplomatic: Participation by the ...ited States in a meeting of the ...preme war council held at Versailles ...ecember 1. Representatives of Eng...d, France, Italy and the United ...tes there met as a first step to...rds securing unity of control of the ...ies on the Western front. This ...ting, the first of its kind, assures ...the future unity of support on the ... of the United States and the Al...

...irst steps taken in the establish... of a more perfect liason between ...ommanding generals of the United ...s and the Allies.

Finance and Shipping.

...INANCE: (1) Conferences with ...representatives of Great Britain, ...ce, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania ...Russia, for the purpose of perfect... the organization of an inter-Allied ...cil which is a priority board, whose ... it should be to consider the rela... importance and urgency of the ...cial demands to be made by the ...erted effort of the countries wag... war against the central powers.

...2) Arrangements begun for the ...er financing of purchases by the ...tries at war with Germany of sup... from neutral countries.

...HIPPING: (1) Full and detailed ...rts were secured showing total loss ...nnage due to war risks and ma... risks from August 1, 1914, to Sep... 30, 1917.

... The estimated output of new ... by the Allies during the year ... ascertained.

Utilizing Tonnage.

...he proper employment of exist...age so that the maximum utili... such tonnage could be effect... provided for in a resolution ...y the inter-Allied conferences ...s:

... Allies considering that the means of maritime transport at their disposal as well as the provisions which they dispose of should be utilized in common for the pursuit of the war have decided to create an inter-Allied organization for the purpose of co-ordinating their action to this effect and of establishing a common program constantly kept up to date, enabling them by the maximum utilization of their resources to restrict their importations with a view of liberating the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the transportation of American troops.'

"(4) The whole question of the employment of neutral tonnage in line with the proposals made by neutral countries with respect to this tonnage was exhaustively discussed, and plans looking to the favorable result of tonnage negotiations with neutral countries were substantially agreed upon.

"(5) A survey was completed of the ports of debarkation of American troops and supplies, and plans were made looking to the more expeditious discharge of troops and cargoes so as to permit the return of vessels to their home ports with the least possible delay.

Agreement Upon Blockade.

"War trade: 1. Full and detailed conferences were held with the British, French and Italian representatives upon blockade matters, and a complete understanding was obtained of the principles under which these countries are proceeding.

"2. A mass of information was obtained with reference to rationing requirements of Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland.

"3. An agreement between the war trade board and the Swiss society surveillance was agreed to and executed by the Swiss delegates and Mr. McCormick, the chairman of the war trade board.

"4. Arrangements were made for the participation of the United States in the celebrations of the permanent international commission on contingents sitting in Paris and on the inter-Allied commission of Berne, Switzerland.

"5. Tentative plans subject to the approval of the war trade board were made for the appointment of representatives and staffs of the war trade board in London and Paris.

"War industries: A detailed study was made of the organization of the British ministry of munitions and the supply departments of the British admiralty and the British war office, and a complete analysis of the facts and figures in possession of these departments of the British Government was made.

North America's Part.

"Food: 1. A comprehensive and accurate estimate was obtained of the food in the possession of the Allied nations and of the amounts that must be supplied by North America during the year ending October 1, 1918.

"2. The curve of shipments of foodstuffs required from North America for the United Kingdom, France and Italy was fixed for the year ending 1918.

"3. In order to permit the United States to visualize the problem of food control in North America, plans were worked out whereby the governments of Great Britain, France and Italy agreed to put into effect a legalized and compulsory control of foodstuffs in these countries.

"4. The creation by the inter-Allied conference in Paris of an international scientific committee on alimentation, to consist of two representatives each of the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy. This committee to be in continuous session in Europe for the purpose of studying the alimentation of the Allies. This committee to stand in an advisory capacity to the food administrations of the aforenamed countries.

"5. An inter-Allied agricultural committee was established, to consist of one delegate each from the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy, to sit continuously in Europe and to act in an advisory capacity to the governments named."

FRENCH DASHED OVER AUSTRIANS IN EASY MANNER AT MONTE TOMBA

Poilus' Speed and Experience Completely Outmatch the Enemy's Defence.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 2.—The French in their recent successful operation on Monte Tomba captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight. From the top of a nearby hill he saw the French attack, and afterwards saw the prisoners, guns and booty brought in.

"It was a record-making fight in many respects," he declared. "Just think, the French took more prisoners than they had men engaged, which is among the records in military annals. They also captured their first Austrian prisoners, which is another milestone for them, as heretofore they had captured only Germans.

French Loss Small.

"In addition to the 1,400 prisoners were counted 560 dead on the ground, and no one knows how many more were in the caverns and under bushes. The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant loss—less than fifty men.

"The 50th Austrian Division, which was the one attacked, is considered a good fighting organization. But the Austrians were accustomed to fighting Russians and Rumanians, and this was the first time they had met the highly-trained French troops." The result was that rawness and indiscipline were swept away before discipline and training.

A Miserable Lot.

"When the prisoners were brought in I never saw a more miserable, pitiful, starved lot of soldiers. They looked like the riffraff from the slums of some big city. Even the officers appeared underfed and under-clothed, and I saw only one with a whole pair of breeches.

"When the officers were lined up there were 42 Austrians and 2 Germans. The Austrians were told they would receive the usual treatment given officers and gentlemen, but the two Germans were told plainly that they would receive exactly the same treatment given French officers in Germany. The group of Austrian officers were impressed greatly at this and openly declared their hatred of the Germans. A little later we heard the Austrian soldiers cheering, and it turned out that they were cheering their French captors.

The success shows the necessity for trained troops, as untrained troops could not possibly have secured such results. It was exactly the same as getting 15 per cent on your money instead of 2 per cent.

The spirit and enthusiasm of the French troops as they leaped into the enemy trenches is beyond all praise. Their earnestness not only carried them into the trenches, but actually far beyond them. Some detachments kept on going until they reached the Upper Piave, back of the lines held by the enemy. They found deserted villages and little evidence of enemy occupation, and could have held their position back of the enemy lines. But it was beyond the objective sought, and would have necessitated re-organization of the defences, so the impetuous detachments were ordered to return, but it showed what enthusiasm can do in forcing a wedge straight through the Austrian lines."

GERMAN RAIDING PARTIES REPULSED BY THE FRENCH

London, an. 3.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night, south and southwest of La Bassee, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the war office reports. "The enemy artillery showed considerable activity during the night east of Epehy.

MANY OLD COUNCILS IN DISTRICT RETURN BY ACCLAMATION

At Brantford, However, Four Are Battling for Mayoralty.

HOT FIGHT EXPECTED

All the Candidates Were in the Council Last Year.

Not for a long time have so many councils in this district been returned by acclamation. The feeling in many places seems to have been that unnecessary expense should be cut out and as a result various Western Ontario municipalities will save many thousands of dollars. Where there are election contests they promise to be unusually hot fights.

HOT FIGHT AT BRANTFORD.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 2.—Four candidates are definitely in the field for mayor here, and qualified today. They are J. S. Dowling, S. A. Jones, J. W. Bowlby and M. McBride. The last two were candidates in the recent Dominion election. The contest promises to be a hot one, in which personalities will play an unusual part. All those running were members of last year's council.

For water commissioner John Fair is opposed by the Labor candidate, Peter Noble, and for the street railway commission P. H. Secord, A. O. Secord and F. J. Calbeck are running.

Six candidates are out for four positions on the board of education, Mary Colter, Mrs. P. P. Ballachey, J. W. Shepperson, I. S. Armstrong, W. H. Lane and C. E. Jeakins.

The field for aldermen in the wards is as follows: Ward 1—W. H. Turnbull, John Hill, A. G. Montgomery, Fred Chalcraft, Grant Jarvis. Ward 2—J. T. Burrows, J. J. Kelly, J. W. English, J. H. Hull. Ward 3—(Acclamation) A. H. Boddy, J. J. Hurley, F. C. Harp. Ward 4—W. J. Bragg, W. F. C. Hard. Ward 4—W. J. Bragg, W. J. Mellen, A. B. Lee, A. L. Baird, J. T. Sloan. Ward 5—J. H. Clement, John Hidge, Harry Symons, Henry Simpson.

MONTEITH RE-ELECTED.

STRATFORD, Jan. 2.—Mayor Monteith has been re-elected by acclamation for a second year. Three others who were nominated failed to qualify.

There are fifteen in the field for alderman, of whom twelve are to be elected. Following is the list:

Frank O'Brien, merchant; John H. Roberts, janitor; Louis Steinburg, superintendent; William Graham, boilermaker; D. M. Scott, secretary; William Newman, painter; Andrew Waddell, agent; William Orns, lineman; C. A. Cullitor, boilermaker; A. E. F. Jones, agent; J. C. Heideman, forgeman; H. B. McClellan, agent; S. L. Ireland, contractor; D. Forbes, gentleman; T. E. Henry, contractor.

Of the above, only six are members of last year's council, and only one of the other six was a committee chairman last year.

New Elements.

Several new elements have entered into the contest this year. The Socialists have a candidate nominated in W. Newman, and the union men in the Grand Trunk have two or three of their members in the field. Two other would-be candidates, who after hanging around the city clerk's office all morning, tried to squeeze in their nomination at the last minute, were caught in the process of filling out their papers when the nominations were declared closed.

For public utilities commission, Angus McDonald and William Nichols are elected by acclamation.

For school trustee there will be contests in three of the wards. In Falstaff, James Whiteman is elected by acclamation, and in Romeo, Alex Abraham returns by acclamation. In Hamlet, David Davidson is opposing S. R. McConkey; in Shakespeare, W. Skidmore, Socialist, is opposing Alex. Wilson, and in Avon, William Guy is opposing A. F. Waddell.

At Mitchell.

Fred C. Hord of Mitchell has been elected as mayor of that town by acclamation, William Elliot having retired in his favor. Mayor Hord served for five years at the council board, and will be a good man. Ex-Mayor Elliot served for five years as mayor.

William Martyn returns again as reeve, and is mentioned as likely warden. The council is returned by acclamation as follows: John Rankin, W. Balfour, W. Shillinglaw, C. B. Walkom, J. Davis and Dr. McGill, the last named taking Mr. Hord's place.

MANY DROPPED OUT.

WINDSOR, Jan. 2.—There will be no municipal election in the town of Sandwich next Monday, a sufficient number of nominees dropping out of the race today to permit of the filling of all vacancies by acclamation. The new officials are: Mayor, E. H. Donnelly; reeve, A. McKee; deputy-reeve, Richard McKee; councillors, E. Pillon, B. Packaud, W. B. Smith, F. L. Doherty, Samuel Rocheleau and S. Walker.

Eight candidates will contest for six seats in the Ford council. They are M. Thibert, John Hebert, A. Pellettier, William Rockett, William Lavaseun and T. Westgale. Mayor Montreauil and Reeve Eugene Drouillard were reelected by acclamation.

ALDERMANIC FIGHT.

STRATFORD, Jan. 2.—Mayor Menteith is elected by acclamation, but there will be an election for aldermen, the nominees being F. O'Brien, J. H. Roberts, L. Steinberg, W. Graham, D. M. Scott, W. Newman, A. Waddell, Sen., W. Orns, C. A. Culliton, A. E. F. Jones, J. C. Heidman, H. B. McClellan, S. L. Ireland, D. Forbes, T. E. Henry, twelve to be elected.

Public utilities—A. McDonald, W. Nichols (acclamation).

Election in three wards for school board.

CONTEST AT GALT.

GALT, Jan. 2. — Galt's municipal election has now boiled down to three contests, and on Monday next the electors will be called upon to decide who shall be mayor, hydro commissioner and school trustee in ward 1, all other positions having been filled by acclamation. It was expected there would be more contests. J. A. McIrvine surprised his friends by not qualifying for the mayor alty.

The municipal slate now stands:

For mayor—Alfred Taylor and Dr. W. S. Dakin.

Aldermen—Ward 1, Geo. H. Thomas and A. Oliver, elected by acclamation. Ward 2, A. W. Mercer and Dr. S. E. Charlton, elected by acclamation. Ward 3, S. J. McLane and D. Y. Ray, elected by acclamation. Ward 4, F. S. Jarvis and W. H. Anderson, elected by acclamation. Ward 5, Harry Holmes and Alexander Goudy, elected by acclamation.

Hydro commissioner—H. O. Hawkes and G. Hancock Jun.

School trustees—Ward 1, J. C. Windell, C. H. Dando and F. D. Clendenning. Ward 2, J. H. Wilson, elected by acclamation. Ward 3, Wm. Baird, elected by acclamation. Ward 4, W. A. Hunter, elected by acclamation. Ward 5, J. A. McDougall, elected by acclamation.

GIVEN ACCLAMATION.

AYLMER, Jan. 2.—There will be no election in the town of Aylmer this year. The following have been elected by acclamation:

Mayor, H. H. Wright; reeve, O. McKenney; councillors, J. Lindsay, W. H. Finch, J. Wilson, J. W. Cline, T. Martindale, H. Little; water and light commissioners, Dr. F. H. Miller, J. E. Scott.

The Malahide township have elected the following council by acclamation: Reeve, W. T. Hare; deputy reeve, E. B. Hill; councillors, E. McTaggart, C. W. Ingram, J. W. Matthews.

ELECTION IS OFF.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 2.—There will be no municipal elections here, all the offices having been filled by acclamation, as follows: Mayor, J. V. Buchanan (re-elected). Councillors, R. W. G. Bloor, T. R. Mayberry, James Henderson, M. E. Scott, H. D. McCarty, John A. Mitchell. Five of last year's councillors were re-elected. F. N. Horton withdrew. His place is taken by McCarty. Water, light and sewer commissioner, J. E. Gayfer. School trustees—Ward 1, McDonald, Wallace; ward 2, George F. Janes; ward 3, John Lee.

AT NEWBURY.

NEWBURY, Jan. 2.—Last year's council has been returned by acclamation, as follows:

Reeve, A. Holman; councillors, S. Fennell, R. H. Moore, H. D. McNaughton, James Whittington; trustees, Frank Robinson, Arch McCready, Peter Campbell.

ALL ARE RETURNED.

HESPELER, Jan. 2.—Hespeler council has been returned by acclamation.

Mayor, L. E. Weaver; reeve, D. N. Pannabaker; hydro commissioner, Oscar Zyrd; councillors, E. Garland, A. Leybourne, J. Moreland, D. A. Greutzner, E. Sault and E. Birken; school trustees, J. A. Beattie, W. C. Shaw and Asa Day.

AT MOUNT FOREST.

MOUNT FOREST, Jan. 2.—The town council of Mount Forest was elected by acclamation, as follows:

Mayor, A. S. Clarke; reeve, John Campbell; councillors, T. G. Millis, J. H. Noonan, A. H. Luxton, Wm. Patter, Horace Youmans, J. H. Scott; board of education, S. J. Short, A. W. Wright, C. A. Jones, Jr.

BREIST RE-ELECTED.

PRESTON, Jan. 2.—E. B. Breist was re-elected mayor of the town of Preston by acclamation for his second term. For light and water commission Fred Fischer and Percy Hilborn were elected by acclamation, and school trustees, A. R. Bernhardt, Thos. Hepburn and Clayton E. Hurlbut also go in by acclamation.

Following are those that the ratepayers will be asked to vote for on Monday next: For reeve, Dr. Anthony Oaks, Fred O. Pelz; deputy reeve, Moses Wismer, Wm. Sobisch; aldermen, Ernest Underhill, Alex Thompson, C. B. Shantz, Wm Reid, S. H. Parker, Wm. Nutall, R. A. MacGillivary, Geo. Mathers, Carl Homuth, Geo. Everson, E. J. Duck, Thos. Campbell, H. J. Schultz.

AT OWEN SOUND.

OWEN SOUND, Jan. 2. — The following results were announced in Owen Sound and surrounding municipalities tonight regarding the forthcoming municipal elections. It will be necessary to hold a supplementary election here, only nine of the twelve councillors necessary having qualified. The township councils were all returned by acclamation.

Following is the complete list.

Owen Sound council—Mayor, Keith ...er, acclamation; reeve, John McWebster, acclamation; reeve, John McFreeman McRoberts, John G. Hay; second deputy, James C. Grier, acclamation; third deputy, Wm. Hickey, Alfred Atkins. Councillors—Frank Basber, Matt Duncan, Dr. J. A. Hershey, Roland Patterson, Wm. H. Porte, George Perkins, John F. Thompson, Thomas Willoughby, A. J. Lloyd. Board of education — Alfred J. Frost, Miss Grace Lediard, Dr. W. J. Marshall, Ewart J. Creeper and R. J. Layton (four to be elected).

In the Townships.

Derby Township (acclamation) — Reeve, John Leask; council, James P. Enner, R. Mundle, P. Breen and A. Weaver.

Sydenham Township (acclamation)—Reeve, J. L. Boyd; deputy reeve, Geo. Hill; council, Robert McLean, Colin Spence and John Currie.

Sarawak Township (aclamation) — Reeve, A. E. Abra; council, Freeman Moulton, Alvery Barfoot, Joseph Barfoot and Frank McNeil.

Shallow Lake (acclamation)—Reeve, W. J. Shouldice; council, V. Green, D. Allen, J. Boyd and F. Ritchie.

School board (acclamation) — T. Cain, R. Reaney and R. Ceaser.

Keppel Township (acclamation) — Reeve, Jack Johnson; council, R. Dawson, George Perkins, Andrew R. Ringle and Charles Barfoot.

Sullivan Township (acclamation) — Reeve, Hary Carson; council, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Corlett, H. Faragh and George Robertson.

Chatsworth (acclamation) — Reeve, J. H. Sudden; council, L. D. Merriam, James Minorgan, John Singlair and Jas. Breeze.

Holand Township (acclamation) — Reeve, Robert Howey; council, Robert Cesar, Jas. McAvoy, H. W. Sergeant, A. Cheson.

KINGSTON, Jan. 2.—In only one ward in this city, Frontenac Ward, will there be an aldermanic contest. The contestants who will go before the electors are: William Solder, W. Peters, S. S. Corbett and J. W. Smith. The aldermen in the other six wards were elected by acclamation, as follows: Thomas Hewitt, H. J. Millan, Dr. D. A. Black, R. E. Kent, N. E. O'Connor, Norman A. Smith, W. J. White, G. C. Wright, W. J. Hooper, A. Simmons, C. S. Anglin, James Norris, Daniel Couper, W. R. Clugston, R. G. Armstrong, S. W. Newman, P. B. Chown and J. W. Little.

ALL ARE RETURNED.

STRATHROY, Jan. 2.—Strathroy council has been returned by acclamation, as follows:

Mayor, W. F. Hill; reeve, Henry Dale; deputy reeve, S. Oakes; councillors, Walter Wright, Henry Owens, T. Seeds, James Ladell, Isaac Burkholder, Stephen Waite; utilities board, R. M. Pincombe; school trustees, B. O. Parker, George Kinder, James Bogue, T. S. Donaldson

GIVEN SECOND TERM.

GALT, Jan. 2. — Following the old-time custom the electors of North Dumfries Township have returned their 1917 council, composed of J. Taylor, reeve; W. Elliott, A. C. Becker, J. R. McLeod, and A. Y. Little, for a second term.

ARE FOUR SHORT.

PETROLEA, Jan. 2. — Although many candidates were nominated for the town council, when the hour came for the candidates to qualify to stand for election the electors were more than surprised to find all the offices filled by acclamation, except councillors, of whom there are still four to be elected.

The results were as follows: Mayor, E. Preston; reeve, George Morris; deputy reeve, Wm. Brown; councillors, K. C. Kerr, Thomas McMahen; hydro commissioner, A. W. Ellis; water commissioner, John Walker.

A hot contest for all offices in the township of Enniskillen is on. Thomas Simpson is in the field for reeve for the fifth term, and if elected may be chosen warden this term.

Those standing for election are: Reeve, Thomas Simpson, F. E. Steadman; deputy reeve, W. A. Brock, Jos. Hachet; councillors, Richard Bailey, Alexander, Bygrove, John Kirkpatrick, John Metcalfe, Angus Stonehouse and Thomas Wilson.

OLD COUNCIL RETURNED.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 2.—The old council was returned by acclamation, as follows:

Mayor, W. S. West; aldermen, A. G. Geoghogan, George Parker, J. Y. Smiley, A. Clynick, J. Waud, Malcolm Glaves, George Davison, James Davis, James Roddick and Clifford Kemp.

IN BY ACCLAMATION.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 2.—The Aldborough Township council goes in by acclamation. Wm. Tolmie is again reeve, and W. F. Stalker is deputy, in the place of J. A. McRae. The councillors are John D. McKillop, W. A. Kelly and J. Frank McGregor.

OPEN VERDICT AT WOODSTOCK INQUEST

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 2.—The jury which tonight investigated the death of Thomas Butler, the aged inmate of the House of Refuge who was found frozen in a field after wandering away from the institution, returned an open verdict. The evidence showed that the manager of the house of refuge was in no way to blame, and does everything to safeguard those in the home. The jury recommended, however, that steps be taken to try to prevent any of the aged people wandering away.

NEW YORK DEFIANT.

New York, an. 3.—New York City generally ignored the order for six lightless nights a week, which was to have gone into effect last night as part of the coal conservation movement. Albert H. Wiggin, state fuel administrator, asserted, after a tour of the city at nightfall, that he was unable to understand why the public, having been fully advised both by the authorities and by the newspapers that all unnecessary lights were to be turned off, should not obey the order. He said the first night called for some tolerance, but that drastic enforcement of the regulation would begin today, and that ignorance hereafter would be no excuse.

COMMITTEES MAY REPORT DIRECT TO 1918 COUNCIL

Change in Procedure May Be Adopted This Year, Ignoring Controllers.

PLACE SEEKERS ARE BUSY

Already Demands for Positions Being Brought to Striking Committee.

The striking committee of the city council will meet early next week to strike the committees.

Already there is a quiet demand for places, not so quiet in some instances, but for the most part quite a demand

It seems probable that the finance committee will consist of Controller Little, Controller Merryfield, Ald. F. E. Harley, Ald. H. B. Ashplant, Ald. Wilson, Ald. Watkinson, Ald. Harding and Ald. Holmes.

The board of works will consist of Controllers Moore and Saunders, Ald. Winnett, Ald. Drake, Ald. Watt, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Keene and Ald. Manness.

The directors to the Western Fair will possibly be Mayor Somerville, Controller Little, Ald. Drake, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Harley, and Ald. Watt.

The London and Port Stanley Board will consist of Controller Moore, Controller Saunders, Controller Merryfield, Ald. Wilson, Ald. Winnett, Ald. Watkinson, Ald. Keene, Ald. Harding and Ald. Holmes.

If a controller is not selected for the chairmanships of No. 1 and No. 2, it seems probable that Ald. Harley will take No. 1, and Ald. G. B. Drake No. 2.

It is probable that the committees will submit their reports direct to the council, not to the board of control, as in the past. However, this is only a guess, the striking committee deciding these questions at the meeting to be held shortly.

COURT REVENUE OF 1917 ALMOST TENFOLD MORE THAN IN 1900

City's Share of Fines Was $16,522.80 Against $1,585.69.

TEMPERANCE ACT CAUSE

$200 Fines, Nine of Which Were Contributed by One Man, Swelled Total.

Nearly ten times as much money was paid over to the city and Provincial Government in fines levied in the London police court in 1917 as was collected from the some source in 1900.

Last year $20,827.29 was collected in police court fines. Double that amount in fines was imposed, but only about half of this amount, $16,522.80, was paid over to the city, and $4,304.49 to the Ontario treasurer.

During the year 1916, $9,705.97 was collected, $7,301.27 being paid into the city, and $2,404.70 to the Ontario Government. In 1900 the city received $1,565.69 from the police court, and the Ontario Government, $736.91.

The great increase in revenue to the city and Government from police court fines is attributed to the Ontario temperance act.

Fines of $200 under the Ontario temperance act have been as common during the past year as $10 penalties used to be a few years ago.

In the year 1917 approximately $32,000 was levied under the Ontario temperance act. About half of this was paid, the others taking the alternative of the three-months sentences because of their shortage of cash.

One Man Pays $1,880.

One man alone paid $1,880 into court last year, representing nine convictions. Another contributed $800.

With reference to crime there were fewer juvenile offences committed last year than in 1916. There were 328 juvenile cases heard last year, as compared with 408 the preceding year.

Adult cases last year numbered 2,089, as compared with 2,986 the previous year.

Criminal Trials Decrease.

Criminal trials showed a slight decrease, 117 being heard last year, 120 in 1916, and 169 in 1900.

With respect to crime, the city, according to statistics, is growing better. Drinking whiskey seems to have been the most popular pastime during the year, and the most lucrative from the police court standpoint of view.

MANY PRIZES FOR ELGIN POULTRY SHOW

WEST LORNE, Jan. 2.—The West Elgin poultry show will be held here from January 15 to 18. The association is awarding a large number of prizes in the poultry and grain divisions and the entries promise to exceed previous years. There will be a larger number of special prizes this year, also more special attractions.

COLCHESTER COUNCIL IS AGAIN RETURNED

HARROW, Jan. 2.—The municipal council of Colchester South has been returned by acclamation. The following are the members: Charles Clark, reeve; councillors, Michael Deslippe, Joseph Bondy, Geo. E. McLean and W. A. Barnett.

The village trustees were also returned by acclamation, W. H. Ferriss, F. H. Ferriss and A. E. Vickers. J. H. Madill is clerk, both for the township and village.

JAP STEAMER IN TROUBLE.

A PACIFIC PORT, Jan. 2.—The Japanese freighter Shinyo Maru No 2, which left an American Pacific coast port December 21 for the Orient, was reported tonight to have sent out a distress call from somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. The message was picked up by an American vessel and relayed, via Honolulu, to this port.

MAYOR'S THIRD TERM.

FORT WILLIAM, Jan. 2. — Mayor Harry Murphy has been elected for a third term by acclamation. In two wards of the city only two nominees qualified, leaving one vacancy in each ward to be filled by an election to be ordered by the new council when it takes office. Polling will be held on Monday next in the third ward, and on a bylaw to raise $225,000 to cover the street railway deficit.

CALDER'S MAJORITY 4,130.

MOOSE JAW, Sask., Jan. 2. — Returning Officer P. A. Munns made his declaration today in the Moose Jaw constituency election. Hon. J. A. Calder's majority was announced as 4,130. James Somerville, the Independent Labor candidate, lost his deposit by 619 votes.

Financial, Market and Commercial Section

COLD WEATHER MAKES MARKET SALES DRAG

Inactivity Rules In All Lines Today.

Trading in all lines of produce was inactive today. Demand for grain was slow, owing to the severe weather and the inability of many farmers to get into town. Live hogs were scarce, but several loads were sold on the square Wednesday at $17.50. This price is an advance of 25 cents over the quotations of Wednesday. Dressed porkers also advanced. Prevailing prices for dressed hogs ranged from $22 to $22.50 per cwt. These increases are accounted for by hog buyers of the city by the stimulated demand following the practical conclusion of poultry consumption.

The cold weather would not allow vegetables on the square. A few potatoes sold last Tuesday, but as some purveyors experienced losses because of the freezing of their vegetables, potatoes were not offered today.

The cold spell has influenced hens to quit laying for a period, and the consequence is that the number of eggs appearing on the local market is small. As the egg market is regulated largely by the weather it may be expected that poor offerings will be registered locally until mild weather sets in.

Butter is scarce. The demand for butter is brisk owing to the small quantity sold during the week.

Hides, skins and wool remain unchanged.

The offering of poultry is specially small. Demand for all varieties of fowl is slow, which condtion is expected to continue for the larger part of the winter.

Grain, Cwt.—			
Oats, per cwt.	$2 12	to	$2 25
Grain, Bushel—			
Wheat, per bu.	2 12	to	2 12
Oats, per bu.	68	to	72
Vegetables—			
Celery, per doz.	30	to	50
Cabbage, dozen	40	to	60
Home-grown potatoes, per bag	2 00	to	2 25
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, ton	12 00	to	14 50
Straw, per ton	7 50	to	8 50
Fruit—			
Apples, per bu.	1 50	to	2 00
Dairy Products, Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	48	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, store lots, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, per doz.	50	to	60
Dairy Produce, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery lb.	46	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	47	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, crate lots, doz.	45	to	46
Eggs, basket lots, doz.	45	to	52
Poultry, dressed, Retail—			
Spring chicken, lb.	22	to	22
Ducks, pound	23	to	26
Geese, pound	23	to	24
Turkey, pound	30	to	32
Live Stock—			
Hogs, per cwt.	17 50	to	17 50
Small pigs, pair	12 00	to	16 00
Butchers' Meats—			
Dressed hogs, cwt.	22 50	to	22 50
Fat sows, cwt.	13 50	to	13 50
Beef, per cwt.	13 00	to	16 50
Veal, per cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Heifer beef, cwt.	16 00	to	16 00
Lambs, per cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Hides and Wool—			
Wool, unwashed, lb.	50	to	50
Wool, washed, lb.	60	to	62
Calfskins, per lb.	19	to	20
Cow hides, No. 1	15	to	15
Cow hides, No. 2	14	to	14
Cow hides, No. 3	13	to	13

LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—The trade at the Union stockyards was steady all around today and prices steady. Receipts, 443 cattle, 52 calves, 2,449 hogs and 212 sheep. Quotations:

Cattle—Exporters, choice, per cwt, $12@12 50; do. bulls, $9@10 25; butchers, choice, $10 25@11 50; do, medium, $7 50@8; do, common, $6 25@7 25; do, cows, choice, $8 75@10; do, medium, $7 50.8 25; do, canners, $5 50@5 75; do, bulls, $7 50@8; feeding steers, $8 50@9 75; stockers, choice, $7 75@8 75; do, light, $6 50@7; milkers, choice, each, $90@130; springers, each, $90@130; calves, $15@16.

Sheep—Ewes, cwt, $12@13; bucks and culls, $7 50@9 50; lambs, $18@18 75.

Hogs—Fed and watered, cwt, $18 25@18 50; f. o. b., $18 25.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; market weak; beeves, $7 50@13 85; stockers and feeders, $6 60@10 40; cows and heifers, $5 30@11 40; calves, $8 50@16.

Hogs—Receipts, 57,000; market weak; light, $15 50@16 45; mixed, $15 90@16; heavy, $15 90@16 60; rough, $15 90@16 10; pigs, $12@15; bulk of sales at $16 25@16 50.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; market was steady; lambs, native, $13 25@17 25; wethers, $9 35@13 20.

GRAIN.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Opening: Corn—January, $1 26⅜; May, $1 24⅜.

Oats—January, 78⅜c; May, 76⅞c.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Anonouncement that all priority orders on the railroads have been suspended, and that all classes of freight were now on an equality, had a bullish influence today on the corn market. Although such a policy in regard to the freight was expected to help remove the traffic congestion as a whole, the trade seemed to incline to the view that one immediate effect would be to diminish the movement of corn to market. Buying, however, on this theory did not become at all aggressive.

Opening prices, which ranged from unchanged figures to ⅛c to ¼c higher, with January at $1 26⅜@1 26½, and May at $1 24¼@1 24½, were followed by a slight reaction and then a moderate general advance.

Oats paralleled the action of corn. At first, however, the market was easy, owing to the absence of any fresh export demand.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—Oats opened at 83½@83⅝c today.

Barley opened unchanged for May delivery at $1 46¾.

Flax opened 1½c down for January, at $3 16½.

Cars inspected yesterday totaled 794.

PROVISIONS.

Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Beef—Extra India mess, 360s.

Pork—Primem ess western, 330s.

Hams—Short cut, 137s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 152s; Wiltshire cut, 152s; short clear backs, 157s; shoulders, square, 128s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, 133s; American refined, in pails, 136s 3d; do, in boxes, 135s.

OILS.

Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Talow—Australian (in London), 72s.

Turpentine Spirits—125s.

Rosin—Common, 60s.

Petroleum—Refined, 1s 6⅝d.

Linseed Oil—61s 6d.

Cottonseed Oil—68s 6d.

COTTON.

Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Cotton—Futures closed steady. New contracts: January, 23.27d; February, 23.21d; March, 23.02d; April, 22.98d; May, 22.87d. Old contracts (fixed prices): January, 21.95d; January and February, 21.85d; February and March, 21.76d; March and April, 21.67d; April and May, 21.59d; May and June, 21.51d; June and July, 21.43d.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, Jan. 3.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve increased	£ 214,000
Circulation increased	647,000
Bullion increased	861,371
Other securities increased	11,591,000
Public deposits decreased	9,934,000
Other deposits increased	34,250,000
Notes reserve increased	265,000
Government securities increased	12,531,000

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 16.30 per cent; last week it was 18.56 per cent.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Grand Trunk Railway earnings from December 22 to 31, 1917, $2,040,966; 1916, $1,760,109; increase, $280,857.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Bank clearings for the week ending January 3, $74,896,575.

Halifax, Jan. 3.—Bank clearings for the week ending today were $3,016,630.

Brantford, Jan. 3.—Bank clearings this week, $976,168.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Bank clearings for the week ending today, $58,880,596.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 3.—Hamilton's customs returns for the year amounted to $6,924,991, as compared with $5,696,548 the previous year.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Jan. 3.—The stock market maintained a good undertone today. Long-dated, high-yielding investment shares were in the best request, but oil and rubber stocks showed increased activity, while Argentine rails and shipping issues were steadily supported. Tin shares were easy in sympathy with the decline in the metal.

Closing prices were:

British 5 per cent loan	93¾
British 4½ per cent loan	99¾
Consols, for money	55⅝
Canadian Pacific	159
Chesapeake & Ohio	54¼
Chicago Great Western	9
Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul	53
De Beers	13
Denver & Rio Grande	9
Erie, com.	21
Erie, 1st pfd.	32
Grand Trunk	10
Illinois Central	98
Louisville & Nashville	117
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	7½
New York Central	76
Norfolk & Western	109
Ontario & Western	22
Pennsylvania	49
Rand Mines	3
Reading Railway	76
Souther nRailway	26
Southern Pacific	88
Union Pacific	120
United States Steel	100

MONEY.

London, Jan. 3.—Money was in good supply and discount rates were quiet.

Bankers reduced deposit rates to 3½ per cent, but the Bank of England made no change in the rate allowed to foreign funds.

Bar silver, 43¾d per ounce.

New York, Jan 3.—Bar silver, 87⅝c per ounce.

WALL STREET.

New York, Jan. 3.—Stocks took another decided upward spurt today, the reason most generally advanced being the further signs of a collapse of the Russo-Teutonic peace negotiations. Rails, which were sluggish at the opening, soon bounded forward, leaders gaining 2 to 3½ points. The pace was set by such investment issues as trancontinentals, grangers and New York Central. Coalers, under the leadership of Reading, were also higher. Steamship shares gained 1½ to 3 points, and numerous equipments, including the war contract issues, were 2 to 5 points higher, with 7 points higher for Air Brake. Trading in the first hour was fairly active, but assumed greater proportions with the approach of noon, the turnover for that period approximating 700,000 shares. Commission houses were a decided factor in the movement, representing a marked increase of public and speculative interest.

New York, Jan. 3—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Mixed conditions prevailed at the opening of today's market, stocks of the same group moving in opposite directions. The more active steels, equipments and motors were lower by fractions to 3 points, while Gulf State Steel and Harvester Corporation preferred rose 5 points each, and Midvale Steel 1½. Similar irregularity was shown by rails and oils, but coppers, shippings and the more prominent war specialties tended higher. Liberty bonds were unchanged.

Noon.—The market was stirred into greater activity and strength in the second hour by a vigorous demand for rails. Those shares rose 2 to almost 4 points, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, St. Paul, New York Central and coalers being most favorable. The rise was attributed to foreign developments, the further breach between the Russian delegates and the central powers receiving favorable interpretation. It was also belyieved that the president's forthcoming message to Congress would be helpful to the general railroad situation. Profit-taking caused minor recessions at noon, but the undertone continued strong.

PRICES LOWERED IN CASH GRAIN MARKET

Winnipeg Trading Dull and Narrow.

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—The cash grain market today was very dull and narrow, with offerings small. Prices were lower. Barley closed unchanged. Cash flax sold 7c under the May options for No. 1 N.W.C. Trading was quiet in the future markets today.

Oats closed 1¼c for May and 1⅜c lower for July.

Barley closed ¾c down for May. Flax closed 1c up for January and 1⅜c higher for May.

Futures ranged:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Oats—(New contract)—				
May	84¾	..	..	85⅝
July	84	..	..	82⅝
Barley—				
May	1 45¾	..	..	1 46¾
Flax—				
Jan.	3 18	..	..	3 18
May	3 24	..	..	3 25½

Cash grain:

Oats—No. 2 C.W., 81⅝c; No. 3 C.W., 77⅝c; extra No. 1 feed, 77⅝c; No. 1 feed, 74⅝c; No. 2 feed, 71⅝c.

Barley—No. 3, $1.38; No. 4, $1.33; rejected and feed, $1.17.

Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $3.18½; No. 2 C.W., $3.15; No. 3 C.W., $2.95.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Grain quotations are as follows:

Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 winter, $2.22, in store, Montreal; Manitoba, No. 1 northern, $2.23½, in store, Fort William; No. 2 northern, $2.20½; No. 3 northern, $2.17½.

Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 81⅝c; No. 3 Canada western, 77⅝c, at lake ports for immediate shipment; Ontario, No. 2 local white 79@80c, outside; No. 3 local white, 78@79c, outside.

Peas—No. 2, $3.55@3.65.

Rye—No. 2, $1.78.

Barley—$1.32@1.34, outside for malting.

Buckwheat—$1.55.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—The tone of the local market for oats was weaker today in sympathy with the weak feeling which developed in the Winnipeg option market, and prices for Canadian western grades were reduced 1c per bushel, and Ontario oats ½c. No. 3 Canadian western oats were quoted at 92c per bushel, extra No. 1 feed at 92c, and No. 2 white at 87½c.

Corn—American, No. 2 yellow, $2.15@2.30.

Oats—Canadian western, No. 3, 92c; extra No. 1 feed, 92c; No. 2 local white, 87½c; No. 3 local white, 85½c.

FLOUR

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Listed quotations at Toronto are:

Flour—Manitoba: First patents, $11.55, bags; second patents, $11; strong bakers, $10.60; Ontario winter, 90 per cent patents, $9.80, bulk, seaboard.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $35 per ton; shorts, $40 per ton on track, Toronto.

MONTREAL.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $11.60; seconds, $11.10; strong bakers, $10.90; straight rollers, bags, $5.20@5.37½.

Rolled Oats—Bags, 90 lbs., $5.30.

Bran—$35.

Shorts—$40.

Middlings—$48@50.

Moullie—$56@58.

Minneapolis, Jan. 2.—Flour—Standard, in carlots, $9.75 per bbl., in 98-lb. sacks.

Bran—$32.50.

HAY

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Hay—No. 2, per bag, carlots, $14.50@15.50.

SOUTHERN PHYSICIAN CHARGED AS SLAYER

Accused of Killing Brother and Burying Body in Backyard.

Goochland, Va., Jan. 3.—Rapid progress was made today in the trial of Dr. A. S. A. Chamberlain for the murder of his brother, Albert P. Chamberlain, last October 22, the jury being quickly selected and the state introducing much of its more important evidence.

When called to trial, Dr. Chamberlain repudiated the statement of his counsel that he would plead guilty, and entered a plea of not guilty.

John Houchens, a magistrate, whose investigation when the dead man disappeared led to the discovery of the dismembered parts of the body buried under fence posts in the doctor's yard, testified that he called on the doctor after his brother disappeared. He was told by the accused, he said, that the dead man had left for Cheyenne, Wyo., after collecting $1,280 which the doctor said he owed his brother.

The witness said he became suspicious and led the searching party which unearthed the body. The saw and the coat placed in evidence, the latter wet from recent washing, were found in the doctor's home, Magistrate Houchens said, as well as a gold watch, recognized as one owned by the dead man, and a strong box, the lock broken, bearing Albert P. Chamberlain's name. The box was hidden in a chimney.

SEVERAL SWEDISH SHIPS BOUND FOR U. S. PORT

Will Take Back Cargoes of Food and Supplies.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 2.—Several Swedish steamships, including the passenger liner Stockholm, which have been detained at Gothenburg and other home ports for several months because of the American embargo, are to arrive here soon to take cargoes of food and certain other supplies for their home country, shipping circles heard today.

COTTAGES FOR HALIFAX.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The Halifax reconstruction committee has accepted plans prepared by the commission on conservation for terrace cottage types of dwellings for temporary homes for 1,500 families in that city.

Germany To Modify Her Peace Conditions

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The central powers within the next ten days will make new declarations regarding Germany's peace conditions, a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express quotes the Munich Nachrichten as saying. It is added that modifications may be introduced, owing to the attitude of the Entente powers.

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FOUND NOT GUILTY ON FRAUD CHARGE

Ettoral Chiarini was found not guilty in police court Wednesday on a charge of fraud. The charge was laid by the crown on information furnished by Dominico Barnardo, 2 York street, who testified that Chiarini had sold him an Overland car for $550, representing that the car was paid for in full. When Barnardo discovered there was still a balance owing to a Hamilton firm he laid an information against Chiarini.

Chiarini in his defence testified that he and a friend in Hamilton had purchased the car jointly and that the Hamilton man was the one who failed to make the payments, not he. Chiarini stated that he had no intention of defrauding Barnardo and expressed a willingness to liquidate his Hamilton friend's indebtedness to the firm from which the car was purchased.

The magistrate, in view of the circumstances, acquitted Chiarini. E. W. M. Flock defended Chiarini.

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GIFFORD—ZIEGLER.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday, December 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Ziegler, 159 Victoria street, Kitchener, when their youngest daughter, Edna Jane, was united in marriage to Rev. T. Clifton Gifford, B. A., of Port Stanley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B. A., pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Kitchener, of which the bride was a valued and active member.

At 1 o'clock an aisle of white ribbon was formed, through which the bride, beautifully gowned in crepe charmeuse, and carrying a beautiful shower bouquet of roses and orchids, passed to an altar of ferns and flowers. She was given away by her father. The Wedding March was played by her cousin, Leslie Staebler. Little Ewart Vaughan, nephew of the bride, acted as flower-bearer.

After congratulations and while the register was being signed, Mrs. Mary Hallmaw Shell sang very beautifully, "God Made Thee Mine." Then a dainty buffet luncheon was served. The nieces and two nephews of the bride and a number of girl friends acted as waiters. The happy couple left for a short trip to Detroit. The bride's traveling suit was of African brown broadcloth.

The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome cameo brooch. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were the guests.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford will be at home to their friends after January 15 at the parsonage, Port Stanley, where the groom is pastor of the Methodist Church.

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FRENCH-CANADIANS ARE EQUAL OF ANY TROOPS IN TRENCHES

Thorndale Returned Man Was Wounded in Vimy Fighting.

EIGHTEEN HEROES BACK

Majority of the Soldiers Are From District Points.

That the French-Canadians overseas are the equal of any troops in the field was the statement made to The Advertiser by Pte. E. A. Houlton of the 60th Montreal Battalion, who was one of a party of eighteen wounded which arrived at the C. P. R. station Tuesday afternoon. He is a Thorndale boy, and enlisted with the 135th Battalion, being transferred later to the French-Canadian unit. After several months' service with them he was wounded in the leg at Vimy Ridge.

Charles Baker, 114 Alaunia street, was another Londoner in the party. He was taken directly to his home, where his mother is critically ill. Walter Beatty, 58 Derry street, was also a Londoner. He served with the 15th Battalion, and was wounded at Hill 70 on August 15. Lance-Corporal Hugh Hackett, 52 Lyons street, served with the world-famous Princess Pats, and was wounded at Ypres last June.

Wounded at Vimy.

Another member of the party was Pte. W. N. Patterson. He was transferred to the 20th Battalion from the 98th with which he enlisted at Stratford. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge. Pte. G. W. Hicks of Mitchell was attached to the staff of the 4th Division headquarters. He was once wounded, but remained on duty until invalided a short time ago because of pneumonia.

Arthur Hoyle of Guelph was with the 1st Battalion. He was wounded at Fresnoy on May 3. Charles Millard, 42 Inkerman street, St. Thomas, was with the 21st Battalion. He was wounded at Vimy May 7. Corporal Fred Sargent, 137 West Main street, Galt, was wounded at Vimy after service with the 50th Battalion. Albert Halliday of Ayr was wounded at Vimy May 30. He was a member of the 15th Machine Gun Company. Fred Harkness of Alvinston was wounded at the Somme October 1. A. Wilson of Tilbury was wounded on October 1 also. He was with the 33rd Battalion. Geo. Hall of Burr was wounded during the battle of Vimy Ridge April 9. He was with the 15th Battalion.

Others In Party.

Other members of the party were Arthur Morley, 99 Bruce street; Joseph Wallace, Wellington Place, Guelph; William Patterson, 50 Dufferin street; Stratford; Fred Eagen, 19 College street, Kitchener; C. McIntyre, 747 Witherbee street, Flint, Michigan.

The party of soldiers had been expected since Monday. The men arrived at St. John last week, and London was notified that they would probably arrive New Year's Day. Train delays prevented them from reaching the city before Tuesday.

INSTRUCTORS FIT FOR OVERSEAS TO BE REPLACED HERE

Orders Provide for Substitutes Wherever Possible.

Non-commissioned officers and men employed on instructional and administrative duties in depot battalions, and all other combatant depot units of the C. E. F. in Canada, should be as far as possible selected from those who are not fit for overseas service, but if necessary to employ men in Category A; they may be utilized temporarily, to be replaced later by those of lower category.

These instructions, issued in camp orders, indicate that men who are fit for service overseas must not be retained in Canada to carry on instructional or administrative work, unless it is done as a makeshift, until they can be replaced by men who are unfit.

In order to make possible the carrying out of this order authority is contained in camp orders today for the enlistment of n. c. o.'s and men who are categorized lower than A, for the purpose of doing work of that character.

With reference to this order the term combatant units will include Depot Battalions, Depot Batteries, Depot Squadrons, Engineer, Machine-Gun, Signal, Army Service Corps, Forestry and Army Medical Corps Training Depots, Canadian Army Gymnastic Staff, Special Service Companies, Military Police and Instructional Cadres.

EPIGRAMS FLY FAST AT BIG REVIVAL BEING HELD IN ASKIN ST. METHODIST

Evangelist Johnston Spoke on "A Spiritual Earthquake."

"A Spiritual Earthquake" was the subject of Evangelist Johnston's discourse at the Askin Street Methodist Church last night. The extreme cold did not prevent a good sized audience from turning out. The chorus choir under Mr. Swartsbough's leadership proved the best yet.

The evangelist declared "that effectual prayer is the only power which can so link up heaven and earth that a man or a community can be moved to a sense of sin and need of salvation." Thumb-nail sketches of such men as Fletcher and Spurgeon were given as illustrations of men who possessed the power of strangely reaching human hearts. The entire address bristled with story and incident.

Mr. Johnston is strong on epigrams. Among his latest are:

"People who pray powerfully in private live powerfully in public"; "The devil hates at least two things—the man who can really pray and the man who lives his prayers"; "One prayer that won't move yourself won't move God"; "If there is no big devil where did all the little devils come from?"; "Nights of prayer are followed by days of power"; "Peter prayed ten days and preached ten minutes"; "Without the Holy Spirit a church can no more convert a sinner than can a movie picture show"; "Nothing on earth is deader than mere orthodoxy when it is dead"; "God helps business men in a business way."

HOSPITAL DONATIONS.

The Central Military Convalescent Hospital gratefully acknowledge the following donations during December:

Isabel Hampton, Chapter I. O. D. E., barrel grapes; Red Cross, fruit, tobacco, cigarettes, weekly; Women's Institute, Lobo, 79 quarts fruit; Mr. McCornalius, books; Mrs. Eddy, magazines; Red Cross, Hespeler, 16 chickens, 1 roll butter; Women's Patriotic League, Oil Springs, 62 quarts fruit; 24th Kent Regiment, Chapter I. O. D. E., Chatham, 20 fruit cakes, 11 fruit puddings.

AMERICAN ENGINEER WHO ENLISTED AS GUNNER IN 63RD BATTERY, C.F.A. WEARS CAPTAIN'S SHOULDER STRAPS


CAPT. WILLIS in his American Artillery uniform.

Training Received Here, at Petawawa and at Kingston Invaluable in Gaining U. S. Commission, Writes Former Non-Com. of Major Cameron's Command.

"From private to captain" tells the story of the promotions of Sergt.-Major Carl S. Willis, formerly battery sergeant-major of the 63rd Depot Battery of Canadian Field Artillery here, who is now a captain in the 88th Division of United States Artillery.

In a letter to Major N. K. Cameron, his former commanding officer in the 63rd, Capt. Willis tells of his promotion and of his work in the U. S. Artillery since leaving London.

Capt. Willis, whose home is in Minnesota, had spent a number of years in Canada as a mining engineer in the Cobalt district before he enlisted as a gunner in the 63rd Battery in this city in August, 1916. He went to Petawawa with the London unit, and he had not been there long before he had shown such proficiency that he was in November selected by Major Cameron to attend a course for non-commissioned officers' certificates at the Royal School of Artillery, Kingston. He did excellent work during his course and on his return to the battery with his certificate he was promoted to the rank of battery sergeant-major. He remained with the battery until he was granted his discharge last August for the purpose of securing a commission in the United States Artillery.

After joining the U. S. Artillery he obtained permission to take a course at Fort Snelling, Minn., in order to qualify for a commission there, and out of a class of 1,100 he stood among the first eleven men, and as a result was given qualification for the rank of captain instead of lieutenant. He was then given a commission in the 88th Division of U. S. Artillery, and is at present temporarily attached to the 338th Field Artillery at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Writing to Major Cameron recently he said that his training in the Royal School of Artillery at Kingston was as good as a gold mine to him, and that he owed a lot of his present success to his training in the 63rd.

The battery to which he is attached at present will, he expects, be motorized in the near future, motor tractors being substituted for the horses as a motive power.

LONDON'S I. O. D. E. FUNDS WILL AID HALIFAX ORPHANS

Itemized Statement of Their Receipts Given Out.

Mrs. Cl. T. Campbell, treasurer of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., has furnished the following itemized statements of the proceeds of the tag day for the Navy League and the Halifax relief fund and other contributions to these funds received and forwarded:

Receipts Navy League Fund.

Proceeds of tag day	$1,475 66
City council	500 00
Sir George Gibbons	100 00
Major Cronyn, M.P.	100 00
East End Red Cross	25 00
Personal Service Club	25 00
Mrs. Walter Bell	25 00
Women's Canadian Club	20 00
Mrs. George Brown	25 00
Miss Davis, collection	1 40
Mrs. Speare	1 00
Miss Ferguson	1 00
Lord Roberts' Chapter	50 00
Trafalgar Chapter	100 00
Lord Elgin Chapter	105 00
Seventh Regiment Chapter	25 00
Overseas Chapter	101 00
Hamilton Gault Chapter	25 00
Abigail Becker Chapter	47 00
Janey Canuck Chapter	25 00
Senator Coffey Chapter	25 00
Hugh Niven Chapter	25 00
Total	$2,882 06

The above amount has been forwarded to Col. C. G. Williams, secretary of the Ontario Branch Navy League of Canada. All expenses connected with tag day and collections have been met by the primary chapters of the I. O. D. E. of the city.

Receipts Halifax Relief Fund.

Proceeds of tag evening	$408 25
Lord Roberts' Chapter, I.O.D.E.	150 00
Trafalgar Chapter	50 00
Seventh Regiment Chapter	100 00
Campbell Becher Chapter	50 00
Overseas Chapter	100 00
Abigail Becker Chapter	26 00
Isabel Hampton Chapter	50 00
Janey Canuck Chapter	25 00
Hugh Niven Chapter	50 00
Sydenham Chapter, Dresden	100 00
Local Council of Women	5 00
Miss Gibbons	5 00
Mrs. Speares	1 00
Mrs. Boomer	1 00
Miss Roberts	1 00
Total	$1,116 25

Of this amount $900 was telegraphed to the regent of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., Halifax, on the third day after the disaster. The remainder is held pending instructions from Halifax. It is understood that the entire amount from London I. O. D. E. will go towards the care of the orphans of those who perished last month.

HUNDREDS MORE LICENSES NEEDED TO TAG 1918 CARS

First of New Auto "Markers" Already in City.

Ever increasing uses for the automobile and the prosperity of the city and district are strikingly illustrated by the fact that the first order for 1918 motor licenses for London and Middlesex is 4,500 pairs of "markers," for pleasure cars.

Arthur H. Keene, official distributor for both county and city, has already received 2,000 markers for pleasure cars and these are on sale now. Under the latest ruling 1917 licenses will hold good until February 1, for pleasure cars. No truck licenses have yet been received, but it is expected that they will be here shortly, and all commercial cars will have to be decorated with their 1918 tags before the first of next month.

The 1918 markers are smaller than those of last year, but are considered of a much neater type. They are about one inch smaller each way. The figures are blue this year on a white background. Last year they were black on a white ground.

Last year's city and county license sales totalled 4,000 pleasure cars; 300 commercial cars, and 150 motorcycles. This will be exceeded by several hundred this year.

CHANGE METHODS OF WELCOMING SOLDIERS

New methods of tendering a reception to invalided soldiers returning to the city were discussed at a meeting of the soldiers' aid reception committee last night. Three places in which the men can be given a welcome were named—the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army Citadel and the Masonic Hall. The committee will investigate these, and decide which is the more suitable. It is thought that if the Princess avenue school is picked that it will have to be improved through the addition of suitable furniture. Although at present used as the depot to which the men are taken, members of the commission say that it is a most uninviting building.

LIEUT. HUGH CAMERON WINS MILITARY CROSS

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 2.—W. K. Cameron of this city has received word that his son, Lieut. Hugh Cameron, had been awarded the military cross for bravery on the field at the battle of Passchendaele. Lieut. Cameron went overseas with the 91st Battalion. His brother, Flight-Lieut. Ian Cameron, was recently reported missing.

A CORRECTION.

In the sale advertisement of the London Ready-to-Wear store, which appeared in Tuesday's paper crepe de chine waists were quoted at $3.57 instead of $3.75; also English and French wool serge dresses at $7.95, $12.52, $12.95, $13.50 and $14.95 were placed under the heading of suits.

WESTERN ONT. BIBLE SOCIETY TO GATHER HERE IN FEBRUARY

Board of Directors Yesterday Arranged Program—Detroit Cleric Coming.

The board of directors of the Western Ontario Bible Society at its closing meeting for the year, held at the Y. M. C. A., Wednesday, made full arrangements for the fifty-first annual meeting of the society, which is to be held in the First Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, the 5th of February, the regular date. A splendid program is being prepared. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron will give a brief introductory address, and the board have been fortunate in securing Rev. Dr. Glenn Atkins of the First Congregational Church, Detroit, to give the address of the evening. Dr. Atkins will worthily represent Canada's great ally to the south, being a distinguished scholar and preacher, and one of the finest platform orators in the United States. The musical service, which was so greatly enjoyed last year, will this year be in charge of Charles E. Percy, organist and choirmaster of St. James' Anglican Church, with a combined chorus, and soloists from the Anglican churches of the city.

The meeting last year, addressed by Rev. Dr. Law of Knox College, Toronto, was the best in the history of the society, and the board of directors expect that this year's meeting will equal, if not surpass it. They call attention to the fact that the British and Foreign Bible Society, of which the Western Ontario is an auxiliary, in addition to its great, benevolent and world-wide work, has, during the past three years of the war, been doing a patriotic service than which none is greater or more important. Since the opening of the war to the end of 1917, the Bible Society, by one of the most far-reaching organizations in the world, has distributed with the greatest care among soldiers, sailors, and refugees, no less than 7,000,000 copies of Scriptures in 70 different languages. In Canada the society has already presented 350,000 khaki-bound Testaments to our Canadian soldiers, and has to provide a copy for every soldier going overseas and for every returned soldier in the convalescent hospitals of the Dominion, where such is needed.

On account of the increased cost of paper, printing, binding and everything that enters into the make-up of books, and the enormous demands made on the society for gifts of millions of Bibles, Testaments and portions of Scripture for patriotic purposes, the Bible Society has this year a deficit of $150,000. His Majesty the King has sent $500 to this fund, and the board of directors look to the Christian people to help the Bible Society to defray the cost of this great national and patriotic service.

HIDE BUYERS SAY SHOE PRICES WILL DROP WITH LEATHER

Take Opposite View From the Tanners and Manufacturers.

The steady depreciation in hide values recorded during the past two weeks is taken by hide and skin dealers of the city as presaging declining shoe prices for the spring and summer. In the past week, the drop in skins and hides on the local market has been on an average of one cent per three days. This is probably the most unusual occurrence on the hide market within the past two years, say hide buyers.

Notwithstanding the fact that local leather merchants and manufacturers informed The Advertiser that no decrease in leather prices would be seen because of the drop in hides, farmers and hide dealers entertain opposite views. They state that as soon as the immediate stock of leather of Canadian tanneries is disposed of the newly manufactured product will come down materially in price.

"The hide market is extremely dull and weak," a local dealer asserted. "The exports of leather for 1917 was only half of that of 1916, while cattle receipts at all leading stock yards of the States were 25 per cent greater. This decrease in exports of leather accounted for a surplus of leather stock. All the trade papers predict much lower prices for shoes for the spring and summer." Another dealer stated that the numerous wholesale orders given by the Russian Government for shoes during the past three years stimulated retailers to buy. However, with Russia no longer a combatant power these orders stand valueless.

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URGE PREMIER TO PUT GAS PROBLEM UP TO RAILWAY BD.

Mass Meeting Called in Chatham to Discuss Shortage.

BURGLAR GANG IS BUSY

Many Robberies Are Reported to the County Police.

CHATHAM, Jan. 2.—At a largely attended mass meeting of the citizens called by Mayor-Elect Clements for the purpose of discussing the gas situation, a civic delegation, consisting of Mayor Clements and City Solicitor Plewes, K.C., was instructed to urge Premier Hearst to refer the whole problem to the Ontario Railway Board.

The gang of burglars which terrorized the district in the neighborhood of Chatham a few weeks ago by breaking into farm houses, outbuildings and railway cars, has apparently again resumed its nefarious activities.

The county police have been acquainted with three robberies, including two hold-ups, the toll of the gang over the week-end. Early Saturday night a young girl, returning home from the city was accosted by the men on the Gravel road near Indian Creek. While one prevented her escaping the other grabbed her purse and hat.

Held Up Farmers.

A short time later the pair held up a Raleigh Township farmer, who was returning home with his wife and a load of groceries. While one man held the horse, the other made off with the eatables. For the third time in the last few weeks a string of freight cars was broken into on the Pere Marquette cemetery siding last night and a large quantity of goods removed. The county police have as yet been unable to round up the culprits.

Mr. Justice Exemptions.

Mr. Justice McGee of Toronto and Major George Weekes of London, held a session of the exemption appeal tribunal in Harrison Hall today. About seventy-five cases, a large number of which were claims from farmer draftees were listed for disposition. Exemption was granted in most cases to the agriculturists, while a number of temporary exemptions were allowed on business and domestic grounds.

Judge Ward Stanworth and Military Representative Beaston also held a session of the appeal tribunal, when a score of outstanding cases from several county points came up for consideration.

Building Fell Off.

According to the report of Building Inspector Pritchard, building in the city fell off from $1,046,125 in 1916 to $390,997 during the past twelve months. The $1,000,000 contract for the Dominion Sugar Company's plant issued in December a year ago, boosted the 1916 returns. During the concluding month structures to the value of $34,100 were erected in the city.

The regular monthly report issued at the local customs house shows that the import duties collected at the various ports of entry in the county dropped $101,685.32 in December, 1916, to $65,641.41 last month, a decrease of $36,044.41. The returns from Chatham during December totalled $50,923.51 as compared with $76,785.79 during the corresponding month of 1916.

Suspended Sentence.

Two young boys who pleaded guilty to having stolen the sum of $23.50 from the Glover Dairy Company for the purpose of staging a holiday trip to Windsor, were allowed off on suspended sentence by Magistrate Arnold in the city police court today, upon agreeing to make restitution.

Blain Fitzpatrick, residing in Harwich Township, near Ridgetown, was arrested Monday at the request of Chief Peters of the county constabulary, charged with a serious offence against a young girl. He appeared before Magistrate Arnold in the county police court on New Year's Day, and was remanded until the 14th of the month on $2,000 bail.

Chatham has been particularly fortunate during 1917, according to the statement of Fire Chief Pritchard, who places the city's loss through fire at only about $2,000. This is considered very satisfactory, as it is estimated that the property at stake aggregates over $3,000,000.

400 ATTEND BIG RECEPTION GIVEN BY BOYS OF Y.M.C.A.

Relatives of Members Entertained on New Year's Day.

Nearly 400 persons attended a reception tendered by the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. to relatives of members on New Year's day. The rooms were suitably decorated and formed a fitting background for the afternoon's activities. The First Methodist Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of Miss Eedestone, provided a pleasing musical program, and dainty refreshment prepared by the women's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., made the day complete.

Cue-roquet tournaments proved an attraction for many. The winners in these events were presented with boxes of chocolates.

Basketball games provided excitement in the athletic department. The Invincibles defeated the Tigers 1 to 0. The Western "U" team piled up a score of 20 against the collegiate team, which managed to secure only 14 points. The First Methodist team received a worse defeat when the Owls scored 20 points against its 5. The Owls went down to defeat in the next contest. The Adanacs, their competitors, registered nine points, while the best the Owls could obtain was eight. The First Methodist team atoned for its defeat at basketball be capturing the honors in volleyball from the Owls by a 2 to 1 score.

GRANDPRE DEFEATED IN WINDSOR ELECTION

WINDSOR, Jan. 2.—At the separate school election here today J. J. Guittard, a former Windsor hotelman, decisively defeated J. Degrandpre, the vote standing 115 to 36. Mr. Degrandpre will be remembered as one of the active leaders in the church fight at Ford against Bishop Fallon. His defeat today is taken as an indication that his position in the church controversy is not indorsed by the electors.

MASONIC INSTALLATION.

DENFIELD, Jan. 2.—Officers of Doric Lodge, No. 289, were installed at the regular meeting as follows:

I. P. M., Wor. Bro. Hiram W. Zavitz, Wor. M., Bro. Lorne Tuckey; S. W., Bro. Alex Blair; J. W., Bro. Dan Gray; treasurer, Wor. Bro. John Dewar; secretary, Wor. Bro. P. L. Graham; chaplain, Bro. J. C. Zavitz; S. D., Bro. Archie Fletcher; J. D., Bro. Earl Guest; S. S., Bro. Earl McCollum; J. S., Bro. Newton Zavitz; inner guard, Bro. Neil Curry; master of ceremonies, Wor. Bro. Wm. Mason; tyler, Wor. Bro. Manford G. Barclay.

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MAKING ST. THOMAS FRONTIER PORT FOR PERE MARQUETTE RY.

All Goods Consigned to Canada Will Be Passed There.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 2.—Chief Inspector Bushy of the customs department was in St. Thomas today arranging for making the St. Thomas office a frontier port for the Pere Marquette Railway. All goods consigned to Canada over that line will be inspected and passed here, instead of at Windsor and Niagara Falls.

Capt. Gordon McLarty, son of the late Dr. Duncan McLarty, has been awarded the distinguished service order, an order next in importance to the Victoria Cross. The captain won the order while serving with a British regiment in France.

Thomas Burtch, one of the oldest residents of this district, is dead at his home, 98 Talbot street. Deceased for a number of years was the lessee of the west end market. Mr. Burtch was 87 years of age and is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Ida at home. Rev. David Burtch, Leamington, is a brother. He was a member of Warren Lodge, A., F. and A. M., Fingal; Antiquity, No. 1, A.O. U.W., St. Thomas, and also of the Centre Street Baptist Church.

BIG COAL FERRIES CEASE RUNNING AS ICE IS TOO THICK

BLENHEIM, Jan. 2.—The extreme cold weather has made it impossible for the large coal ferries to continue their trips from Conneaut to Erieau, and on Monday, after a difficult effort to land after unloading, they left for over the take to tie up until navigation opens again. The ice in the vicinity of the piers at Erieau has become very thick.

Notices have been given out to the gas consumers of Blenheim that after the netx reading of meters in January the gas rate will be increased 5 cents per 1,000 feet. The rate has been 25 cents, which was the rate fixed by the franchise some years ago, and although the company had power for about five years to put in force this 5-cent raise they have not done so until now. Although at times the gas pressure has been low this winter, yet the town consumers have a much better service than they had before connections were made with the line across South Harwich.

The remains of Isaac Smith of Windsor, who some 30 years ago was a resident here, were brought here today, and the funeral was held to Evergreen Cemetery.

Considerable anxiety is felt by relatives here owing to the absence of information from Pte. Peter Pegg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pegg of South Harwich, who has not been heard from at the front for many weeks. The cable has been used to get, if possible, information as to his safety.

DENY LIABILITY, BUT SEND CHECK FOR $200

WINDSOR, Jan. 2.—Although denying any liability, the Detroit, Belle Isle and Windsor Ferry Company has sent a check for $200 to Barrister F. W. Wilson of Windsor, in settlement of a claim of John T. McLean, who was injured while sliding down one of the chutes at Bois Blanc Island in September of last year. McLean sprained his ankle during the slide, and Barrister Wilson, acting for him, sent a letter to the company, threatening suit. The feature of the case is in the fact that McLean was amusing himself on a slide built and intended only for children.

ESSEX COUNCIL IS GIVEN ACCLAMATION

ESSEX, Jan. 2. — Qualifications for councillors closed at noon today. The complete council and school board were elected by acclamation, as follows: Mayor, J. R. Gray; reeve, C. M. Johnston; council, R. T. W. Weyburn, Ralph Roberts, Arthur Raines, A. Crateau, Del Johnston and S. H. Sadler, the last three being new men.

Public school trustees—Ward 1, R. H. Bowie; ward 2, Dr. A. W. Keane; ward 3, L. W. Allison.

STATIONMEN WANT 50 PER CENT RAISE, WITH BETTER TIMES

Rules Governing Workin Conditions Are Being Formulated.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—An increase 50 per cent in wages was decided upas necessary to keep within hailing dtance of the high cost of food, clothin etc., by the general committee of International Brotherhood of Railwa Stationmen, which began a two-daysession in the Windsor Hotel here thafternoon.

This committee represents all railwastations between Portland, Me., anWindsor and Sarnia, Ont., on the GranTrunk.

Besides drafting a schedule of wagefor the various classes covered by thorganization, the committee is formulating a set of rules to govern workinconditions.

J. A. DeGagne, who proposed the per cent increase in wages, stated thin Portland, where he resides, freipackers had received an increase of per cent in wages since 1915, and tlongshoremen had received an increa of 130 per cent in the same period. the members of the Internatio Brotherhood of Railway Stationmen hreceived only a 12½ per cent increin this time, though over the freipackers and longshoremen. Robert McNeil, president of the Internatio Brotherhood of Railway Stationmsaid no increase in salary had bgranted at the Bonaventure freistation here since 1911.

OVER 26 TONS OF CHEESE WAS MADE AT CRINAN FACTOR

CRINAN, Jan. 2. — The financstatement of the Crinan cheese factfor 1917 has just been issued. It shothat during the season which was 46th, that the factory has been in opation 600,259 pounds of milk was ceived. The output was 52,937 pouor 26 tons 937 pounds.

This was a much smaller output thin 1916, but the season was shorter account of the dry weather being vinjurious to the pasture lands of tdistrict. The average yield for the sson was 11.34 and the average ppaid patrons was $1.66 per cwt. milk. The factory this year paid patrons in cash $8,645.27 and in kcheese $1,713.67.

During the season of 1918 the pprietor, Mr. G. T. Markham, will ctinue making cheese prices for makbeing $2.00 per cwt. of cheese for months of April, May and Octo November, and $2.75 per cwt. of chefor the months of June, July, Augand September.

The following are the officers fcoming years: Salesman, Mr. GMarkham; secretary-treasurer, JMatheson; auditor, Mr. Duncan MEachern.

The annual meeting of the ArgPresbyterian Church will be held in tchurch on the evening of Wednes January 9. The board of manahave finished the business for the yand the congregation will start tNew Year in a very good finanposition.

The Young People's Guild and aBible class hold their annual meetonight (Thursday). Under thstipend schedule giving Presbyterministers $1,200 per annum, thegregation have been asked to up $100.

EMBRO COAL SUPPLY IS ALMOST GO

EMBRO, Jan. 2.—The fuel situwill be a serious matter if coal ishipped in soon. Many citizens just enough to last another Little wood can be bought atprice.

Mr. and Mrs Wm. McKenzie, Embro, have received word that tson, Pte. George McKenzie, wQuebec and expected to be hom a few days.

The Women's Institute intendting on a play some time in Febru

Mr. and Mrs. Coulson have wortheir son, Pte. Jerry Coulson, whbeen seriously ill in England, proving.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boles arebing a few days with friends atford.

Miss Margaret Sutherland of is visiting her grandmother, MMcKay

Mrs. Olson of Holdsast, Sasguest of her sister, Mrs. Johnof 1st line.