METROPOLITAN MAKES AN OFFER TO THE CITY

| Mayor Announces That Price Asked For Franchise Rights Is About Two Million Dollars. |  |
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|  | CANADIAN DECORATIONS TOTAL SEVEN THOUSAND $\qquad$ |
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British Are Extending Gains

| RUSSIA RECALLS HER DELEGATES |
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 CHRSTMAS YEE CHOSEN TOOFFERPECEE ERMS


PEACE CONFERENCE SESSIONS ARE BEGUN


MAJORITY NOW 175,000
FOR ANTI-CONSCRIPTION
ote in Australian States Overwhelmingly Against Selective Draft--Soldiers' Vote Has Not Yet Been Announced.
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 Bulgaria and Turkey Re-presented--Delegates Are Addressed by Von Kuehlmann, German Foreigh Minister.







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## Now for Interesting Gifts for Last-minute Buying

## These Goods on Sale To-day--Monday Cir Coosorior

## These Tab e Linens and Fine Bits of

 Made ra Work Would Del git Anyone With a Love of Fine Drap ry Pish Linen Satin Damask Table Napkins, in many pretty pat-terns, chiefly floral,
occasion and shamrock, rose, and fancy pansy, with an occasional conventional design, are extremely good value. They were
bought months ago and this price is less than the present mill of such napkins. Size $24^{\prime \prime} \times 24^{\prime \prime}$. Price, $\$ 4,25$ per dozen. Table Cloths of irish linen satin damask, with good border de-
signs a quality that will wear splendidly. Size $2 \times 2$ yards, are also
extremely good value at $\$ 4.25$. Lovely little Madeira Linen Napkins, with scalloped edges and beautifully embroidered eyelet work sprays in one corner. Size 12 and
13 inch, are respectively priced at $\$ 6.00$ and $\$ 7.75$ a dozen fine linen, adorned with Madelet Luncheon Sets, made of beautifully ind linen, adorned with eyelet and solid work. The set consists of
13 pieces 6 doylies measuring each 6 inches $\mathbf{x} 10$ inches, and a 22-
inch centrepiece. Price, $\$ 5.00$. Attractive by reason of their plainness and fine material are Dresser or Bureau Scarfs of Irish linen, finished with hemstitching.
Size $18^{\prime \prime} \times 54^{\prime \prime}$. Embroidered Pillow Cases, made of a mixture of linen and cot stitched borders, or scalloped edges, they antelope style, with hem-
pretty designs. Price, $\$ 2.25$ per pair. English Down Comforters, covered with flowered cambric, set
in plain panels, in rose, blue, green and red, of various shades; are very serviceable, , rose, blue, green and red, of various shades, are
Size $72 \times 78$. Price, $\$ 10.00$. They are also extremely, pretty.

## Imported Blouses

 2 Haif-prics, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 15.00$ They are charmingly trimmed with steel and colored med with steel and colored
beads, silk embroidery, hem-
stitching and fine ter stitching and fine tucks. The
collars, too, are quite smart, be collars, too, are quite smart, be-
ing in such pretty shapes as
square, roll, etc., and showing square, round, and "V" necks.
One very attractive squarenecked blouse is made with vest
effect, large collar, and cuffs of contrasting Georgette, tiny self-
covered buttons, and both fro and back adorned with fascinat-
ing designs in metallic and steel ing designs in metallic and stael
bead embroidery. Some have
large square collars, round large square collars, round
necks, and embroidered fronts.
Others have fronts trimmed Others have fronts trimmed
with lace medallions and silk
embroidery, large collars, hemembroidery, large collars, hem-
stitched cuffs and tiny pearl but-
tons. One charming style is tons. One charming style is
trimmed with bead embroidery
and piping of satin in contrast and piping of satin in contrast-
ing color, large hemstitched col.
lar, self-covered buttons the lar, self-covered buttons, the
sleeves, too, showing touches of
beading, Many beading. Many others equally attractive. A good selection of
colors, a few being pink, brown,
maize, white, etc. Sizes 34 to maize, white, etc. Sizes 34 to
46 Monday, haif-price, $\$ 2.50$
to $\$ 15.00$. Real Lace Collars Maltese, Irish Du c

-Second Floor, James Street.
And Here Are Gloves Women's Fancy White Gloves, made with insert of
heavy silk at wrist, heavy silk at wrist, full pique
sewn seams, gusset fingers, and
trimmed sewn seams, gusset fingers, and
trimmed with silk in purple, green, pearl grey, or tan, with
two-tone embroidered backs to match. Per pair, $\$ 4.00$.







 Women's Fancy Heavy silk



 Children's Washable
Chamepskis
Gloves, made with




 Fastener and kld blinding at wrists
Per pair, 8 sc.

Store Closes as Usual Today at 5 p.m.

Stephen Leacock's Christmas Message "Frenzied Fiction," Reviewed for us by Katherine Hie).
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mas himself, Whom the author pictures as heartbroken by tho
ravages of war upon his "chi daren." Olid Time in
closing message:

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Special Christmas Dinner in Grill Room Monday, 11 atm.
to $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## Consomme

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 Sweetbread Patties St. Julien,
Aspic or Chicken-Macedoine
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And in This List You'll Find Many Great opportunities to Save on Gifts for Men Men's Neckwear, Some Hair Usual Price, 15c Also Mutters and Shirt
Ties made of imported silks in floral, figured and diagonal stripes,
made with wide flowing ends and thin, strong neckbands. Colors of al-
most every imaginable hue including grey, made with wide flowing ends and thin, strong neck bands. Colors of at
most every imaginable hue, including grey, brown, red, green, helio
mauve, etc. Monday, some half-price, Soc each. signs - mufflers made with red and fine foulard sild, emerald in with redisley and Oriental de
with blue brown signs- navy with red and purple, emerald with red, gold, blue brown
with blue, green, purple with rose and blue. Some tubular style, are
also include. These have fringed ends and are in many two-color es-
fects Greatly res hated sects. Greatly reduced at $\$ 1.98$ each. in fancy madras, cambrics, repp and zephyrs, with stripes of blue, mauve, black, also dark grounds with contrasting stripes. Made with
laundered or soft cuffs, coat style, sleeve length price, $\$ 1.69$ each. Men's Coat-style Shirts, plain and corded materials, good washMen's Coat-style Shirts, plain and corded materials, good wash-
able colors, mostly light grounds with stripes of blue, black, mauve.
Made with laundered cuffs and neckband. Sizes 14 to 171 , duce price, 75 ceach .
Bathrobes of
also of Throbs of heavy blanket cloths in neat conventional designs, brown, etc. All have heavy girdle, at waist, patch collar and two pockes. Small, medium, large sizes. Reduced price, 85.00 each. in plain blue, white and tan; these are made with French neck, silk frog trim, breast pocket and girdle at waist of pants. Also silk, nigh robes in cream shade, have stole front and breast pocket. Pyjama
sizes 36 to 44 . Night robes, medium only. Extra special value, \$8.9
-Main Floor, Centre.

## House Coats and Dressing Robes in Clearance Mon day, at \$5.50

 The last day has come roundand perhaps you're still in doubt and perhaps you're still in doubs it a practical gift-a house coat or dressing gown. Take advan tage of this clearance of broken lines.
There are numerous colors but not a full range of sizes.
Many are trimmed with plain Many are trimmed with plain material or stripes in contrasting
shades. Edges are finished with cord. Sizes 37 to 46 . Mp nday, $\$ 5.50$ each.
Thick, warm Eiderdown or
Blanket Lounging Robes, in handsome patterns and cheerful
colorings, in fancy designs and colorings, in fancy designs and
Oriental patterns., with wide border around bottom and
cuffs; wide belt at waist. day, $\$ 5.50$.

- Main Floor, James St.


## Umbrellas

 In men's and women's styleswith silk mixture covers mounted on close-rolling frame and steel rods; the hand dee are
in many styles, mostly mounted in many styles, mostly mounted
suitable for engraving; the wo
men's ane in the short handle men's are in the short -handled
effect, with wrist loops, and the effect, with wrist loops, and the
more conservative straight style
-the men's are in crook and the men's are in crook and
opera styles. Monday, greatly educed, to clear, $\$ 4.75$ each.

## Toilet Sots at

 Reduced Prices Men's Toilet Set, in blackwood finish, consisting of clothes brush, hat brush, pair of
military brushes, comb and mirTor, with easel back rest, which can be used as stand or to form
hanging mirror. All pieces are
mounted, and hanging mirror. All pieces are
mounted, and neatly arranged
in sateen case. Reduce in sateen case. Reduced price
Monday, $\$ 2.95$ per set. White IVory-grained Cell u sits of long handled mirro
brush, comb, buffer, nail file sateen-lined box. Reduced. price
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mont Monday, $\$ 4.25$.
-Main Floor, James St.

## Handkerchiefs

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## Hockey <br> Toronto $11+$ Soccer Realts in + Ice Races Entries for Mt. Clemens

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CLUB UNIONSTS


## To the Men of Toronto

Among whom are many appreciative cus-
tomers of Hobberlin Tailoring, we extend
The Season's Good Wishes
And a cordial invitation to visit our store, where you will see a remarkable range of British fabrics in a profuse variety, and at exceptionally good values.
The House of Hobberlin, Limited 151 Yonge St.

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## BY GENE KNOTT

## PENNY ANTE





That Son-in-Law of Pa's
PA COULDNT' PERMIT CEDRIC TO MAKE ANY SACRIFICE- OH / NO !
BY G. H. Wellington




## MARKETS AND FARM NEWS




Canada and the United States are
asked to increase their hog producasked to increase their hog produc-
tion as greatly as possible in order
to help meet the grave shortage of to help meett the grave shortage o
meat in Great Britain meat
Italy. The shortage in Europe is the
best gaarantee of the stability of the hog market during the neìt twelve
months. There are 115,000,000 fewer stock a animals in the herds of
Europe than before the Europe than before the war. The
hog shortage alone is $32,425,000$ animals-about tere. times the total
number of hogs in Canad to-day. In the United States, there are than there pere cent. less live hog the American Packers' cllars have
never been so bare of hog products never been so bare of hog products
at the inception of a winter packing season as this year. During Occtober,
$31,000,000$ pounds of meat were taken out of Chicaro wate were
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alone, and a similar raid was made

## Hog Receipts

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in hog production is in the receipts in hog production is in the receipts Tot the ent of Ootober, 1966, teop weem





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statement ginning of the war. Here is the
statement of the British Imports:-
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hogs and other stock animals in hogs and other stock animals in
Europe, and a marked decrease in the
number of live hogs in North America number of live hogs in North America,
there appears to be no reason why there appears to be no reason why
there should not be high prices and
i a stable market for hogs during the a stable market for hogs during the
next twelve months and longer.

## Government

 Action
## The Government's announce-

 ment of control and limitation of Packersfidence and furth wher stabilize the hog market This officid








## United States

 Action In addition to the action of theDominion Government, Dominion Government, Herber
Hoover, the United States Food Con troiler,
Bulletin:







 retation of the consumer's payment This decision of the United States
Government to support the American hog market will have a stabilizing efecuuse whatever influences the American live stock market will
act to pretty nearly the same extent act to pretty nearly the same extent
on the Canadian market. The action of the Dominion and ered in association with the efgnures showing the tremendous decline in
the European and American hog production, and the figures showing
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Canada and the United States to


Dominion of Canada Department of Agriculture LIVE STOCK BRANCE OTTAWA




## Today at Simpson's---Great Clearance of Holiday Goods



Display Jewelry Reduced


Christmas Baskets Half Price



\$5Sheffield Carver Sets $\$ 3.75$

Big Sale of Pocket Knives
 3000 Rugs at \$3.19 Each

Children's Woolen Sets \$1.35 Toque, Scarfs and Mittens. No Phone Orders




Monday Sale
Boys' Suits
Regular Values $\$ 6.50, \$ 8.50$ Will Be Cleared Out at $\$ 4.85$




 Terms of Payment A
ranged If Desired. $\$ 2$ Cloves for $\$ 1.10$ :
$\$ 1.10$ Gloves at 59 c
A Sale of Men's and Boys Suits Will Be Held Today
 No Phone or Mail Orders.
75 c and $\$ 1$ Brace Sets at 49 c $=5$ Half Price for Hand Bags

Infants' Wool Jackets 69c
 Women's $\$ 1.50$ Wool Scarfs at 95c On the Third Floor. No Phone or Mail Order
 Special-.- Women's Dresses


Bedroom Boxes, Lamp Shades and Upholstered Furniture Reduced 1-4th \%in mix

 Rush Clearance of Christmas Show Goods on 5th Floor


