







Year-End Bargain Sale

Balance of our Christmas goods and several other lines, we are going to clear out at practically cost price. Now is your chance to secure some very useful articles for your home at the rock bottom price.

- 5 only Livingston Vacuum Sweepers, regular \$10.00, for \$6.89
1 only Baby Cutter, regular \$4.00, for \$2.50
3 Brass Toddy Kettles, reg. \$3.75, for \$2.75
3 Brass Hanging Baskets, reg. \$1.60, for \$1.19
5 Brass Hanging Baskets, reg. \$1.25, for 75c
4 Brass Hanging Baskets, reg. \$1.15, for 65c
3 Brass Hanging Baskets, reg. \$1.00, for 55c
2 Brass Fern Dishes, reg. \$1.25, for 95c
4 Brass Jardiniere, reg. \$3.75, for \$2.80
2 Brass Pedestals, 12-inch, reg. \$2.50, for \$1.49
1 Brass Pedestal, 25-inch, reg. \$4.00, for \$2.69
1 Brass Umbrella Stand, reg. \$3.10, for \$2.14
1 Brass Bird Cage, reg. \$1.75, for \$1.33
1 Brass Bird Cage, reg. \$2.25, for \$1.59
1 Brass Bird Cage, reg. \$2.75, for \$1.69
2 Brass Bird Cages, reg. \$8.00, for \$6.00
1 Brass Bird Cage, reg. \$5.00, for \$3.75

CITIZENS ASKED FOR INFORMATION FROM CANDIDATES

Fair-Sized Audience at City Hall Last Night.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS Industrial Bylaw, Tax-Rate and Other Matters Discussed.

Only a fair-sized audience was present at the meeting held last evening in the city hall for the discussion of municipal questions. Mayor Stevenson, Controller Gammage, ex-Ald. Donnelly, George D. Kettle and others gave addresses. E. H. Russell was chairman.

The asphalt people agreed to sell the city all the material required. Only Saved \$250. Ex-Ald. Donnelly said that reductions had been made in the cost of paving in the past two years.

It is believed that if the various bodies were represented in a "clearing-house," a saving to the city and an unification of the work would ensue. The city council, at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon, amended the procedure bylaw, reducing the number of council committees from four to two.

COUNCIL TO HAVE TWO COMMITTEES

Procedure Bylaw-Amended to Reduce Number Next Year.

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PATRIOTIC TOASTS MARK GOODFELLOWS' BANQUET

Bandsmen of Lambton Battalion Had Most Enjoyable Evening.

The Musical Goodfellows' Society of the 149th Battalion brass band held a very successful banquet in the Dominion Cafe on Thursday evening. Bandsmen Thomas Wright filled the position of master of ceremonies.

Who would we like to see again? Hodder.

This concluded a very pleasing and profitable evening, profitable in that it seemed to strengthen the bonds of friendship that have been instrumental in holding the band together.

WILL VISIT MASONS

D. D. G. M. Dr. Ziegler to Go Over Whole District. Dr. C. H. Ziegler, D. D. G. M. for London district, No. 2, A. F. and A. M., has arranged his official visits for the winter term.



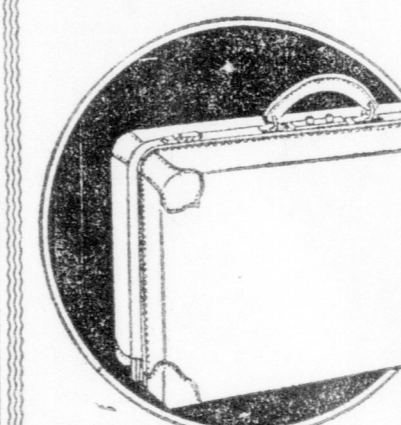
Record-Breaking Year-End Sale Millinery and Furs

ANY WINTER HAT Up To \$12.00 To Be Cleared Out at \$3.95. We offer, without restriction, any Winter Hat, that formerly sold at prices up to \$12.00, at the sale price of \$3.95.

WESTMAN HARDWARE PHONES 2420-360. 121 DUNDAS STREET.

All Week AT THE LYRIC GRAND PATRIOTIC PROGRAM INCLUDING: THE KING'S VISIT TO THE FRONT, THE MAKING OF CANADIAN MUNITIONS, HOW CANADA'S WOUNDED ARE CARED FOR. MATINEE at 2:30 P.M. EVENING at 7:15 and 9

Controlled Gammage. Controller W. W. Gammage asked for the support of the electors. He felt that his business and municipal experience would enable him to deal with the city's problems.

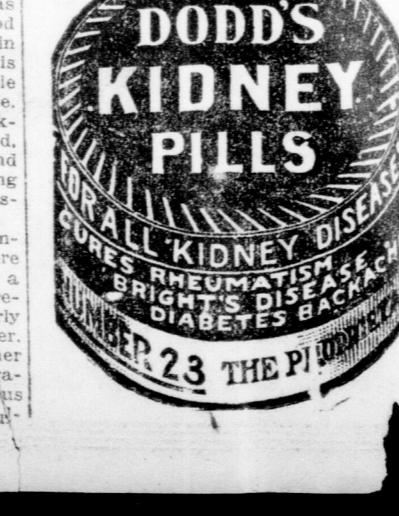


LONDON'S LEATHER HOUSE GREAT VALUE IN SUITCASES. Fibre Suitcases, 22, 24, 26 inches... \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50

Saturday Sale of Odd Garments and Lines Savings of 25% to 50%. 36 Fine Winter Overcoats, in smart new style, including Balmacaan, Shawl Collars, Ulster and Form-Fitting styles.



R. J. YOUNG & CO.





London Advertiser

Member Audit Bureau of Circulation

Morning Edition... Evening Edition... Telephone Numbers... London, Ont., Friday, Dec. 29.

"regrets very much" that the British, Australians and Canadians were "filled up with whiskey" for the Somme attack.

CALLS DOWN THE CURSE.

The British League is a curse to the city. "Ald. Gross, candidate for the Kitchener mayoralty."

THE PROBLEM REMAINS.

In office, with the responsibility of government on his shoulders, Sir Sam Hughes was not a conscientious objector.

Willie Smith Has Hardly Been Speaking to Anyone Since the Day the Postman Let Him Walk Ahead and Blow the Whistle.



The Advertiser's Daily Short Story (Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

The Alderman's O. K.

Frederick Crandall's friends spoke of him as "the writer," to which he inevitably chuckled. "That's what puts grub under my belt."

THE VOTERS' ALPHABET

- A for Accountant, Assistant and Agent. Also Assessor for taxes you'll pay, cents. B is a Ballot for Bountiful Baker. Who sells his bread by the cubical acre.

My wife and daughter and this gentleman, Mr. Arnold, a notary," he explained by way of introduction.

Wait a Minute!

Edgar A. Guest wrote the last two stanzas of that "best" poem on Thursday morning. We failed to give him credit for it.

40 below zero to see them hike around. Can you beat it? WHO'S TO BLAME? Who's to blame for the rumors?

THE WAR-WORKER.

I left her. Just a little bit of fluff—High heels and frills and powdered noses.

DOES THE STATE NEED SAVING NOW?

CANADA dabbles with its great problems, its greatest problem, that of securing 500,000 men for the war.

Without much urging and with a desire to do the right thing by the country the original British cabinet went in for coalition.

Does the state need saving now? That is the question that must be faced by every Canadian.

Why wait further and seek to move men by moral suasion or clairvoyance? Why seek to save the state when it is too late.

Why does Washington, the neutral, show the greatest excitement when there are happenings in the war zone?

A PRINCELY LIAR.

AN interview given to Oswald P. Schutte of the Chicago Daily News, the German commander of all the armies on the Somme front.

LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY REDUCED RATES ACCOUNT NOV YEAR Good going Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1. Return limit Jan. 2.

Traction Company EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 17 To St. Thomas and Port Stanley—7:30 a.m., 9:30, 11:30, 1:30 p.m., 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:15 p.m.

NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS CANADIAN PACIFIC SINGLE FARE—Going December 30, 31 and January 1st. Return limit, January 2nd.

CUNARD LINE CANADIAN SERVICE LONDON TO HALIFAX via Plymouth. HALIFAX TO LONDON.

CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM Holiday Fares TRAVEL VIA THE Double Track Route New Year's Fares SINGLE FARE.

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

A "sameness" that is most enjoyable—the daily, unvarying goodness of a cup of "SEAL BRAND" COFFEE.

It never fails to greet you with that same exquisite fragrance, amber clearness and delightful flavour, that win people with the first cup.

RED CROSS AND C. W. C. A.

A recent number of that nonsensical periodical, which is often so prominently wise, Life, mentioned a few of the things for which the American nation should return thanks to Providence.

"Death and Night. And tyrant Wrong, and endless Wrong Turn her no inch from Truth and Right!"

No words can picture what she suffers; her village are hospitals, her wounded lack the necessities for relief of pain, her soldiers march dazedly to the trenches in rage.

Rev. T. S. Lincoln, D.D. (All Rights Reserved.)

What do you consider will be the result of the scenes on the judgment day?

Den. 2—Jesus Christ the First and the Last. Rev. 1 Golden Text: "For I am the first and the last, and they that are with me will live, and I will be with them, and I will be with them, and I will be with them."

INSIST ON DENT'S GLOVES



Dent's Gloves for New Year's Gifts. A gift of Dent's Gloves will come to your lady friend as a delicate compliment.

INSIST ON DENT'S

Rideau Hall Coffee advertisement with logo and text: "is famous for its delicious flavor and rare aroma. It is skillfully blended, roasted, ground and sealed in tins."

Advertiser Patterns



A COMFORTABLE UNDER-GARMENT. 1885—Ladies' Combination of Corset Cover and Drawers.

ADVERTISER PATTERN DEPT. Please send above-mentioned pattern, as per directions given below, to:

Name: Province: Age (if child's or miss's pattern): Measurement: Bust: Waist:

To Make Hand-Knitted Socks

Directions for Soldier Socks Issued by Red Cross Society.

So many requests have reached Miss Grey for copies of knitting regulations for soldiers' socks that all her extra copies of the directions have been sent out today.

Why He Jined. Early last year a patriotic grocer in a small Scotch village decided that either he or his assistant must go.

That Liver is No Good. That is so lazy it lets the skin do part of its work. The skin turns 'em out.

An Interesting List of Bargains

and Good Values for the Last Saturday of 1916, at Gray's

CLEARANCE OF CHILDREN'S DRESSES

These are all this season's styles, in serge, mercerized poplin and corduroy velvet, marked at very special prices for quick clearance.

MERCERIZED POPLIN DRESSES

Children's Poplin Dresses, with cuffs and sailor collar of white pique, skirts with box pleats and black velvet girdles; sizes and colors as follows: 3 and 5 years in sage blue, 4 and 6 years in Nile green, and 4 years in rose; regular \$3.25. Sale price Saturday \$2.50.

CHILDREN'S SERGE DRESSES

Smart little dresses are these, in navy blue serge, with pleated skirts, neat red embroidery on vest front, plaid pipings and sailor collar; in sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10 years; regular \$3.75. Sale price Saturday \$2.95.

SERGE AND CORDUROY VELVET DRESSES

Children's Navy Serge Dresses, in middie style, pleated skirts with white cotton body; may be worn with another middie; middie waist, made with sailor collar and yoke, white lacing in front; one number with self girdle, collar and cuffs, others with white serge; in sizes 8, 10 and 12 years; regular \$5.00. Sale price Saturday \$3.75.

Items of Special Interest in the Staple Department

- 20 pairs of Wool Blankets, very special value, at \$3.85 pair. 12 Comforters of extra heavy quality, in red or green Paisley patterns. Special clearance price \$1.50 each.

Hosiery and Underwear Specially Priced for Saturday

MISSES' AND SMALL WOMEN'S COMBINATIONS, WORTH \$1.75 A SUIT. CLEARING AT 98c. This is one of the best underwear bargains we've ever offered.

Special Clearance of Winter Millinery

HATS WORTH UP TO \$12.00 FOR \$6.00. We have only four dozen Trimmed Hats in our showrooms, all new and exclusive models in tailored and dress styles, in black and colors; they are worth up to \$12.00.

Ladies' Hose Specially Priced for Saturday, Only 35c Pair

These are Fine-Ribbed All-Wool Black Hose, in sizes 9, 9 1/4 and 10. On sale for the one day only at 35c pair.

Special Clearance of Ladies' Fancy Collars

Fine White Organdy Collars and Vests, plain and lace trimmed, in high and low effects; regular 25c to 75c. To clear Saturday at 18c each.

Ladies' Leather Handbags Clearing at 25c Each

These are a lot of odd Handbags in sued, and grain leather, with strap handles; regularly 50c to \$1.00. To clear Saturday at 25c each.

Gray's LIMITED advertisement with logo and address: 140 DUNDAS STREET, Phone 115, 116.

SOLVING THE SERVANT PROBLEM

One Housewife Tells of Her Experience With a "Day-Worker."

The difficulties in the way of obtaining efficient domestic service are a common story and many remedies have been suggested, but none so far as effective as the plan of a housekeeper who decided on partial assistance worked out well in her case.

WHY MEN EAT MORE THAN WOMEN. That man eat 5 per cent or 6 per cent more than women—not because they are gluttons, but because they actually require that much more nutriment.

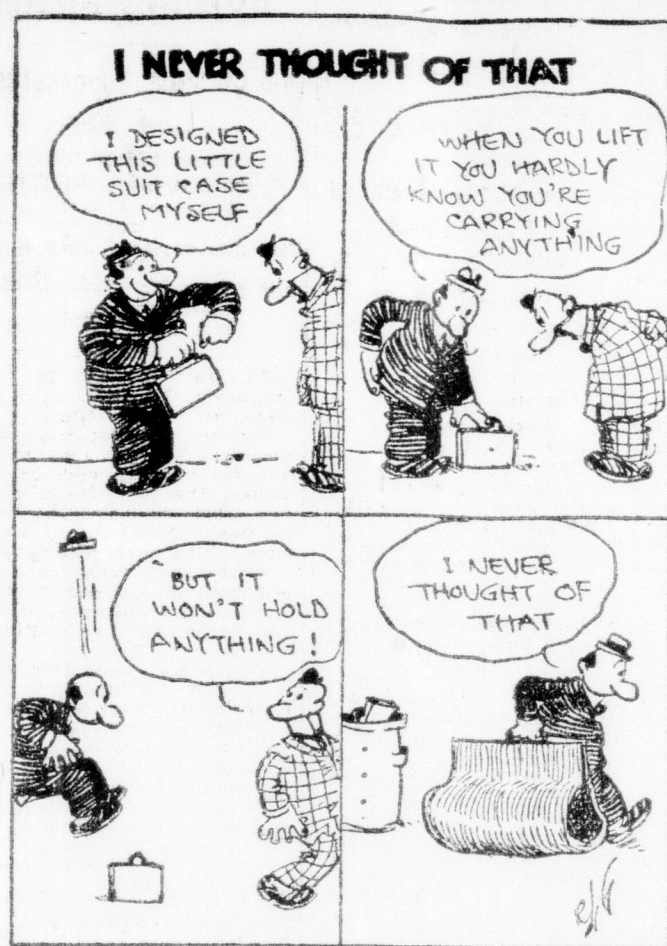
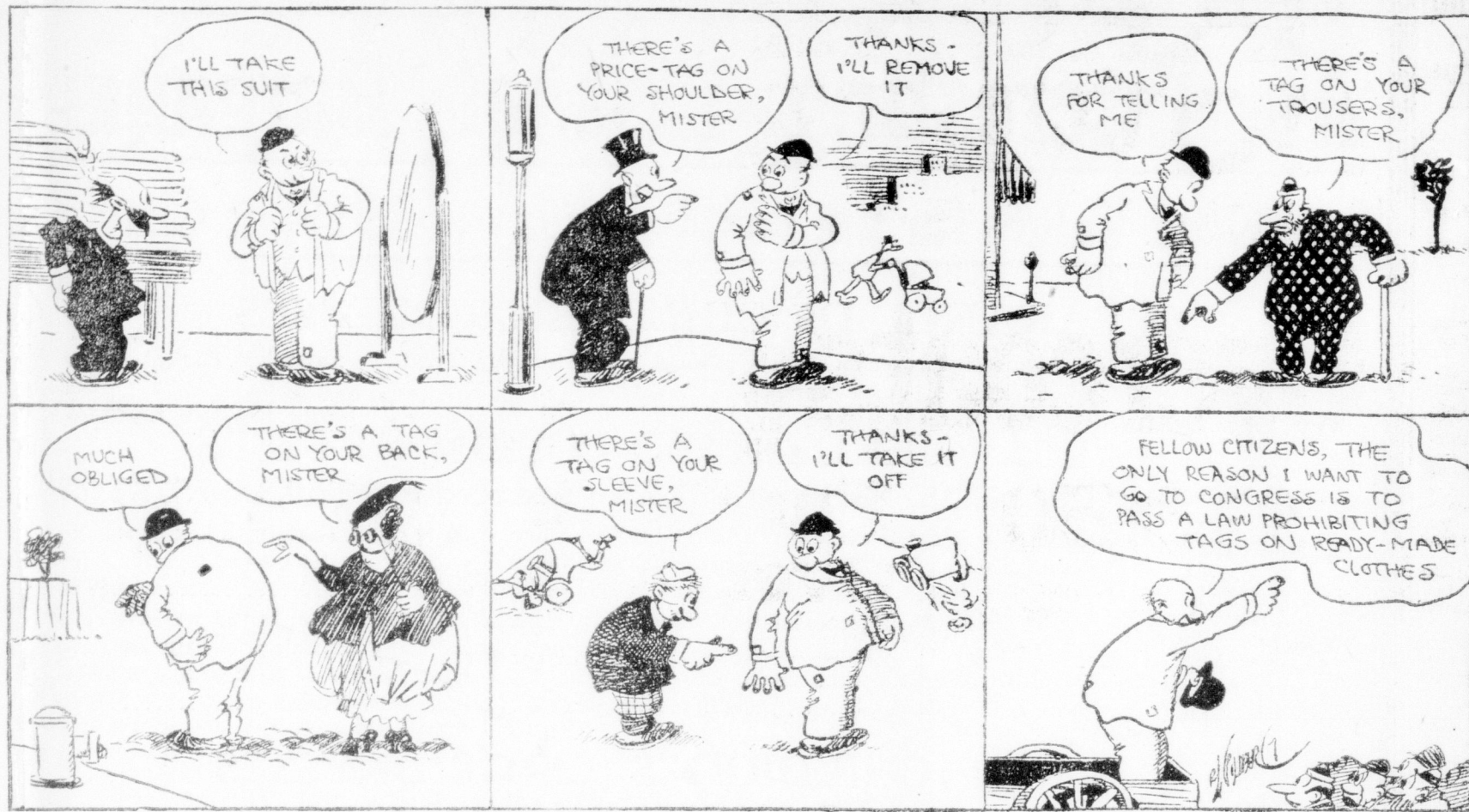
Lifebuoy Soap, 5c. A CLEANER AND A DISINFECTANT.

VEGETABLES DIRECT TO CONSUMER. Spinach, peck 30c. Brussels Sprouts, box 30c.

Flowers are the ideal gift. They bespeak the joy of the giver in giving.

COMPASS OIL. Say! Advise that friend of yours who has caught a sniff up nose a few times.

STRAIGHT NEWS AND SIDE SLANTS ON SPORT



DARCY EXPECTS TO MEET CARPENTIER BEFORE LONG

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The probability of a bout between Les Darcy, the Australian, and Georges Carpentier, the Parisian boxer, who is at present in the French aviation corps, seems to be close. Tex Rickard announced yesterday that he had received word from France that Georges Carpentier's contract to box any man that would meet him was signed and is now on its way to this country. Rickard expects to hear any day that the big French boxer has been granted a furlough, and will be able to come to this side of the water for one or more bouts.

TONY ZOCCANO AND YOUNG BATTLING BROWN TO MEET

Articles Signed for Bout to Be Staged in City on Jan. 11.

SARNIA INTERMEDIATES ARE READY FOR THE FRAZEE

Imperial City Septette Will Make the Queen City Riversides Step Some.

Strategy is the Thing in Big League Battles

Close Games Are Decided by Quick Thinking of Shrewd Managers—Gameness Also Important Asset, According to Umpire.

By BILLY EVANS. (American League Umpire) Managers are compelled to use varied methods to get results. A certain star to be at his best must be handled with kid gloves. To get good results with some other athletes the manager must out in with the rough stuff. There is an outfielder, and a mighty good one, of the American League, who owns his big league berth, as well as much of his success, to a right swing and left upper-cut, both of which landed on the jaw of another member of the same team, and resulted in said athlete taking the count.

ANOTHER HESPERIAN WRECK

It was old Father Hesperus Out on a shopping spree, And he carried his little daughter along To keep his company.

118th Batt. and Preston Seniors To Play Tonight

Hockey Season To Be Opened Locally at London Curling Club Rink This Evening.

At the London Curling Club rink tonight the local hockey season will be inaugurated with what promises to be a fast game between the 118th Battalion and the Preston senior hockey team.

Million-Dollar Golf Course for Wealthy Canadians in U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—One of the finest golf courses in the country, with initial expenditures amounting to more than a million dollars, is to be laid out on 1,400 acres of ground near Somerville, N. J., for the benefit of wealthy Canadians residing in New York and Philadelphia, it was announced here today.

"TUB" SPENCER TO COACH SANTA CLARA BALL TEAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—"Tub" Spencer, the Detroit catcher, was signed today by Manager Joe Aurreschea of Santa Clara college to officiate as baseball coach of the Mission team.

LAWN TENNIS HAS GROWN IN POPULARITY IN U. S.

National Association Presents Review of Season of 1916.

Bowling

Table with columns: Manufacturer's League, The Standing, Won, Lost, Pct.

MANAGER JOHNNY GANZEL WANTS TO BUY THE CLUB

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—John Ganzel, recently appointed manager of the Kansas City club of the American Association, has opened negotiations for the purchase of the club, Thomas J. Hickey, president of the association, announced here today.

"Y" JUNIOR'S BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATS OLD BOYS

In a game of basketball at the Y. M. C. A. last evening the "Y" juniors defeated a team of "Old Boys," the latter having been selected from former "Y" members home on Christmas holidays.

PROMOTERS' OFFERS TO DARCY TOTAL \$127,000

Australian Wonder Stands a Chance to Clean Up Fortune in U. S.

ONTARIO TEAMS PRACTICE

The Ontario tankard teams had a fine workout at the Thistle Club last night. A. M. Heaman skipped Sid Swift's rink owing to Mr. Swift's illness.

TEBEAU DENIES HE WAS CONSIDERING SALE OF CLUB.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—George Tobeau, owner of the Kansas City Baseball Club in the American Association, in a telegram from Miami, Fla., last night, denied he was considering the sale of the team to John Ganzel, his new manager, as was reported recently.

EAST AND WEST BATTLE FOR GRIDIRON SUPREMACY

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 28.—The Oregon and Pennsylvania football teams, which will meet here next Tuesday in the year's biggest East vs. West gridiron struggle, arrived here today and immediately began practice for the coming contest.



IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD

OTTAWA

TO THE MUNITIONS WORKERS OF CANADA.

The Imperial Minister of Munitions has entrusted to the manufacturers of Canada and their work people, the production of an important percentage of the shells which will be used at the front.

If we, who produce munitions at home, are to be worthy of the men who have gone to the front, we must set aside comfort and ease and personal gratification, and give undivided attention to munitions output.

From a personal knowledge of the need, and personal contact with the suffering and the heroism of the men in the trenches, I urge the munitions workers, whether in the steel plant, or in the factory, to devote themselves with increased energy and unstinted time to the task of additional output.

Neither the soldier nor the sailor will have his New Year's Day free from duty. I appeal to the men and to the women engaged in munitions production in Canada, to forego Saturday afternoon, the 30th instant, and Monday, New Year's Day, and to continue at their work.

Yours truly,

Chairman.

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SWISS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH WILSON PEACE MANOEUVRES

President Makes Position of Little Republic Clear. TO ENFORCE NEUTRALITY Whole Nation, as Well as the Army, Ready To Defend It If Necessary.

Bologna, via Paris, Dec. 23.—President Schulthess has explained the part played by his country in the recent steps in favor of peace in an interview with Signor Quaielli, editor of the Resto del Carlino.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL, WHOSE DEATH OCCURRED TODAY FROM PNEUMONIA



Hon. T. C. Casgrain.

MEDICALLY UNFIT SOLDIERS NUMBER NEARLY 8,600 NOW

A Year Ago the Number Was Less Than 3,000.

OVER 2,700 IN SANATORIA

Additional Convalescent Hospitals Opened During Year.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—A year ago something less than three thousand Canadian soldiers had been returned to Canada as medically unfit. Their number has now increased to nearly 8,600.

There are today under treatment at the hospitals and sanatoria over 2,700 men. Two of the smaller hospitals have been closed during the year, the inmates being transferred to roomier premises.

ENGLAND'S NATIONAL DEBT. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The interest on the debt created under the war loans of 1914-15 amounted during the financial year ending March 31 last, to £28,445,858 according to a white paper issued today.

HON. T. C. CASGRAIN DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Cabinet Minister Succumbs to Illness of Ten Days.

DEATH WAS UNEXPECTED

Dead Statesman Had Brilliant Career as Jurist and Politician.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, postmaster-general, died this morning of pneumonia.

Was of Distinguished Family. Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain was a member of a distinguished Quebec family, son of the late Hon. Charles B. C. Casgrain, M. P., senator, and Charlotte Mary C., daughter of Thomas Chase of Detroit, Michigan.

Quebec Party Leader. One of the leaders of the Conservative party in Quebec, he sat for the County of Quebec in the Local House from 1884 to 1890, and for Montreal from 1892 to 1896. He subsequently represented Montmorency in the House of Commons from 1896 to 1904.

He was elected president of the Conservative Association of Quebec Province in 1909, succeeding Sir A. Lacoste. For some years he was identified with Le Journal Canadien as a director. A member of the Societe du Parler Francaise in Canada, he was president of the Club Lafontaine, Montreal, 1908-09.

He was twice married, the first time in May, 1878, to Marie Louise, daughter of the late Alex. Le Moune of Quebec.

BRILLIANT CANADIAN DASH INTO TRENCHES NOW IN WAR RECORD

One of Most Successful Feats of War.

FILMS WILL PICTURE IT

Cinematograph Catches Notable Attack for Historic Purposes.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—The following communiqué is issued from the Canadian army headquarters:

"One of the most successful raids ever carried out on the western front was executed this week by the Canadian forces. The raid was made in the early afternoon, while the low winter sun was still shining.

Artillery Opens With Crash. "Nevertheless, at the appointed moment our artillery barrage opened with a sudden crash, and a cloud of smoke was also liberated, isolating the area to be attacked. A covering fire from our machine guns added a deafening rattle to the stupendous melody of noise.

Swiftly Into Attack. "Swiftly our men went about their allotted tasks, following the communicating trenches back to the German supports and establishing protective belts, attacking and overrunning the guards and sentries. Special attention was paid to the dugouts, from which many Germans came out to surrender.

Retreat in Depth. "Considering the number of men employed in the attack, the extent of the trench captured, the depth to which the parties penetrated and the fact that we remained in possession of the German trenches for over two hours before withdrawing, this so-called raid really assumed the character of a very successful local offensive.

A similar account of the raid was reported in an Associated Press story, on Tuesday, the only difference being the eyewitness reported 59 prisoners, including one officer.

THERE'LL BE A BIG YEAR-END BARGAIN LIST AT DOWLER STORES LONDON SATURDAY ST. THOMAS

Overcoats \$13.50 Greys Browns, Blacks, Navys and Tweeds, Mixtures, some swaggar snappy Slip-ons, Chesterfields, form-fitting, for street and dress wear; big warm Ulsters and Raglans, two-way and shawl collars for driving and motor wear Overcoats, right up to \$22.00. All sizes in the lot, but only a few of each line. It will pay well to buy these for next winter.

Fur Collar Overcoats \$21.00 BRITISH MELTON OVERCOATS \$18.00 Pure wool, black and three shades of greys, handsome gentlemanly coats, with and without velvet collars; some serge twill and some satin lined. Sizes 35 to 42. All this season's make and below before-the-war prices.

Suits \$13.50 UNDERWEAR, HEAVY WOOL AND CASHMERE SOCKS, SHIRTS, SWEATERS AND SWEATER COATS, CAPS, TROUSERS, BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS AND BLOOMERS, WORK SHIRTS, MITTS, GLOVES AND OVERALLS.

GREAT SHIRT SALE, 69c \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 Shirts. This is for a quick clean up of all odd lines, slightly mussed after the big holiday trade. Come early. SPECIAL TROUSER SALE \$1.95 \$2.95 English-Worsted Finish Stripe Trousers, belt loops and side straps, good \$2.75 quality.

The Underwear Firm of Ontario Over half a carload of warm winter underwear in combinations and two-piece, natural wools, fine wools, cashmeres, heavy pure wool, rib, lambswool and wool fleece. Stanfield's heavy rib \$1.25 Penman's 70c wool fleece Stanfield's pure wool heavy rib unshrinkable \$1.75 and \$2.00 All the best makers' goods 45 dozen Standard 50c Neckwear. Special \$2.50

Our Work Goods Department Is constantly saving the buyers of Work Shirts, Overalls, Work Trousers, Storm Coats, Sheep Lined Coats, Waterproof Smocks, Mitts and Gloves, heavy warm wool Socks and Underwear from 10 to 40 per cent. "I saved a dollar and a half on these three pairs of overalls," remarked a customer a few days ago as he was handed his parcel. Peabody's \$1.75 Union Made Overalls. Special \$1.25 Blue Stripe Overalls, Gloves, All the new light shades, Ivory, Tan, White.

R. H. & J. DOWLER, LIMITED 176 AND 178 DUNDAS STREET.

SPECIAL PRICES

- Hand Sleighs ..... 25c up Hockey Sticks ..... 15c up Skates, from ..... 50c up Casseroles ..... \$1.95 up Jardinières ..... \$1.25 up Carving Sets ..... \$2.50 up Cross-Cut Saws ..... \$3.25 up Buck Saws ..... 75c up

Chown Hardware Co. Late Love Hardware Company 111 Dundas Street, Phone 588 Near Talbot.

Hotel Harrison Corner Talbot and King Streets. O. L. ROMER, Proprietor. SEE THE OLD YEAR OUT. THE NEW YEAR IN. With Good Things to Eat. Good Beer to Drink, at Our New-Year's Eve Dinner, \$1 11 p.m. Sunday, December 31, to 2 a.m. Monday, January 1. Cabaret performance and orchestra for the evening. Kindly reserve tables early. Phone 345. Menu Blue Point Cocktail. Celery Hearts. Chicken, with okra Consomme a la Colbert. Dame of British Columbia Salmon. Pomme de Terre Chateau. Lea & Perrin's Sauce. Stuffed Olives. Frogs' Legs in Crumbs. Puree Tomato Calves' Sweetbread. Glace Borelaise. Beignets Souffle au Kirsch. Young Vermont Turkey, with Dressing and Cranberry Sauce Merry Widow Salad. Baked Sweet Potatoes. Cream Potatoes. Canadian Peas. English Plum Pudding, Hard and Nutmeg Sauce. Deep Apple Pie and Whipped Cream. Charlotte Russe. Neapolitan Ice Cream. Fancy Cakes. Table Apples. Niagara Grapes. Navel Oranges. McLaren's Imperial Cheese. Reception Wafers. Oka Cheese. Tea. Coffee. Imported Frontenac Beer on Draught. God Save the King.

WEATHER AND FOGS HALT OFFENSIVE IN SECTOR OF SOMME

British Activities Interfered With by Conditions. RELIEVE FRENCH FORCES

CHARLES CROWLEY ADMITS MAKING TRIPS TO CANADA

Declares He Was Investigating Violations of U. S. Neutrality.

400 TRAINS CUT FROM BRITISH SCHEDULES

Clock of Railway Development Being Moved Back 25 Years.

PAROLE-BREAKERS FINED.

OXFORD POLITY SHOW.

STEAMER BARGANY SUNK.

Emblem of German Shame Is Replica Of Lusitania Medal

Struck Off to Honor Frightfulness—Now Benefits Red Cross.

BRITISH STRIKE BLOW AT COMMUNICATIONS VITAL TO THE TURKS

Destroy Bridge, Cutting Off Bagdad and Syrian Lines.

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

DIED OF WOUNDS

SERIOUSLY ILL

WOUNDED

DIED

QUAKER OATS FIRE DEAD NUMBER TWENTY-ONE

ALLIES' MONITORS SHELL TOWNS ON THE DANUBE

BERLIN, Dec. 28, via Sayville.—Bulgarian headquarters report of December 27, as received here, says: "Hostile monitors have shelled Iskistie, Tutchev, and other towns on the Danube in Dobruja. The fourth Bulgarian division, under the command of Major-General Dimitroff, has captured the heights at Talor, and were able to sail from the woods to Lunavizza (on the river north of Matchin).

NEW STRENGTH FOR LAME BACK

Letter Tells of Long-looked-For Prescription.

UTTERLY USELESS.

DESTRUCTION OF FIELDS SYSTEMATICALLY DONE

Rumanian Oil District Wiped Out Before Foe Arrived.

CONFERENCE NOW ON?

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There was a rumor on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange today that there is now being held a conference in Copenhagen between representatives from England, Russia and Germany.

BRITISH STRIKE BLOW AT COMMUNICATIONS VITAL TO THE TURKS

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The claim by the British war office that a squadron of seaplanes on Wednesday destroyed the Chicaldar bridge across the Damihan River, is commented on this morning as being an important one.

DIED OF WOUNDS

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QUAKER OATS FIRE DEAD NUMBER TWENTY-ONE

PETERBORO, Dec. 28.—The death of William Walsh at St. Joseph's Hospital, brings the total of known dead from the Quaker Oats fire to twenty-one.

CONFERENCE NOW ON?

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There was a rumor on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange today that there is now being held a conference in Copenhagen between representatives from England, Russia and Germany.







GERMANY READY TO TAKE SUGGESTIONS FROM ALLIES

If Entente Wants Guarantee Will Give It. WASHINGTON EMBASSY VIEW Wilson and Lansing Decide to Keep Mum.

EXPECT SECRET PROFESSION Germany Will Not Agree to Evacuate Territory Unless Recovering Colonies.

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UNION OF FRANCO-AMERICAN FINANCES NOT COMPLETE

Governor of Bank of France Explains Move to Stabilize Credit. Paris, Dec. 28.—Georges Pallain, governor of the Bank of France, gives out the following statement in regard to the report that the Bank of France was, like the Bank of England, to be made a correspondent of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York.

I have read in the papers a dispatch from Washington concerning the designation of the Bank of England as a correspondent of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York and the allusion in the same telegram to the conclusion of an analogous arrangement with the Bank of France.

Mr. Strong is a broad-minded financier, who far from being concerned, all that I can say to you at the moment is that in February last, when Mr. Benjamin Strong, governor of the New York bank, made a trip to Europe, I had occasion to talk with him at length about the possibility of closer relations between the French and American markets under the auspices of his organization.

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RUSSIA'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE STRONGER SINCE SECOND NOTE

Kaiser's Reply to Wilson Is Irrelevant and Impertinent. PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—Via London, Dec. 28.—After the recent declarations of the Russian foreign minister and the pronouncement of the emperor, which vigorously expressed the reluctance of the nation to consider any peace proposal at the present time, it is believed that, except for the formulation of Russia's official reply to President Wilson's note, the last word has been said in regard to the possibility of peace negotiations.

Russia's negative attitude has been strengthened, if possible, by the German answer to the American note, which the Russian government considers "not only irrelevant, but impertinent, to the United States," according to information received by the Associated Press.

The foreign office denies that other neutral governments will follow the lead of the United States and Switzerland, and has dissipated the view taken yesterday by part of the press regarding the neutral governments, which in the form of a neutral league, is intended, according to reports, to bring combined pressure upon the warring countries in an effort to bring the war to a speedy conclusion.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

THE LOCAL MARKET

This morning was no exception to the general rule of small markets throughout the week. Only wheat was very plentiful, and the demand for small potatoes, which sold for \$1 to \$1.25 a bushel, was not very strong.

Live stock is steady. Hogs are bringing \$11.10 a cwt., and fat sows \$8.25 a cwt. There is a little demand for small pigs, which sell for \$4 to \$5 a pair.

Grain, Per Cwt. Oats, per cwt., \$2.00 to \$2.00. Wheat, per cwt., \$2.25 to \$2.35. Corn, per cwt., \$1.50 to \$1.50.

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SMITH-PATTERSON. MURKIRK, Dec. 28.—The wedding was solemnized at the Duart manse on Wednesday of Thomas Smith and Miss Eva Patterson.

SMOKES APPRECIATED BY BOYS IN TRENCHES. Tobacco Is the Greatest Comfort in "No Man's Land."

APPROVE SUGGESTION FOR WORK SCHEDULES. Committee Chairmen Would Aid New Board in City Work.

Winnipeg Grain Market. Wheat—Open, High, Low, Close, Prev. Dec. 28, 1916.

Winnipeg Grain Market. Flour—Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Flour—Winter patent, 47s.

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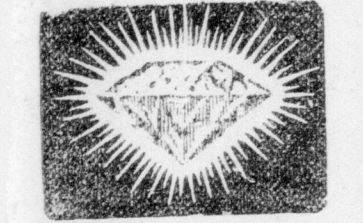
The Dominion Savings and Investment Society. DIVIDEND NO. 89. Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of five per cent per annum, has been declared upon the paid-up Capital Stock of this Society for the current half-year.

Our Specials For the Week-End Are:

- Choice Dairy Butter, pound . . . 45c
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WEDDING BELLS

WEATHERSTON-NICHOL. The wedding took place on Wednesday at "Elmdale," Wilton Grove, the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nichol, of the daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, to William Hedley Weatherston of Glanworth. The bridal couple were preceded by Douglas and Nicholas, as page and maid of honor. The bride was accompanied by her father, and looked charming in a gown of georgette crepe, and carrying a shower bouquet of roses. After the ceremony performed by Rev. J. W. M. Crawford, a wedding feast was partaken of by the guests, who were the immediate friends of the contracting parties.

LEGG-BROOKS.

A very pleasing event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks on Thursday evening, when their only daughter, Martha May, was united in marriage with Calvin Lewis Legg, M.A., of Mount Clemens, Mich., formerly of London.

RICHARDS-PARSONS.

EXETER, Dec. 25.—A pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parsons, London road south, when their daughter, Edith, became the bride of Leslie Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Richards, Exeter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Baird, pastor of James Street Methodist Church. The young couple were unattended. The bride was gowned in white silk crepe. Her sister, Miss C. Parsons, played the wedding march. They will reside on the groom's farm in Steeles Township.

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Nursing Sister Josephine Glass Lauds Wounded Soldiers.

ARE NOT WELL TREATED Met by Brass Band and Then Forgotten After Being Welcomed.

"Don't meet your returned soldiers at the station with a brass band, and give them a supper, and then do nothing more for them. What is needed is to follow up the work for these men and look after them. They have given their best for you and deserve the best now that you can give them. Nobody knows how we are doing the work that the wounded men have gone through, and it is a crying shame the way they are treated after they come home. Don't make a great fuss over the men who come back from the battle-line, scarred and crippled. See that they get any positions that are open, and see that they are cared for well."

EIGHTY CARLOADS OF HARD COAL REACH CITY TODAY

G. T. R. Bringing it as Fast as Possible From Black Rock.

Trainload after trainload of hard coal is leaving Black Rock every few hours and the coal dealers' stocks will be shortly replenished. In the smaller towns daily carloads are arriving, and arrangements have been made by the Grand Trunk to make the distribution as equitable as possible.

STEVENSON EFFICIENCY EFFECTS BIG SAVINGS

Reports from various parts of the city indicate that Mayor Stevenson's services to the people during his term of office will be rewarded by re-election on New Year's Day. The mayor has won the commendation of the big businessmen of London by his shrewdness in financial matters and his clever single-handed strokes in the transaction of municipal business.

FRACTURED NECK

Slippery sidewalks were responsible for two serious accidents last evening. Mrs. Ellen Carter of 447 Charlotte street fell and fractured her hip and John Nichols of 81 Adelaide street fell and sustained a badly cut face and a big rash on his nose. Both were taken to Victoria Hospital.

WESTERN ONTARIO'S POPULAR TRAIN TO TORONTO.

The "Ontario Limited," leaving the Grand Trunk station at 9 a.m. and arriving in Toronto at 12:15 noon, is the popular train for Londoners and people of Western Ontario. Standard equipment with high back seats and parlor-library chair car. Tickets and reservations at "Clock Corner," R. E. Ruse, C. P., and T. A.

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HUMANE SOCIETY WANTS POLICE COURT FINES

Think Money Collected in Court Should Be Turned Over. A number of matters of vital importance to the animal kingdom in London were discussed last evening at a well-attended meeting of the Humane Society, presided over by Mrs. J. W. Jones, in the absence of the president, W. E. Robinson.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. NO. 10, LONDON TP. The following is the report for the fall term of S. S. No. 10, London. Percentages given have been reckoned from monthly examinations. Names marked X missed one or more tests: Senior IV.—Neil Parkinson, 86 per cent; John Elliott, 87 per cent; Calvin Dann, 84 per cent; Eliza Reilly, 83 per cent.

S. S. 11, WEST NISSOURI.

Class Sr. IV.—Madeline Rumble, Rita Rumble, Lois Johnson and Louise Bent (equal), Maggie Murrell, Maxwell McIntyre, David Murrell. Jr. IV.—Vera Murrell. Sr. III.—Harry Houlton, Madeline Mitchell, Lewis Jones, Jessie Bent, John Bent.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH.

A splendid performance of Handel's most popular oratorio, "The Messiah," was given last night by the Musical Art Society in the First Methodist Church. The concert was given for the first time in public. The final rehearsal last night in the First Methodist Church fully demonstrated what the conductor, Mr. A. D. Jordan has already announced, that this is the finest body of local singers yet heard in this city.

SKATING AND HOCKEY.

There is no more delightful open air exercise than skating, and hockey is assuredly the sport par excellence on the ice. The devotees of these pastimes require good boots and good skates if they would enjoy their exercise and entertainment to the full. We invite inspection of what we have to offer in this equipment and will quote a few prices in passing. Men's Hockey Boots, McCullough Pattern, \$2.25 to \$4.50; Women's, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Boys', \$1.75 to \$3.00; Girls', \$1.50 to \$2.00; Auto Skates, Auto Yukons, \$1.25; Ladies' Pleasure, \$1.50; Ladies' Auto, \$2.50; Model A, \$3.00; Model B, \$4.00; Model C, \$5.00; Model D, \$6.00.

SATURDAY SAVINGS AT WEGNER'S TWO STORES

Big bargains to wind up our year's business. Wagonloads of odds and ends in Overcoats, Suits, Pants, Underwear, Sweater Coats, Mittens, Gloves, Hats, Caps, Raincoats, Fine Shirts, Work Shirts, Neckwear, Mufflers, Socks, Overalls, etc., at SACRIFICE PRICES.

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