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THE FACE DELEGATES RECALLED?

13 NOMINATED FOR MAYOR, BUT RACE IS NARROWING TO DRS. STEVENSON AND SHAW

Nomination Day Brings Out a Record Crop of Names for Public Office.

77 NOMINATIONS ARE IN Board of Control Represents 12, With 10 More for the Utilities Commission.

WOMEN FOR TRUSTEES?

Two Out of 36 Nominees of Fair Sex, Both Being Named by Mayor Stevenson.

Mayor 13
Board of Control. . . 12
Utilities Comm. . . 10
Hospital Trust . . . 6
Ed. of Education. . . 36

It was civic nomination day today, and the usual crop of candidates was placed in nomination. Only those of races to be filled by the votes of the city as a whole appear in the prospective running yet. The aldermen will be nominated this evening at the special nomination meetings held in the respective wards.

All those present at the nominations in the city hall today were charged with the true Christmas spirit, and in consequence many nominations of a more or less complimentary nature were made. Seventy-seven all told were deposited with City Clerk Baker, who was in charge of the nominations held in the council chamber.

Thirteen citizens were nominated for mayor, and of course very few are considering the matter seriously.

His Honor's in Ring.
Mayor Stevenson was the man to stand by the people and stick to the planks of his platform. He hopes to grace the mayor's chair for a fourth term and can't see how anyone will have the nerve to oppose him. However, Controller Shaw has the nerve, and the contest will see two medical men on the job for sure.

Ed. of Education. F. G. Mitchell and Sam Manness all stated that they had the matter under careful consideration. While Lieut. Col. Dyer was away, he defeated two years ago on a recount by Mayor Stevenson, was emphatic in his denial that he would appear on the ballot slip.

Ald. H. B. Ashplant stated that the news of his nomination was a distinct shock. "I will consider the matter very seriously," said Mr. Ashplant with a laugh. "I'm much obliged to you for the news."

Controller Moore and his brother, J. Percy Moore, were the only ones in giving their decisions. They don't want to butt in on the medical men. Philip Poock laughed heartily when informed that he was one of the famous thirteen nominated. "I certainly won't run for mayor. I run for any office it will be for the utilities commission," he declared.

Women for Board.
Thirty-six candidates were nominated for the board of education today. There are six vacancies. All the retiring trustees are among the nominees. Never before has there been such a host of names presented for nomination. The list contains the names of two women. It is some years since London has had a woman candidate. Mrs. A. T. Edwards and Miss Beattie Knight are the two nominees. It is to be noted that Mrs. Stevenson's name appears on both their nomination papers.

Candidates who wish to stand for the board of education must declare themselves by Monday noon. No do this they must appear at the office of the city clerk and make a declaration that they are British subjects. Unless this is done their names will be dropped from the list by Mr. Baker and will not appear on the ballot. All other candidates must qualify before Monday evening at 9 o'clock.

Where Aldermen Live Up.
The aldermen nominations will be between 7 and 8 p.m. this evening. The nominations by wards will be received as follows:
Ward 1—Simcoe Street School.
Ward 2—Talbot Street School.
Ward 3—East End Town Hall.
Ward 4—City Hall.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—GENERALLY FAIR.

Toronto, Dec. 22.

Forecast.

Today—Fair and cold.

Sunday—Some local snow flurries, but generally fair, stationary or a little higher temperature.

Temperatures.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today.

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria . . . 42. 32. Cloudy.

Calgary . . . 32. 22. Cloudy.

Port Arthur . . . 32. 22. Cloudy.

Perry Sound . . . 34. 24. Clear.

Port Stanley . . . 36. 22. Cloudy.

Buffalo . . . 44. 20. Snow.

Toronto . . . 40. 14. Fair.

Kingston . . . 38. 8. Fair.

Ottawa . . . 38. 6. Clear.

Montreal . . . 38. 10. Fair.

Quebec . . . 38. 10. Fair.

Father Point . . . 38. 10. Fair.

Minus (—) means below zero.

LITTLE CHANGE BY 16 MONTHS SPENT IN HUN PRISON CAMP

London Boy Who Escaped from Dullmen, Germany, Reaches London Today.

RED CROSS IS STANDBY

Parcels Keep Canadians Alive as Prison Fare But Two Bowls of Soup Daily.

After having spent sixteen months in prison camp K-47 at Dullmen, Germany, from which he escaped into Holland, Pte. Richard ("Dick") Howitt, a London boy, arrived in the city today along with other members of a party of wounded and invalided soldiers who came in at 7:05 o'clock this morning via G. T. R.

"Dick" Howitt looked none the worse for his visit of sixteen months in the German prison camp. He enlisted with the 38th Battalion at Windsor, and was transferred to the 4th C. M. R. It was with the latter unit on June 2, 1915, at Zillebeke, that he was captured, along with some other members of his unit, after he had been in France only about a month. He was taken to the working camp at Dullmen, where he worked in the coal mines for nine months, and then was put at shovelling coals for the remainder of his stay there.

"We had to shovel 20 tons of coals a day, and we had a double shift every other Sunday," he said.

"How did they feed the men?" he was asked.

"We had to depend on the Red Cross parcels," he answered, "for all we were given was two bowls of soup a day. The Red Cross parcels are all right, but they don't come regularly."

Later, Howitt got away while the guard had his back turned, and traveled six nights before he reached Holland, where he was placed in quarantine, and then taken to the British consul, who supplied him with a passport and sent him to England.

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DOCTOR FROM LONDON WHO WAS GIVEN D.S.O. BY LATE GEN. MAUDE



Admiral Illustrations
CAPT. THORNTON BOWMAN, R. A. M. C., son of Prof. J. H. Bowman, now serving in Mesopotamia, who was decorated on the battlefield by Gen. Maude just before the latter's death. Gen. Maude flew 80 miles by airplane to be present at the presentation ceremonies.

GERMAN-RUSS PEACE TALK MAY BE OFF?

Reported That Russian Delegates Have Quit Conference.

TERMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

Daily Mail's Man Wires That Brest-Litovsk Confab Is Upset.

London, Dec. 22.—The report is reiterated today that the Russian delegation to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk has been recalled because the Germans would not accept the Russian terms. It is the Daily Mail's correspondent in Petrograd who now makes this declaration in a dispatch filed on Thursday and just received.

GOVT. PASSES ORDER WHICH BARS IMPORTS OF ALL INTOXICANTS

Only Such As Required For Medicinal Or Sacramental Purposes Can Enter—First Step To Dominion-Wide Prohibition.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—It is officially announced that an order-in-council has been passed by the Government prohibiting the future importation into the Dominion from any country whatsoever all intoxicating liquors excepting for medicinal or sacramental purposes.

The order includes whiskies, wines, etc., and will particularly affect the importation of Scotch and Irish, champagne, etc.

A Double Purpose.
The order has a double purpose. It is designed first as a step toward total prohibition in the Dominion. The manufacture of whiskey has already been prohibited in the Dominion.

An order-in-council was recently passed by the food controller prohibiting the manufacture of potable liquors from grains or foodstuffs.

It is estimated that there is several years supply of liquor still on hand in the Dominion.

The second purpose of the order made public today is to prevent the spending of money for other than essential purposes outside the Dominion.

The Provisions.
"The transportation of liquor into any part of Canada wherein the sale of intoxicating liquors is illegal will be prohibited on and after April 1, 1918."

"The manufacture of intoxicating liquor within Canada will be prohibited on and after a date to be determined upon further investigation and consideration of the actual conditions of the industry."

The prohibition on importation becomes effective on Monday next, December 24.

"The regulations to carry into effect the provisions above mentioned are being prepared and as soon as complete they will be issued under the provisions of the war measures act."

The foregoing provisions will remain in force during the war, and for twelve months after the conclusion of peace."

S. S. CITY OF NAPLES, REPORTED TORPEDOED, TURNS UP IN SAFETY

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 22.—The British steamship City of Naples, reported a few days ago to have been sunk by a submarine torpedo off the British coast while under convoy of destroyers, arrived here today. It was learned the vessel was not attacked by a U-boat, but struck a mine and her officers, fearing that she was severely damaged, put back to a British port. A re-examination of the hull proved the effect of the explosion was negligible, and the ship resumed her voyage.

An American vessel, which was in the same convoy with the City of Naples, brought the story of the British ship's supposed sinking. The accident occurred on December 5, when the fleet was five days out from port.

REPUTABLES AFFIDAVIT.
Honolulu, Dec. 22.—H. K. Kouka, one of two witnesses who witnessed the reported will of the late Queen Liliuokalani, naming "Princess" Theresa Belliveau as chief heirless today repudiated his affidavit, which was said to have been signed in the presence of the queen, and confessed it had been signed under pressure in the home of the "Princess" Belliveau.

A grand jury investigation into the purported will was ordered recently, but the case has not yet been heard. It is said that the will was signed in the home of the "Princess" Belliveau.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 40; lowest, 26.

KRUPP'S GREAT ESSEN WORKS ABLAZE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IS REPORT FROM THE DUTCH

FOUR YEARS AND \$20,000 FINE IS THE PUNISHMENT OF KALTSCHMIDT FOR CONSPIRACY AGAINST CANADA

Bernstorff's Detroit Gang of Dynamiters and Spies Are Found Guilty.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Albert Kaltschmidt, who with four or five others, was convicted in the federal court early this morning on a conspiracy charge, was sentenced a few hours later to four years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and to pay a fine of \$20,000. It was the maximum sentence possible under the law for conviction under the three counts against him.

Mrs. Ida Neef, his sister, was sentenced to three years in the local House of Correction, and fined \$15,000. Fritz Neef, her husband, and Carl Schmidt and his wife, Maria, were sentenced to two years at Fort Leavenworth and fined \$10,000 each.

Frank Repp, German, was the only one of the six acquitted on all three counts. He was held, however, to answer to two other indictments pending against him.

Jury Out 13 Hours.
The trial came to an end at 3:30 o'clock this morning, after a session of court lasting since early Friday forenoon. The jury was out more than thirteen hours, several times asking additional instructions from the court.

In passing sentence Judge Arthur Tuttle pointed out that the statute under which the defendants were convicted was passed by Congress during peace times, and therefore, it was not possible to impose heavier penalties.

Kaltschmidt, in addressing the court before sentence was passed, expressed his appreciation of fair treatment accorded him and his co-defendants by the court and jury, but charged that attorneys for the Government had brought up points unwarranted by the evidence. Money he received from official German sources, he insisted, was for a legitimate business transaction, and was not intended for furtherance of any conspiracy.

The counts on which Kaltschmidt was convicted charged that he conspired with the defendants to destroy the St. Clair River tunnel at Port Huron.

Carl Schmidt and his wife were convicted on one count, and Mrs. Neef and her husband on two.

German Attacks in Alsace.
Riots at Buenos Ayres.
German attacks in Alsace have been repulsed, according to the French war office. The chief of these attacks at Hartmann's Weilerkopf took the Germans have rejected the French proposals of the Bolshevik delegates, continue to overshadow military operations in the European war. The report that a definite alliance had been formed between the Ukrainians and the Don Cossacks gives credence to another rumor that the Ukrainian Rada has accepted the Bolshevik proposals, which it will not reconsider its action in aiding the Kaledine forces.

Italians on Offensive.
An offensive was initiated by the Italians in which they launched seven attacks against the enemy front west of Monte Asolone, is claimed by the Italian war office. The British troops have carried out a successful raid in the region of Lake Bulokva, capturing one officer and 54 Bulgarian soldiers.

The publication of the telegram sent by Count von Luxburg, former German minister to the Berlin foreign office, to the German government in Buenos Ayres, where crowds of people assembled and demanded a rupture of relations with Germany, a mob in the Calle Florida was dispersed after a riot was mounted. Guards again have been stationed around property owned by Germans in the city and police are guarding the office of La Uribia, the newspaper for which Count von Luxburg obtained a subsidy. Congress is expected to insist on an explanation by the Government of the conditions revealed in the von Luxburg telegram.

PLUNKETT IS HOPEFUL OF IRELAND'S FUTURE
Dublin, Dec. 21.—In a speech here tonight, in which he dealt with the probable results of the Irish convention, Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention, was hopeful for the future. He said that, while he was unable as yet to promise a unanimous report, the convention had arrived on the rocks of Belfast, N. S., and is hard and fast around. Steamers have been sent to her assistance.

BIG STEAMER REPORTED ON ROCKS NEAR HALIFAX
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—During a hard fog today a big steamer ran on the rocks off Point St. Charles, and is hard and fast around. Steamers have been sent to her assistance.

Workmen From Kaiser's Famed Munitions Plant Tell of Stupendous Conflagration.

Maestricht, Holland, Friday, Dec. 21.—Workmen from Essen, Germany, say that the Krupp plant, the great German munitions establishment, has been ablaze for 24 hours.

The plant at Essen, the main establishment of the Krupp, the largest munitions manufacturer in Germany of arms and munitions, employed about 30,000 men before the war. It has been expanded greatly during the war. Facts relating to its present size and the number of workmen are kept secret by the German Government. It was reported unofficially in October of last year that about 70,000 persons, including several thousand women, were at work there, and that twenty thousand were to be added to the force.

May Have Been Raided.
Early this year there was a strike at the Krupp works, said to have been due to lack of food. It was reported that 40,000 workers were involved in the strike. The authorities combated the strike by sending many of the men to the front. It is reported that the plant was raided several times by British and French aeroplanes, and that considerable damage had been done to the works.

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NEWS OF THE FILM FAVORITES AT THE LOCAL THEATRES

Programs of Attractions at Many London Film Houses—Gossip of the Stars, the Plays and the Authors—Progress of the Photoplay Art and Conditions That Advance or Hinder the Business—Activities of the Managers, Censors and Producers.

THE HIGHEST CLASS PHOTO PLAYS IN FILMDOM.

Matinee **PATRICIA** Night
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All Seats Reserved First Evening Show.

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MARY PICKFORD

The Darling of The Screen, in
"The Little Princess"

AN ARTCRAFT PICTURE

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A New Episode Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Vaudeville—**GRACE MANNING** Popular Songs

NOTE.—Christmas Day—4 Shows—1:30, 3:30, 7 and 9—

Matinee and Night. First Show Reserved.

Regular Evening Prices.

NEXT THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Double Feature Comedy Bill

George Walsh THE MILE-A-MINUTE COMEDIAN,

---In---

"The Yankee Way"

A Star Spangled Comedy in 6 Exciting Reels

AND

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

---In---

"The Adventurer"

SEATS RESERVED ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE. PHONE 70.

PATRICIA

Mary Pickford in "The Little Princess" at the Patricia Theatre all

Next Week.

The quaint philosophy of two small girls, slaves in an English boarding-school, one of them a slave all her life, and the other reduced from riches to poverty at the death of her father, is dressed in Mary Pickford's latest Artcraft picture, "The Little Princess," which was produced under the direction of Marshall Neilan from the book story by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Mary Pickford plays the role of Sara

Crews, motherless daughter of Captain Crew of India, at whose death the girl is reduced to a maid-of-all-work in an English boarding school where she was a pupil. When Sara and Becky sigh as they smell the odors of Christmas cake which they know will not be shared with them, Sarah remarks: "It's so long since we've eaten well—I guess we're full of hol- lows." Then, when Becky intimates that it isn't so hard for her, but it must be worse for Sara, who used to be a regular little princess, Sara tries to explain to Becky that "we are both princesses—inside." This is not particularly comforting to the orphan, who declares that "the thought ain't very filling, Miss." Mary Pickford will be seen in "The



Charlie Chaplin, the million-dollar screen comedian, appearing in "The Adventurer," at the Patricia Theatre next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"The Little Princess" at the Patricia next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, matinee and night, and Saturday, matinee only.

George Walsh in "The Yankee Way" at the Patricia next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The scene of George Walsh's operations in "The Yankee Way," his latest William Fox feature is the Balkans. Now that bunch of spots on the earth's surface which pass under the collective name of the Balkans has been a pretty lively place during the last five or six years but it never knew what speed was until George Walsh goes over to manage his dad's cattle range.

Before the inhabitants get wise to what was happening a consequential sort of count disappears—he is shipped out of the country by night in a side-door Pullman, an infant revolution is squelched and George sets sail for the good old U.S.A. with the nation's pet princess as his bride.

We might add that all this takes in Lithuania. Nobody ever heard of it before—but who has heard of any Balkan state except Bulgaria? And Bulgaria got its name in restaurants and on signboards only because of its bacilli. "The Yankee Way" is a picture that its George Walsh like a full-dress suit. It begins with a good old Yankee scrap; it ends with one, and there are several thrown in between. Most of the fights are over George's disguised princess, as they should be.

From the pep and speed in this drama, aside from the fascination of George's smile and snappy way of doing things, you will enjoy the work of a master cast whose members are such players as Joe Dowling, Edna Markey, Charles Elder and Ed Sedgwick. "The Yankee Way" was produced by Richard Stanton, one of Mr. Fox's old



MARY PICKFORD in "The Little Princess" AN ARTCRAFT PICTURE

The sweetheart of the screen in her latest production showing at the Patricia Theatre next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, matinee and night and Friday and Saturday matinee only.

the leading man, captures Bab's fancy, and she jealously guards a picture of him clipped from the newspapers.

A few days later an epidemic of measles breaks out in the school and the girls are all sent home. Bab finds Leila, her older sister, arranging for a dance that night, in honor of the Honorable Page Beresford, an English admirer of hers. Bab is forbidden to go, but manages to slip into one of her sister's old party dresses and gets down, where she captures the attention of the Hon. Beresford and half the other men, much to Sis' disgust.

It is from Beresford that Bab learns that "Adrian's" play is appearing in town now, and, proving a failure. The next day she calls on Carter Brooks, an old friend of the family's, to help her out. Carter Brooks is an adven-

Patricia Attractions for New Year's Week.

Among the photoplay attractions to be shown at the Patricia Theatre New Year's week are William Farnum in an eight-reel production, "When Men See Red," and, William S. Hart in "The Silent Man."



W. S. HART in "The Silent Man" AN ARTCRAFT PICTURE

At the Patricia Theatre, on January 2, 4, 5.

Theatre Attractions Week Commencing December 24

MONDAY, TUES., WED., THURSDAY | FRIDAY, SATURDAY
MATINEE AND NIGHT | MATINEE ONLY

MARY PICKFORD, in "THE LITTLE PRINCESS"

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

Patricia

KATHLEEN CLIFFORD,
IN THE FIRST EPISODE OF THE GREAT
MYSTERY SERIAL
"WHO IS NUMBER ONE?"
VAUDEVILLE
GRACE MANNING,
IN POPULAR SONGS

GEORGE WALSH,
—IN—
"THE YANKEE WAY"
CHARLIE CHAPLIN,
—IN—
"THE ADVENTURER"
VAUDEVILLE
GRACE MANNING,
IN POPULAR SONGS

MONDAY, TUESDAY

MARGUERITE CLARK,
IN "BAB'S MATINEE IDOL."

Majestic

MATINEE ONLY.
EARLE WILLIAMS,
IN "THE BALANCE."
VAUDEVILLE.

WED., THURS.

ETHEL BARRYMORE,
IN "LIFE'S WHIRLPOOL."

MATINEE ONLY.
BESSIE LOVE,
IN "THE SAWDUST RING."
VAUDEVILLE.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY

SESSUE HAYAKAWA,
IN "THE SECRET GAME."

MATINEE ONLY.
KITTY GORDON,
IN "THE BELOVED ADVENTURES."
VAUDEVILLE.

MAJESTIC

Pickford and Huff in "Jack and Jill," a Comedy Photodrama.

Jack Pickford and Louise Huff, the young stars who have appeared together in many of the best-known Paramount pictures of recent date, such as "Seventeen," "Great Expectations," "Freckles," and "The Varmint," are now being seen in their latest production, "Jack and Jill," which is at the Majestic Theatre today.

This is not a child's play, although the kiddies will love it. It is one of the wholesomest, cheeriest little comedy-dramas for grown-ups in which the two have worked—which is saying a great deal.

Marguerite Clark in "Bab's Matinee Idol," at the Majestic Monday and Tuesday.

Following is a synopsis of "Bab's Matinee Idol": Bab Archibald, a boarding school girl, has been with her schoolmates to the opening night of a play by the cousin of one of the teachers. Adrian,



At the Majestic Theatre Monday and Tuesday. This famous photoplay star will be remembered by Majestic patrons for her excellent character impersonations in "Bab's Diary" and "Bab's Burglar."

ting and publicity man, and he suggests that since the play deals with the labor question, Adrian should go to her father's factory, saying, "The world owes me a living," which was a line from the play, and he forcefully thrown out. Newspaper reporters would be there and write the actor and the play up, and possibly the labor unions would take it up, too.

Bab's father agrees, with a laugh, and all is well until that night, when Bab, unknown to her family, attends the performance in order to see her "Adrian" again. All would have been well even then had not Bab commenced sneezing so violently that the attention of the whole audience was drawn in her direction, including that of her family, which was also present.

Bab goes to the theatre the next day and tells Adrian and his manager of the scheme, which they agree is a fine one. Bab's friend, is much impressed with her familiarity with these stage people, and Bab glories in her adventure.

The plan would have worked out beautifully had not the Hon. Page Beresford, who was of the audience, come to Bab's father at just the same time set for the actor. Mr. Archibald, thinking him to be the actor, puts him out—and makes an extra good job of it. There is even a fight between the two, which greatly amuses the office boys and the reporters. Carter Brooks had sent around, who gave it a big write up as a fight between Hon. Page Beresford, munition buyer, and the big munition manufacturer.

In the meantime, the real actor has applied for work of the manager, and been accepted, greatly to his distress, for that was not in the agreement; moreover, he is set to wheeling a wheelbarrow and spends a long, tedious day of it, missing his afternoon performance, and causing a great deal of worry to his manager and his wife, for he was married, although Bab did not know it, to the "adventures" of the play.

The latter, knowing of Bab's plan, comes to call on Bab's mother, who, of course, is greatly shocked. The two start for the factory, where Bab has arrived a little ahead of them, and is being roundly scolded by her idol, Adrian, for the day of toil he has been forced to put in.

The touching reunion between her "matinee idol" and his fat and blonde



Ethel Barrymore in "Life's Whirlpool," a Special Matinee Attraction at the Majestic.



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"Life's Whirlpool," the wonderplay starring Ethel Barrymore, which will be presented at the Majestic Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, is an "all-Iggyrmore" production. It was written and directed by one member of the family, Lionel Barrymore, its star being his sister, and its exterior was photographed at the home of the star.

Bessie Love, at the Majestic Wednesday and Thursday, Matinee Only. In "The Sawdust Ring," the new Triangle production of circus life, to be seen at the Majestic Wednesday and Thursday of next week, matinee only, Bessie Love is seen as a quaint little small town girl, Janet Magie.

Sessue Hayakawa in "The Secret Game," Next Friday and Saturday.

The cast which has been chosen for Sessue Hayakawa's newest Paramount picture, "The Secret Game," is an exceptionally notable one, including Jack Holt, Florence Vidor, Mayme Kelso, Charles Ogle and Raymond Hatton. The latter, who has made several notable hits, once with Mary Pickford in "The Little American," and once with Geraldine Farrar in "The Woman God Forgives," takes the part of a spy disguised as a woman. "The Secret Game" is one of the most up-to-date photoplays of the year, and deals with the Japanese-American situation in a new and unexpected manner, showing the two great countries to be the strongest of allies and friends. The photoplay will appear at the Majestic Theatre, commencing on December 28 and 29.

Kitty Gordon at Majestic December 28 and 29, Matinee Only.

When "The Beloved Adventures" comes to the Majestic Theatre on December 28 and 29, matinee only, Miss Kitty Gordon, the regally beautiful, will be seen as the star of the attraction. In this newest "World-Picture" Brady-Made, she portrays the character of a woman who is imbued with

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—IN—
"JACK and JILL"

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THE DARLING OF THE SCREEN,

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—IN—

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intense love for her young sister and who goes to great lengths to save this sister from becoming the same kind of a woman that she is.

Coming Majestic Attractions.

"The Pick of the Silent Art," coming to the Majestic.

Billie Burke in "Land of Promise."

Dorothy Dutton in "Love Letters."

Charles Ray in "His Mother's Boy."

Norma Talmadge in "The Mother."

Clara Kimball Young in "Magna."

Constance Talmadge in "Scandal."

Harry Morey in "His Own People."

Marguerite Clark in "The Seven Swans."

William S. Hart as the two gunmen in "The Bargain."



An extra matinee attraction at the Majestic Theatre next Friday and Saturday.



GEORGE WALSH DIRECTION WILLIAM FOX

Known as the "mile-a-minute" comedian, appearing in "The Yankee Way," an entertaining photoplay to be shown at the Patricia Theatre, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

See that you get "Dr. Wood's" up in a yellow wrapper; three of the trade mark; price 25 manufactured by The T.

FOOD CONTROLLER IS NOW DIRECTOR OF A 50 MILLION CONCERN

New Company Will Handle Canadian Business of Imperial Oil.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The incorporation of "Imperial Oil, Limited," with a capital stock of \$50,000,000, and headquarters in Montreal, will be announced in tomorrow's Canada Gazette. The new company will take over the business of refining and marketing petroleum now carried on in Canada and Newfoundland by the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, the powers granted the company include the right to operate refineries or farms for live stock, and to deal in animal and agricultural products.

ENEMY RAID REPULSED NORTHEAST OF MESSINES

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "This morning a raid was attempted by the enemy northeast of Messines. It was repulsed by our rifle and machine gun fire. We captured a letter and a number of other articles. The enemy suffered several losses. The front line is in a state of rest. The enemy is still in possession of the Ypres, there is nothing further of special interest to report."

Soldiers Turn To Sweets When Liquor Is Out of Reach

Result Is That Consumption of Sugar Has Increased in United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Charges that the food administration's plan of handling the sugar situation gave the refiners a chance to combine to fix purchasing and refining prices were made by Chairman Reed of the Senate investigating committee today, and emphatically denied by George M. Rolph, director of the sugar division of the food administration. Prohibition today was added to the causes for the present shortage. Rolph said consumption had been increased in the south by soldiers, who drink more soft drinks, chew more gum and eat more candy than they did when liquor was obtainable.

APPEAL JUDGES TARGETS FOR ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Threats Are Received by Those Sitting at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Judges sitting on appeals under the military service act are receiving anonymous messages and telephone calls almost every day containing threats. Today a letter was received by one of the judges, threatening him in all sorts of ways. The judge said several letters of this nature had been received by him. He said brother judges since the courts began their sittings.

HUNS' AGENT PLACED BOMB IN HOLD OF BRITISH STEAMSHIP

Accused Appeared in New York Court With Two Others.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—With the arraignment of Franz Rintelen, German agent and former Berlin banker, in the federal court today it was disclosed that a federal grand jury indicted him last month on a charge of placing an incendiary bomb on the British steamship Kirk Oswald at this port before the United States entered the war. He pleaded not guilty today, and trial was set for January 7.

With Rintelen were indicted Karl Schmidt and Chas. von Kietel, the disposition of whose cases today was the same as that of Rintelen. It is alleged the three defendants placed a "metal bomb filled with chemicals" in the hold of the Kirk Oswald. When the vessel was unloaded at a French port the bomb was found intact, according to the indictment.

PARSON PREACHES SEDITION. BRATTLEBORO, Vt., Dec. 21.—Rev. Clarence H. Waldron was arrested today, charged with sedition acts, under an indictment returned against him yesterday by the federal grand jury. He is alleged to have advised young men not to enlist or take part in war activities.

WARM WELCOME TO CANADIANS ACROSS BORDER

Party of Invalids Reaching Here This Morning, Praise Americans' Kindness.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Establishment of New Clearing Depot in London Permits Early Return to Families.

The first Canadian soldiers to land in the United States after serving overseas arrived in London at 10 o'clock this morning via G. T. R., and were met by a number of their families. The 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, by members of the headquarters staff and representatives of the soldiers' aid commission.

Owing to the recent destruction of the docks at Halifax, the men, 51 in all, were landed at New York, where they proceeded to London via Lehigh Valley Railway and Grand Trunk. The men were the first to come directly to the city for disposition through the newly-established London Clearing Depot, at the Princess Avenue School, and instead of going to Quebec they were brought directly to their own district, and were thus enabled to get home for Christmas, as otherwise it would have required a week to handle them through the Quebec depot. They could not sufficiently express their gratitude for the reception given them by the Americans.

"Nothing was too good for us in New York or Jersey City," said one, "and if they treat us that way, what will they do to their own men when they begin to return?"

"It was simply wonderful the way we were received in New York," another told The Advertiser, "and they simply couldn't do enough for us. The men spoke enthusiastically of the treatment accorded them by the Lehigh Valley officials, and of the kindness of the latter was overwhelming, according to the words of the men, and will not be forgotten. Lieutenant Nalanth was in charge of the party after leaving New York, and proceeded through to Windsor today. Captain Hillier, who was second in command of the 1st Depot Battalion, also accompanied the party.

Brings Home German Ribbon. Among the London men returning with the party today were Pte. G. A. Turner, 224 Waterloo street, who left here with the 7th, and was wounded while at the 18th Battalion, in France. He brought back with him the ribbon of an Iron Cross which he found on a dead Hun.

Other Londoners in the party were: Pte. J. Moody, 224 Waterloo street, 14th Battalion, invalided from France; Pte. E. W. Tudman, 467 Hamilton road, a hard man, invalided from France; Pte. Joe Webster, 144 William street, of the 142nd Battalion, invalided from England; and Pte. J. M. Chute, 14 Wyatt street, West London, a member of the old 6th Battalion, who served under the late Lieut.-Col. Wood Leonard in France.

Pte. E. Hutchinson of Galt went over with the 1st Battalion, and suffered three wounds—at Ypres in April 1915; at Festubert, and at Ploegsteert, before he was forced to return. He has been in Orpington for some time, and was a member of the "Razze-Duize" Concert Company, which is well known in the camps in England.

Pte. J. Davies, a 14th man from Ingersoll, was wounded twice at Ypres, and was finally invalided home with trench fever.

Two Years in France. An original member of the Princess Pats was Pte. G. M. Stratford, formerly who was in France from December 20, 1914, until October, 1916, during which time he was wounded at the second battle of Ypres, and again at the Somme.

Pte. E. W. Ridley of Windsor was a member of the original 1st Battalion, but was transferred to Halifax to the Royal Canadian Regiment. He was invalided home from France, after going through eighteen months' unbroken.

Sergeant-Major Lorrimer of Cheltenham, enlisted with the 1st Battalion, M. R., and was transferred in France to the Canadian Light Horse. He was invalided home at Ypres, after going through eighteen months' unbroken.

Among the members of the party was Lance-Corp. W. H. Bailey, formerly agent for The Advertiser in St. Thomas, who went over with the 51st and was wounded at Vimy.

Twice Wounded at Vimy. Pte. G. F. Lattimer of Kitchener suffered wounds twice at Vimy. He left here with the 24th Battalion. Gunner M. Angelo of Windsor was wounded at Ypres, after enlisting with the 51st battery here.

Others who returned wounded were: Pte. W. T. Collins, 132 Chatham, T. F. C. Posters, Stratford, 1st; P. G. Straw, Sandwich, 9th; Corp. J. W. Cunningham, 3rd; Pte. E. H. George, Dayton, Tenn. 21st; G. Akers, Guilford, 4th; C. E. Bullock, Grand Rapids, 11st; Pte. H. Armstrong, St. Thomas, 51st; F. C. Rolfe, Woodstock, one of the original 1st Battalion. Pte. E. H. Miller, Quebec, a member of the 33rd, who was gassed.

Those Invalided Back. Among those who returned invalided were: W. J. Coates, Clinton, 161st; W. Stroth, Kitchener, 1st Divisional Train, A.S.C.; C. Q. M. S. Reddon, Tara, 160th; Sgt.-Major H. Munroe, Detroit, 3rd; Pte. E. H. George, Dayton, Tenn. 21st; Pte. E. H. George, Dayton, Tenn. 21st; G. Akers, Guilford, 4th; C. E. Bullock, Grand Rapids, 11st; Pte. H. Armstrong, St. Thomas, 51st; F. C. Rolfe, Woodstock, one of the original 1st Battalion. Pte. E. H. Miller, Quebec, a member of the 33rd, who was gassed.

MAXIMUM LIQUOR FINE WAS CUT TO MINIMUM

Toronto Peddler Saves a Part of His Gains.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—While refusing to quash the conviction of G. T. Harris, a peddler, charged with having liquor at a place other than his dwelling-house, Chief Justice Macleod reduced the fine imposed by Magistrate Denison from \$1,000 to \$200. The charge against Harris was tried, and after he had been found guilty, evidence was given to show that he had made \$1,500 profits by the sale of liquor. Upon this, the magistrate, who had been about to fix a fine of \$200, increased it to \$1,000.

2,000 SOLDIERS' KIDDIES CHEER SANTA CLAUS WHEN HE ARRIVES FOR GREAT GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Give Old St. Nick Wonderful Demonstration at Armories, Where Treat Arranged by the Great War Veterans' Association Is in Progress.

More than two thousand soldiers' kiddies, who filled the huge Armories to overflowing at 1:30 today, gave Santa Claus who was undoubtedly the greatest welcome ever extended to him in London. He was in the city to officiate at the Christmas tree entertainment tendered to the children by the Great War Veterans' Association, and he had a task which nobody but the good saint could have handled.

Presented by the association, covered the big platform, on which two huge evergreen trees towered toward the ceiling, and as if in opposition plied themselves in pyramids to almost as great a height. It took Santa and several assistants nearly all afternoon to distribute the gifts. In addition to this each child was presented with fruit or candy as he or she left the building with their gifts tucked under their arms.

Santa Claus was met at the Great War Veterans' Association rooms by a delegation from that association and an open hack was obtained for him. It was found that road conditions would be such that the head of the Salvation Army generously offered its services and led the triumphal march through the streets. Scores of returned soldiers accompanied the band bearing flags of the Allies.

The procession was acclaimed all along the route, but not until it had entered the building did the real demonstration commence. Hundreds of kiddies stood up on the benches and waved their hats and cheered until the building rang. Santa Claus made his way immediately to the platform and commenced work.

Lieut.-Col. W. G. Cole, president of the Great War Veterans' Association, commenced the ceremonies by asking the children to sing God Save the King. They responded heartily, and the president then extended the greetings of the season to them. He expressed his thanks to the citizens for the manner in which they had helped. The boys, both those who had returned and those still overseas, would remember.

Major Stevenson made one of the shortest speeches of his public career. "Nobody wants to hear me speak," he said, and as nobody challenged the statement, he commenced the biggest number of the program by giving away the first present.

and had placed the razor in his pocket for safe keeping only.

Hughes and Daigle were allowed out for three hours yesterday afternoon. The bottle of whiskey Hughes claimed was bought for \$3.50 from a man on the street who approached the soldiers and offered to sell it.

According to Government agents, some of the seized papers showed that Hughes had shipped to Germany foodstuffs valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, and that he had been in communication with Germany for several weeks as a week ago. Bank books showing deposits of \$12,000 to his credit also are said to have been found.

HANNA SAYS PRICE OF OLEO IS NOT TOO HIGH

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Food Controller Hanna doesn't agree with Dr. Hastings, Toronto medical health officer, that the price of oleomargarine at 37c a pound is too high.

"If a citizen wants to buy and use oleo and thinks this price is too much, then the food controller's advice to him is to import it himself if he can get it cheaper at Buffalo, Detroit or any other place."

Blanket, taken from the bed, had been arranged in such a way, so that the hole could be covered when a jail official approached.

Stanton carried over of the opinion that Stanton might have dug himself and companions out in a month if the nail had not worn out. Stanton claimed to be a returned soldier, but when he appeared in police court on Thursday, Major Osborne informed the magistrate that Stanton had been invalided home from England and had never seen actual fighting. It was further stated that Stanton had a bad record in the army. He will be sentenced on the five charges of burglary to which he pleaded guilty when he appears before the magistrate on Thursday next.

Stanton was removed from the northeast ward, in which he made the attempt at jail delivery, to a portion of the jail where he can be constantly watched.

NEGRO SOLDIER ADMITS THAT HE STABBED DOCTOR

Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Victoria Hospital House Surgeon.

COMPANION FINED \$200

Had Bottle of Whiskey in Possession When Physicians Tried to Handle Them.

Higgins Hughes, a colored soldier, a native of South Carolina, pleaded guilty in police court today to assaulting and wounding Dr. A. G. Baisley, house surgeon at Victoria Hospital, on Friday night. He was remanded to jail for a week for sentence. The maximum penalty provided for the crime is three years imprisonment. Theodore Daigle, another soldier, who was arrested with Higgins, pleaded guilty to two charges of disorderly conduct and a second of having an unsealed bottle of liquor in his possession at the hospital, which constituted a violation of Section 41 of the Ontario temperance act. On the latter charge he was fined \$200 and costs, or three months in jail, and was remanded for sentence on the disorderly charge.

"I take the time because it's a cinch," he said. "I decided I would be just as well off in jail as any other place," said Daigle. Captain Macdonald, representing the military authorities, said Daigle had a bad record in the army, and as a military authorities would not interest themselves in his behalf.

Hughes, who is a powerfully built man, claimed he stabbed Dr. Schell the latter had struck him three times.

Dr. Schell stated to the court that he had been attacked and been stung by a nurse to the tuberculosis ward because she suspected Hughes and Daigle to be intoxicated.

Daigle has put up a fight when an effort was made to put him in his room. Hughes interfered, and when Dr. Schell attempted to put Hughes in his room, the latter pulled an open jackknife from his belt and cut the doctor on the face several times. The suit worn by Dr. Schell was produced, and was cut in twenty places, where Hughes had drawn the knife across it.

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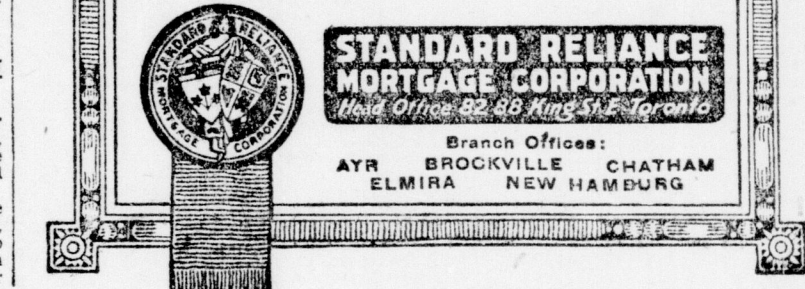
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And with the finer appreciation of our homes comes also a deeper sense of the duty that rests upon us to make these homes healthy, happy, useful centres of education, comfort, rest and pleasure.

And so this Christmas let us resolve to make one supreme gift to the home first, something that will be a step toward the right, and then to do what we can for individuals after.

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Question To Be Voted On at Municipal Elections Has Vital Interest to Ratepayers of London—Quarter Million in Taxation Lost Last Year.

Shall the city of London abolish all tax exemptions?

This is the pertinent question which the electors of the city of London are to answer by ballot on election day. The bylaw is admittedly a drastic step from the municipal policy hitherto followed. But the motive which led the city fathers to prepare and submit such a bylaw is that they believe that it is time that the churches and other exempted property should pay their share of the city's expenses. Today they are out of all proportion when compared with the full assessment.

The bylaw undoubtedly involves a when change in policy. It will mean that every institution within the boundaries of the city shall pay taxes. It will mean the abolition of the pernicious "fixed assessment." It will add materially to the assessable property of the city and the consequent increase in the taxes and a lowering of the tax rate.

\$7,155,000 Exempt.

At the present time the total value of the property, land and buildings in the city, free from taxation is \$7,155,000. This is made up of \$2,000,000 exempted by bylaw; \$565,000 assessment reductions; and \$4,625,000 total exemptions.

Had this huge amount been taxed last year it would have paid \$212,283 in taxes into the city treasury. In many cases it would have meant that the city would have taken the money out of one pocket and placed it in the other, but the net increase in the taxes would have been material.

The feature of the proposed taxation which is bound to meet with the strongest opposition is the assessment of churches. In this connection the city has been held up to the ridicule of advanced legislation. It seems entitled to this name. It was the first to grant tax exemption to churches, the first to adopt single tax and the first to tax churches.

West-Side Churches.

Several cities in the West have abolished the exemption of churches. In some cases the churches have been taxed on the land values only. Where there is a single tax the land upon which the church is situated is taxed, but in some cases the churches have been exempted. The churches of the West opposed the action vigorously, but where it has been adopted they have adopted themselves to the new conditions, and so far none of them are known to have taken any action against or been sold for taxes.

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The exemptions are provided for by the assessment act. It frees all crown lands, places of worship and lands, burying grounds, universities, high

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Here are the figures:

C. C. churches	\$1,365,502
Public schools	1,245,150
Dominion Government	144,250
Ontario Government	1,115,000
County property	175,000
L. and P. S. Railway	75,304
Van-Sect. Institute	186,650
R. C. institutions	377,470
Separate schools	95,900
Anglican churches	237,200
Baptist churches	73,100
Congregational churches	23,500
Jewish churches	9,250
Methodist churches	304,300
Presbyterian churches	186,500
Salvation Army	26,400
Miscellaneous	43,800
Total	\$6,425,308

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The fixed assessments are:

McClary's	\$314,900
G. W. C. A.	83,228
Globe Casket	86,500
D. S. Perrin	107,900
E. L. Leonard	24,280
Wortman & Ward	34,980
London Foundry	9,560
Total	\$662,908

Reduction in assessment:

V. W. C. A.	\$20,000
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LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:

Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 70,498,667.26
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	182,488,715.55
Total	\$252,987,382.81

Notes of the Bank in Circulation..... 28,159,351.49

Balance due to Dominion Government..... 14,582,659.38

Balances due to other Banks in Canada..... 364,787.53

Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries..... 5,801,808.96

Bills Payable..... 6,166,396.49

Acceptances under Letters of Credit..... 5,510,310.96

Total..... **\$307,703,795.76**

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

Capital Stock Paid in	12,911,700.00
Reserve Fund	14,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	564,264.53
Total	14,564,264.53

Dividend No. 12 (at 12 per cent. per annum), payable December 1st, 1917..... 387,351.00

Dividends Unclaimed..... 7,075.23

Total..... **\$94,426.23**

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ASSETS

Current Coin	\$ 16,079,830.91
Dominion Notes	18,284,444.75
Deposits in the Central Gold Reserves	16,000,000.00
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	643,585.00
Notes of other Banks in Canada	15,283,364.45
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	229,868.41
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	10,704,338.84
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	23,322,197.31
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	21,586,545.77
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	12,777,503.85
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada	14,574,136.32
Total	\$165,836,706.79

Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)..... \$102,358,027.10

Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)..... 53,764,037.92

Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)..... 490,064.82

Real Estate other than Bank Premises..... 1,114,552.61

Bank Premises, at more than cost, less amounts written off..... 6,371,329.66

Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra..... 5,510,310.96

Other Assets not included in the foregoing..... 129,156.96

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1916	\$52,346.28
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	2,327,979.51
Total	\$ 3,180,325.79

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

Dividends Nos. 118, 119, 120 and 121, at 12 per cent. per annum	\$ 1,549,404.00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00
Written off Bank Premises	250,000.00
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	128,357.26
Contribution to Patriotic Fund	60,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund	528,300.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	564,264.53
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RESERVE FUND

Balance at Credit 30th November, 1916	\$ 12,560,000.00
Premium on New Capital Stock issued to Quebec Bank Shareholders	911,700.00
Transferred from Profit and Loss Account	528,300.00
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July, barley closed lower for December and 1/2c lower for May. Flax closed 3c lower for December, 6c lower for January, and 2 1/2c lower for May. 76 1/2c; extra No. 1 feed, 76 1/2c; No. 1 feed, 76c; No. 2 feed, 75 1/2c; No. 3 feed, 75c; No. 4 feed, 74 1/2c; No. 5 feed, 74c; No. 6 feed, 73 1/2c; No. 7 feed, 73c; No. 8 feed, 72 1/2c; No. 9 feed, 72c; No. 10 feed, 71 1/2c; No. 11 feed, 71c; No. 12 feed, 70 1/2c; No. 13 feed, 70c; No. 14 feed, 69 1/2c; No. 15 feed, 69c; No. 16 feed, 68 1/2c; No. 17 feed, 68c; No. 18 feed, 67 1/2c; No. 19 feed, 67c; No. 20 feed, 66 1/2c; No. 21 feed, 66c; No. 22 feed, 65 1/2c; No. 23 feed, 65c; No. 24 feed, 64 1/2c; No. 25 feed, 64c; No. 26 feed, 63 1/2c; No. 27 feed, 63c; No. 28 feed, 62 1/2c; No. 29 feed, 62c; No. 30 feed, 61 1/2c; No. 31 feed, 61c; No. 32 feed, 60 1/2c; No. 33 feed, 60c; No. 34 feed, 59 1/2c; No. 35 feed, 59c; No. 36 feed, 58 1/2c; No. 37 feed, 58c; No. 38 feed, 57 1/2c; No. 39 feed, 57c; No. 40 feed, 56 1/2c; No. 41 feed, 56c; No. 42 feed, 55 1/2c; No. 43 feed, 55c; No. 44 feed, 54 1/2c; No. 45 feed, 54c; No. 46 feed, 53 1/2c; No. 47 feed, 53c; No. 48 feed, 52 1/2c; No. 49 feed, 52c; No. 50 feed, 51 1/2c; No. 51 feed, 51c; No. 52 feed, 50 1/2c; No. 53 feed, 50c; No. 54 feed, 49 1/2c; No. 55 feed, 49c; No. 56 feed, 48 1/2c; No. 57 feed, 48c; No. 58 feed, 47 1/2c; No. 59 feed, 47c; No. 60 feed, 46 1/2c; No. 61 feed, 46c; No. 62 feed, 45 1/2c; No. 63 feed, 45c; No. 64 feed, 44 1/2c; No. 65 feed, 44c; No. 66 feed, 43 1/2c; No. 67 feed, 43c; No. 68 feed, 42 1/2c; No. 69 feed, 42c; No. 70 feed, 41 1/2c; No. 71 feed, 41c; No. 72 feed, 40 1/2c; No. 73 feed, 40c; No. 74 feed, 39 1/2c; No. 75 feed, 39c; No. 76 feed, 38 1/2c; No. 77 feed, 38c; No. 78 feed, 37 1/2c; No. 79 feed, 37c; No. 80 feed, 36 1/2c; No. 81 feed, 36c; No. 82 feed, 35 1/2c; No. 83 feed, 35c; No. 84 feed, 34 1/2c; No. 85 feed, 34c; No. 86 feed, 33 1/2c; No. 87 feed, 33c; No. 88 feed, 32 1/2c

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COFFEE 50c per pound
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 250 Dundas St.
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RAISIN BREAD

For CHRISTMAS DINNER

This bread, made of finest ingredients and containing California Raisins and Peel, will be ready for Christmas trade Monday morning.

AN IDEAL PUDDING

Can be made from it by adding a little sauce.

Don't forget to order a loaf of our Special Dressing Bread. Just the thing for filling for that Christmas fowl.

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 The Breadman
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has been acknowledged by the shrewdest housewives as the most wholesome, deliciously satisfying loaf baked in London today.

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NEAL BAKING CO. NOT OPERATING IN BRANTFORD
 The manager of the Neal Baking Company, Limited, believes that recent press reports of the bread bakers' fight at Brantford have unintentionally placed his company in a false light in the eyes of the public, and the management wish it distinctly understood that their product is not sold in the city of Brantford, and furthermore that the company is not interested in any bread company or business in that city, either directly or indirectly. Mr. Bridge, the local manager, also points out that Neal's bread is sold only at the uniform price of 10c per 24-ounce standard loaf to everyone.

FURS for Christmas
BELTZ & CO.

TO HELP HALIFAX.
 KINCARDINE, Dec. 21. — A relief fund has been opened in the two weeks here for the benefit of the Halifax sufferers. On Sunday special collections will be taken in every church in town.

CHRISTMAS LEATHER GOODS

Are You Going Home For Christmas or to Visit Friends?

Do You Need a Traveling Bag?

We are offering some special in Club Bags and Suit Cases for Christmas.

CLUB BAGS
 From \$3.75 to \$25.00

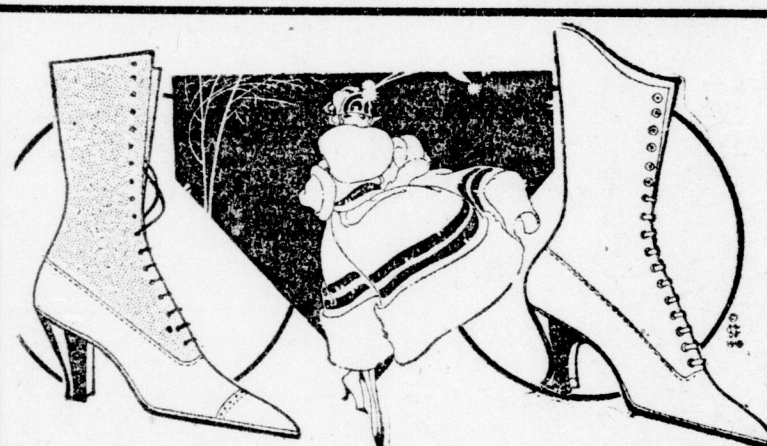
SUIT CASES
 From \$1.45 to \$8.00

TRUNKS IN ALL STYLES.
 From \$4.50 to \$25.00

COLLAR BOXES
 At \$1.48

CLUB BAG FITTINGS
 From \$4.50 to \$10.00

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Good Old Christmas Time

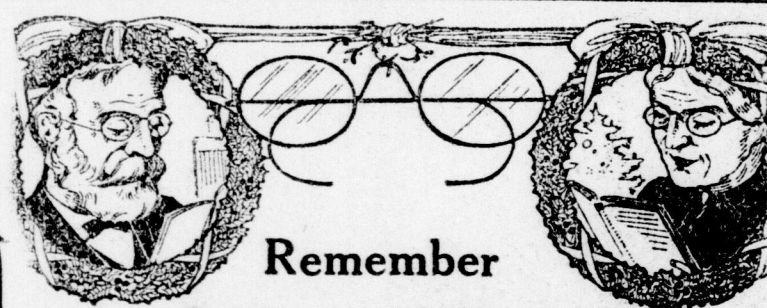
Always finds this store busy, giving good quality, courteous service and guaranteed satisfaction in the latest and best of **BOOTS AND SHOES, SLIPPERS AND LEATHER NOVELTIES.** Never have we been more busy than now. Our patrons have found our stock and service helps to do away with the usual Christmas worries, because it is easy to make choice here. A full stock means many opportunities for cultured selections.

SLIPPERS
 Men's Cozy Felt \$1.00 to \$3.00
 Ladies' 85c to \$2.75
 Misses' Cozy Felt 45c up
 Children's Cozy Felt 45c up

TRAVELING BAGS
 Extra Fine Quality Club Bags, ladies' or men's sizes \$7 to \$10
 Ladies' Motor Hand Bags, New York made, include toilet fittings \$8 to \$18
 Ladies' Leather Hand Bags, extra special \$1.00
 Others \$1.50 to \$3.00

NOVELTY GIFTS IN LEATHER.
 Billfold Wallets, Pass Cases, Calling Card Cases, Cigarette Cases, etc., from 60c to \$5.00

COOK'S SELECT SHOE STORE
 The Store That Serves You Best.



Remember Father and Mother

The present for the "Old Folks" should be something helpful—something that will lessen the burden of their old age.

A pair of **GLASSES**, specially ground to suit their eyes, will enable them to read and sew with the ease and accuracy of their youth.

We are making a specialty of spectacleware this Christmas and have a scheme whereby glasses can be suitably presented as a gift.

MAKE IT GLASSES FOR THE OLD FOLKS
The Brown Optical Co.
 223 DUNDAS STREET. PHONE 1877.



The Purdom Hardware Co.

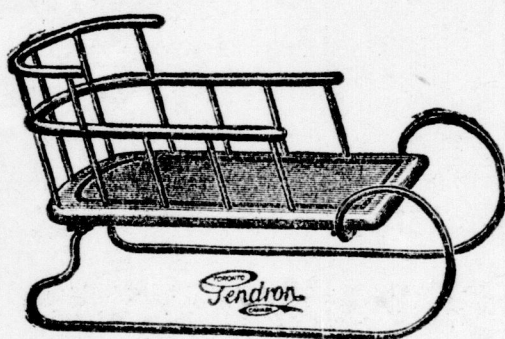
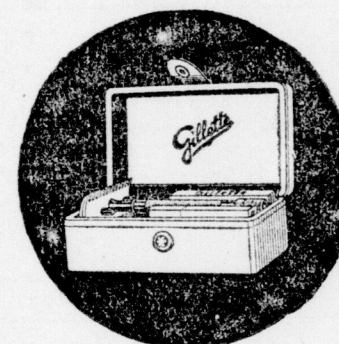
OUR STORE IS FULL OF ALL-YEAR-ROUND USEFUL GIFTS.

NUT CRACKERS AND PICKS
 Nut Cracker and Six Picks. Price only 50c set
 Nut Crackers, only 25c pair
 One-Arm Man's Knife and Fork. Price \$1.50

CHILD'S SETS Knife, Fork and Spoon
 All silver, in box. Price 25c set
 All steel, in box. Price 25c set
 Steel Knife, Silver Spoon and Fork. Price \$1.00 set
 Pearl Handle Knife, Silver Spoon and Fork. Price \$1.25 set

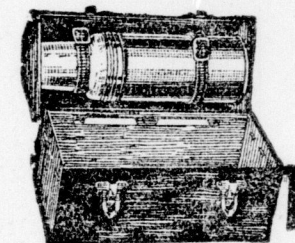
GILLETTE'S SAFETY RAZORS

Prices \$5.00, \$6.50
 Auto-Strip Razor \$5.00
 Old Style English Razors. Prices \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50
 Rubber Set Brushes 50c
 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50



SLEIGHS, COASTERS AND SKATES

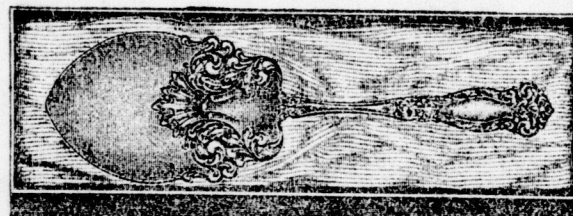
Children's Rail Sleighs, same as cut. Price \$1.75
 Flat Steel Runners 25c, 30c
 Coasters, Kiddo Sleighs \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00
 Baby Cutters, red, \$9.00; white, \$10.00
 Girls' Sleighs, Prices 60c, \$1.35
 "Starr" Skates, made in Canada. Prices \$1.00 pair up to \$5.50



VACUUM LUNCH SETS
 Complete with vacuum bottle. Prices \$2.75 and \$3.50
 Vacuum bottles \$1.50 each up

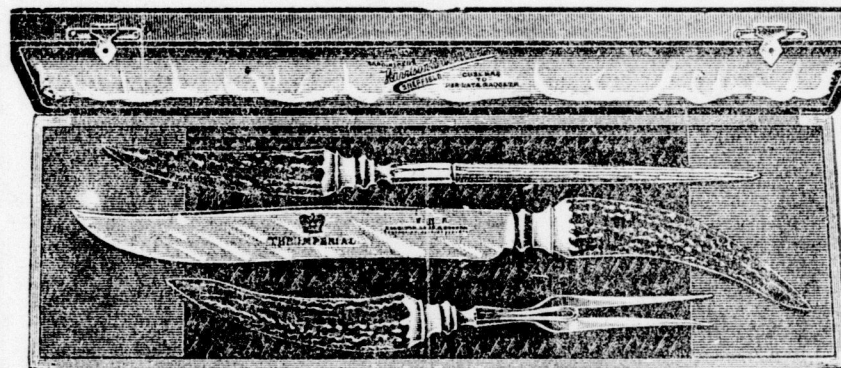
FRETWORKER'S OUTFIT—Complete, on card. Price \$1.00 set
 100 only Ever-Ready Flashlights. Regular \$1.25, at only 89c each

Brass Ink Wells. Prices \$1.00, \$1.25
 Brass Cuspidors \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50
 Crumb Trays and Scraper 75c each up
 Crumb Trays and Brush \$1.50 each up
 Brass Hot Water Heater \$1.25 each to \$4.50



Community Par-Plate Silverware

Sugar Shells. Price 50c each
 Cold Meat Forks. Price \$1.25 each
 Berry Spoons. Price, gilt \$1.75
 Berry Spoons. Price, silver \$1.25
 Coffee Spoons, 6 in case \$1.50 case
 Orange Spoons, 6 in case \$2.50 case
 Teaspoons, 6 in case \$1.50 case

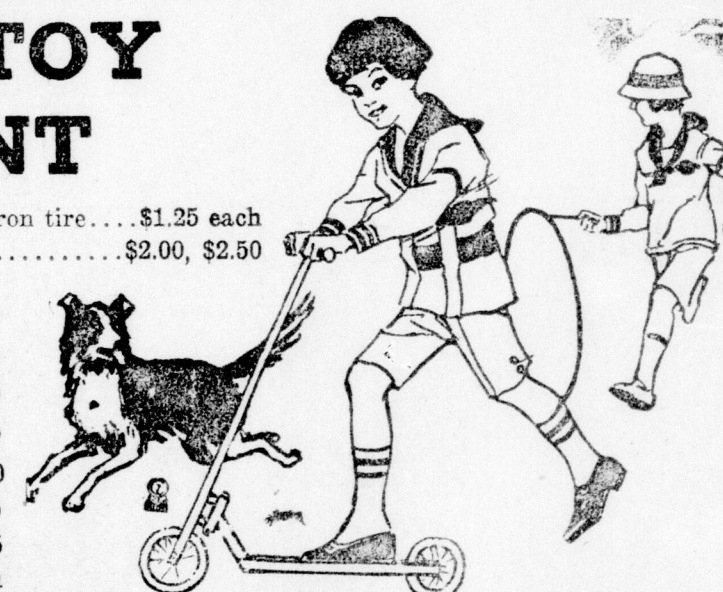


ENGLISH CARVING SETS AND TABLE CUTLERY.

Carving Sets, in case. Prices \$2.50 up to \$20.00
 Carving Sets, in pairs. Price \$2.50 up
 Stainless Steel Dessert Knives \$12.00 dozen; Table Knives, \$14.00
 Ordinary Table Knives and Forks \$25.00 set of 6 each
 Joseph Rogers' Jackknives 85c, 95c, \$1.00 each
 Other Pocket Knives 25c up to \$3.00 each

CHILDREN'S TOY DEPARTMENT

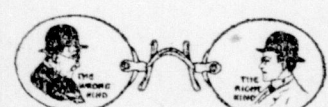
GO CYCLES, 2 iron wheels 75c each
 GO CYCLES, 2 rubber tire wheels \$1.25 each
 KIDDIE KARS \$2.00, \$2.50
 SKUDDER KARS, Price \$7.00 each
 ROCKING HORSES, small ones \$1.50
 ROCKING HORSES, large ones \$4.00
 VELOCIPEDS. Prices \$3.00 up to \$5.50
 AUTO WHEEL COASTER WAGON \$2.50, \$7.00
 CASTLE BUILDERS. Price 50c up to \$6.00
 DUMP CARTS. Price \$1.75
 CHILD'S SNOWSHOVELS 35c and 50c each



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Taylor's 6 Cut-Rate Drug Stores.
 Taylor's Beef, Iron and Wine.
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 Regular \$1.00 for 50c at
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Clean up sale.
 Used tires, tubes and rims. Also a few new ones.

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 this Christmas will be quite the style. It's practical, and will be more than welcome. There's a wide range in this store. Come in and see.
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Buy a Brantford Bicycle

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Give Us One Trial
 on that pair of shoes you need repaired. Will call for them and guarantee satisfaction.
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