

CIVIL WAR SPREADING OVER ALL RUSSIA

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RUSS-JAP SECRET TREATY OVER CHINA

ROMANIAN ADVANCING UKRAINE'S REVOLT AGAINST BOLSHIEVIKI

Commander of Russian Forces in Southwest
Rumania Is Leading Army to Co-operate
With Ukrainians and Cossacks.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The civil war situation steadily more complicated. The Ukrainians have also decided to adhere to the Bolsheviks. Consequently fighting is now to be more probable than that the Rumanians are in a state of bewilderment to take orders from the Petrograd Government, or the Ukrainian Rada. Numbers of small warships recently to help the Bolsheviks at Rostov, are now being drawn, leaving the town in the hands of the Cossack army. It is reported to be advancing on Voronezh, 300 miles south of Moscow.

London, Dec. 21.—The Rumanians on the southwestern Russian front have joined the Ukrainians, and Lieut.-Gen. D. G. St. Chercheff, commander of the Russian forces in Rumania, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole Ukrainian front, according to a report received in Petrograd, and Company. The Bolsheviks and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three versts apart.

A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily News says that the staff of the Russian army on the Ukrainian front has joined the Ukrainians which report is declared to be more probable than that the Rumanians have taken such action. The Daily News reports confirm the appointment of Gen. Chercheff as the Rumanian commander.

INCESSANT FIGHTING IN PETROGRAD STREETS.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with the efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars. A mob raided one distillery where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death. Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored motor car attacked the distillery, which was set on fire. The fire department was prevented from extinguishing the blaze by rowdies and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control. The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorder.

A BOLSHIEVIST SUCCESS.
London, Dec. 21.—A Bolshevik force commanded by Gen. G. St. Chercheff, and Austrian officer prisoners has defeated the anti-Bolsheviks at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post. The dispatch also says that it is believed a force of released enemy prisoners equivalent to two army corps commanded by their own officers, is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, prints the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan signed in July, 1916, agreeing to co-operate against the interference of any third power in the affairs of China.

SERBIA WAR MISSION ENTERTAINED BY WILSON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Serbia's military mission was received here today with much ceremony. Escorts of cavalry and a party of American officials, headed by Secretary Lansing, met the commissioners. Later the mission was received by President Wilson, and presented an autograph letter from King Peter.

Tonight the president will entertain the mission at a state dinner.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 36; lowest, 34.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 35.

TOMORROW—FAIR; MODERATELY COLD.

Forecast.
Today—Fresh west to northwest winds, colder tonight, with local snowbursts.

Saturday—Fair and moderately cold.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	43	28	Clear
Port Stanley	36	23	Cloudy
Port Stanley	36	23	Cloudy
Port Stanley	36	23	Cloudy
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The weather has been cloudy and mild with light local rains from the Great Lakes eastward, while in Northern Ontario it has become somewhat colder. There has been very little change in the western provinces.

RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS TURNED DOWN BY FOE, SAYS REPORT

Unofficially Declared that Offer
Has Been Rejected.

WAITING FOR "STRONG" PACT

German Foreign Secretary
Given Great Send-off When
Departs for Conference.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires under date of Thursday.

WANT STRONG PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, with an important staff of officials, left Berlin yesterday for Brest-Litovsk amid scenes of enthusiasm, the crowd singing the National Anthem and raising shouts of "Bring us a strong peace!"

It is said that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakki Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to Berlin and dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps. The Bulgarian delegates include Minister of Justice Popoff and M. Koshchev, chief of the foreign office. While the peace delegates are assembling the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heartburnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates is in negotiations with the officers. The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ prints an unqualified denial of this charge against the Constitutional Democrats, claiming that they are trying to undermine Trotsky and Lenin.

The Pravda further appeals to the workers to defeat the attempt of the Constitutional Democrats to place Russia under the control of German imperialism. The Bolsheviks also accuse the Constitutional Democrats of being responsible for the looting of wine shops which caused serious riots in Petrograd, and claim the documentary evidence, which they threaten to publish later.

TO STUDY PEACE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—A German Government bureau for "studying questions relating to peace" has been opened in Berlin. Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice-chancellor, is at the head of the bureau with Privy Councillor Albert, the former commissioner to the Panama Pacific, as his assistant.

CONSULTS REICHSSTAG.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Von Hertling, the imperial chancellor, yesterday received representatives of the Reichstag parties, with whom he had a confidential discussion on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia. The chancellor announced, according to a Berlin official dispatch, that the emperor had authorized him to conclude peace, and he had charged Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann to conduct the negotiations. The German stock exchange, however, was not so sanguine. Future negotiations were reviewed by the chancellor and all the deputies are said to have approved the guiding lines laid down.

MAJOR HUGH NIVEN GUEST AT NEW YORK CLUB OF CANADIAN CLUB

Famous Leader of Prince
Pats and Gen. Loomis
Entertained.

New York, Dec. 21.—The officers of the Canadian Club of New York entertained last night at the Hotel Biltmore, Brig.-Gen. Loomis of the 2nd Brigade of Canadian Overseas Forces, and Major H. W. Niven of the Princess Pats. Both officers came on a troopship which arrived at an Atlantic port Tuesday. Gen. Loomis left last night for Montreal, and Major Niven for another Canadian destination. Major Niven will return to New York to attend a complimentary dinner to be tendered him by the Canadian Club of New York in January.

PRO-PRUSSIAN ACTIVE AMONGST ILLINOIS MINERS

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—More than 150 pro-German propagandists have been arrested during the last two months in Southern Illinois, where they have been active among coal miners, according to Government agents, who reported to headquarters here today.

According to the reports, rumors of the activity of German propagandists came to federal officials late in the summer, and Government agents were sent to the mining camps, the result being the arrest and detention of scores of persons who are charged with inciting riots and strikes among the miners.

COL. LOW FOR EGYPT.

Kingston, Dec. 21.—Col. Charles A. I. Low, formerly of Kingston and Hamilton, who went overseas in command of the 14th Battalion, Frontenac County, who has done great work in the former branch in France, has been ordered to Egypt by the British headquarters to organize a special branch of war work.

PROFIT-TEARS



BILLY SUNDAY WALLOPS A GERMAN WHO ATTACKS HIM ON PLATFORM

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Before a screaming, yelling audience of thousands of men and women at the Tabernacle last night, Billy Sunday, when nearing the close of his revival here, fought a fast and furious fist fight with a German sympathizer on the platform. While the exchange of blows was about even, Billy had decidedly the better of the argument before the crowd near the platform separated the contestants. His attack came just after the evangelist had begun a vigorous attack on the Germans and their allies in this war.

He had just said that he "didn't think God would be on the side of a dirty bunch that would stand aside and see a Turk outrage a woman."

LOOMIS WARNS AGAINST GERMAN INTRIGUE HERE

Enemy Spreading False Reports of Own Conditions to
Hamper the Allies.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—After over three years of war service, Brig.-Gen. F. W. Loomis, commanding the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Division of the Canadian Forces in France, arrived in Montreal this morning on a three-months' leave of absence.

Discussing the war situation, the general said:

"I think the climax must come next season; and it behooves us all to appreciate what we have been told that this is a very serious time and every body should be doing everything they can to bring about the success which can only be achieved by a united effort. The Germans are carrying on their political intrigues in Canada and even in Montreal, just as elsewhere. They are spreading suggestions about their own conditions, about their starving and lack of material on purpose, so as to dishearten our troops. The troops should be backed up by every resource in the Dominion until victory is achieved."

Gen. Loomis said there was little doubt that the victory would be achieved by the Allies.

S. GOVT. TO PROBE MEAT BUSINESS OF UNITED STATES

Investigation Will Touch
Every Phase of Industry.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The federal trade commission's investigation, to determine the ownership of the meat stock yards and railroad facilities, in addition to the investigation of the meat business, will touch every phase of the meat supply. The commission's investigations are expected to form the basis for legislation to remedy the situation.

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ARTILLERY ACTIVE EAST OF THE MEUSE

Paris, Dec. 21.—Active artillery fighting on the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, is reported by the war office. The artillery is active also at points on the eastern end of the line, especially in the vicinity of Hartmanns-Weierkopf and east of Thann.

BRUCE TRAIN SERVICE CUT IN HALF; INTERESTED LONDON MEN WILL PROTEST AGAINST G. T. R. ACTION

One Train Each Way on Branch Line Which Means So Much
to City Removed Because of Coal Shortage, Says Company,
But Shippers, Travelers and Public Generally Are
Demanding Their Retention.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The following statement was issued by the militia department today:

It is urgently necessary that charitable individuals and organizations throughout Canada who are good enough to send shipments of Red Cross supplies of any kind to any unit of the Canadian Red Cross should clearly understand that if these supplies are not forwarded to the Red Cross committee in Canada, but sent direct by private individuals they should be sent either to the Red Cross committee, 14 and 16 Cockspur street, London, S. W. England, or direct to the hospital unit concerned. Many of these shipments are still being forwarded "Canadian Medical Stores, Laidlaw sheds, Southampton."

This Canadian medical store has been closed for some time, and parcels thus addressed can scarcely do otherwise than go astray. Packages addressed to individual hospital units should be sent through the Red Cross committee in Canada, or to the Red Cross committee in Great Britain at the above address. There are no facilities at Southampton for handling them.

HOW TO SEND GOODS ACROSS

The official notice has not yet been sent out of the cancellation of the morning Bruce, but all station agents and employees as well as the postoffice officials have been notified of the change. Lack of coal is given as the company's excuse for cutting off the train. Men interested in the situation point to the fact that some two months ago the Toronto Star editorially predicted just such a move. At that time the Star declared that the company was simply "stalling."

Many of the trains slated for removal according to the first draft of the new time card, in this district. Two Toronto trains are to be removed; one reaching here from Toronto is cut off; one from Sarnia and another from Stratford are in the same class. Changes in running time will affect others. Branch lines, mostly local, are cut off, too.

ENDS HERE.

The Ontario Limited, now running from Sarnia to Toronto, will terminate its eastern run in this city. It is proposed, Train 23 from Toronto, due at 4:50 a.m., is cut off, while the Stratford local, due at 1:45, will no longer arrive. Train No. 32, the Toronto accommodation, via Stratford, the Sarnia train, is also cut off. London at 6:25, has also been cut off in the first draft.

However, the protests will not centre around these changes, as it does around the Bruce.

BEST PAYING BRANCH.

The "Bruce" is asserted to be one of the best paying lines of the Grand Trunk in this or any other district of the system. On many nights the London-bound "Bruce" has standing room only. This is particularly true of Friday nights, when the travelers are coming in from their territories up and down the line. The London travelers are a unit in declaring that far from being a non-productive line, the one leaving London at 6:25, has also been cut off in the first draft.

High school students attending the Clinton College will also be affected. A number of these are taken into Clinton every morning. Mail service, express and baggage service to the northern towns will be more or less demoralized.

ALL WHOLESALES INTERESTED.

London is vitally interested in the cutting off of the "Bruce." Every wholesale house in the city has a man assigned to the "Bruce" territory. The majority of these leave in the morning on the train slated for removal and return at night on train No. 161, the southbound number of the same train. Grocery houses here particularly make weekly calls on their customers in the Bruce district. Cutting off of these trains will affect every wholesale and every traveler.

TRAVELERS GET BUSY.

As soon as word of the proposed removal of the "Bruce" was received by the local travelers' action was taken by the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association. Travelers interviewed Superintendent Charles Forrester and were informed, they say, that the "Bruce" would likely be cut off. This statement was confirmed by the fact that all station agents had been advised of the removal of the train.

"Every traveler in London is interested in the removal of the morning 'Bruce' train," declared one of the executive officers of the O. C. T. A. today. "There will be at least 1,000 men affected by the change. The whole system of the city is affected. The merchants of the northern towns will lose considerably, too, and mail service will be demoralized."

"It would seem that London is also given it in the neck so far as the railways are concerned. The Grand Trunk railway, which has been in operation for over a century, is now being put back on again as a result of the protests from Toronto. No such action was ever taken here."

WHAT COMPANY SAYS.

The statement issued by the Grand Trunk declares that the coal situation is responsible for the elimination of the trains. Superintendent Forrester is authority for the statement that the local reserve of coal is being used at the rate of some 400 tons per day, and will

be impossible, he declares, to make up this deficiency, as less than that are being received daily. The reserve, he says, of this division will only be sufficient to run the road until February. The statement is also made that 300 tons per day are being taken from the reserves in both Sarnia and Stratford. "For the past ten days we have been digging into our reserve pile, which is something never before known at this time," says Superintendent Forrester. "We have to cut off the trains that."

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SECRET TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPANESE

Condition of Pact To Unite
Against Third Power
Published.

SEEKING TO RULE CHINA

Russ Government Publishes a
Document Claimed To Be
Against Britain and U. S.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Under the heading, "Secret Treaty Between Japan and Russia for Joint Armed Demonstration Against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Izvestia publishes what it says is the text of a secret treaty drawn up last year, providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China. The treaty, dated July 3, 1916, runs for five years, automatically extending itself until a year after one party expresses the desire to annul it. It is signed by Sergius Sazonov, then Russian foreign minister, and Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister. The treaty stipulates that "the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except for the contracting parties." It opens with the statement that it is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1907, 1910 and 1912. Article one is given as follows:

DEFENCE OF CHINA.

"The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defence of China from political domination by any third power which is cherishing hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan, and therefore undertake, whenever circumstances necessitate, to enter into operations against such a third power in order to prevent the necessary steps to prevent the event in China of such a state of affairs."

Other articles are published as follows: "Article II: In the event that a consequence of any measures undertaken by mutual consent by Russia and Japan on the basis of preceding article, an armed third power, which should declare war against Russia or Japan, the other contracting party shall, on first demand of its ally, come to its aid. Each contracting party binds itself not to make peace with the common enemy without obtaining the agreement of its ally."

ARMED ASSISTANCE.

"Article III: The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance, and the means by which such assistance shall be extended shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties."

"Article IV: It must especially be kept in mind that neither party shall consider itself obligated in accordance with article 2 to give its ally armed assistance unless it gives its ally a guarantee from its ally to the effect that they will give it assistance to the extent necessary for the seriousness of the possible conflict."

SAYS QUEBEC WILLING TO RETIRE FROM THE CONFEDERATION PACT

Motion in Legislature Proposed That Rupture Be
Accepted.

Quebec, Dec. 21.—The willingness of Quebec to retire from the confederation of Canadian provinces is expressed in a motion introduced in the Legislative Assembly today by J. N. Francoeur, deputy for L'Orignal. The motion will be debated on January 8.

The motion introduced by Mr. Francoeur is as follows: "That this House be of opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federation pact of 1867 if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is an obstacle to the union and progress and development of Canada."

GETS LIEUTENANT'S RANK.

John V. Ross has been taken on the strength of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, with the rank of Army Dental

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CITY'S HYDRO LIMIT 9,142 HORSEPOWER, SET BY COMMISSION

Peak for December Fixed as
Maximum.

TRYING TO GET FUEL

Four Hundred Cords of Wood
Are Being Purchased for
Local Use.

The hydro-electric commission notified the utilities commission yesterday afternoon that its limit for power must not exceed 9,142 horsepower, the peak for December to date.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan reported that the commission could live under this amount until next August at least.

The commission asked the commission to have all dead and useless trees cut down to furnish wood for citizens. This will be done. The commission will have the parks superintendent remove them, charging the city the actual cost, the wood to be turned over to Inspector McCallum for distribution.

The commission also decided to purchase 400 cords of semi-dry wood from the Beck Box Company. The wood is at Wyton, and will be delivered in London at a cost of approximately \$9 a cord. Commissioner Mitchell thought the commission should look into the best question, and see if some of that fuel could not be secured.

Will Be Appointed.
The Western Fair Association asked the commission to appoint two members to the association. This was referred to the incoming board.

As this was the last meeting of the year, Chairman Pocock took occasion to thank the members of the board for their hearty and sympathetic co-operation during the past year. There had been some differences, but all were looking for the best interests of the city. The report for the year was not ready, but he could assure the board that the best year in the history of the waterworks and electrical departments would be shown.

The waterworks would show a big surplus, in spite of the fact that \$5,000 had to be transferred to Hunt Bros. for the purchase of property. The electrical department would show large profits, in spite of the considerable reduction in the price of power.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that differences arose, but all were trying to do the right thing by the city, and he thought the commission could show that this was true. The people had been helped.

Solved the Problem.
"We have solved the water problem for many years to come," said Pocock. "We have the most economical supply of water every obtained by the city. There was a minimum of two million gallons of water, and three millions of gallons could be obtained. The cost was \$1,000,000, the cheapest and most economically obtained of any supply."

"It is the cheapest certainly to operate," coincided Mr. Mitchell. "It comes to the reservoir by gravity, a most beneficial thing."

Mr. McFarland criticized the council for cutting down the parks board's estimates, for taking the rentals from the parks, and for other petty things. "The parks were a credit. The zoo had been started, and was a big attraction. When the greenhouse was extended, as it should be, the parks would be a credit to supply plants to schools, fire halls and other places."

Was Worth While.
"The big thing is the splendid water supply we obtained this year," declared Mayor Stevenson. "That's something to talk about." "That's the commission should pay more attention to Queen's Park," declared Mr. Mitchell. "That has been neglected, and it should be looked after in a better way."

A resolution of condolence to General Manager Buchanan, whose wife died last week, was moved by Commissioner Mitchell. He spoke feelingly of the bereavement of Mr. Buchanan. He also referred to Mrs. Clark, the mother of Mrs. Buchanan, and declared that the hearts of the citizens went out in sympathy to her. All the commissioners spoke feelingly also. A suitable resolution will be drawn up and engrossed.

COUNCIL CONTROLLED ONLY QUARTER OF EXPENDITURE RAISED BY TAXES THIS YEAR

City Clerk's Review of 1917 Council's Work Points Out
Some Interesting Features of London's
Civic Administration.

City Clerk Sam Baker has sent out a circular to the electors, giving much information as to the work done by the council during 1917. It is a very valuable document, and should be read closely by those who pay the taxes. Mr. Baker analyzes the various civic expenditures and shows the responsibility for the expenditures where it belongs, according to his viewpoint.

In 1915 the expenditure for the year was \$1,635,390. Of this, \$526,223 was paid out on account of debentures, or 26 per cent. This is absolutely uncontrollable.

The various boards, such as the board of health, library, utilities, police commission, hospital trust, board of education, Consumptive Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, cost \$665,905, or 42 per cent of the total cost. Over these expenditures the council has little or no control.

Council Spent 25 Per Cent.
The council expended \$410,557 through the relief department administration of justice, miscellaneous, printing, salaries, police works, soldiers' insurance, light, fire and markets, as 26 per cent of the total expenditure.

The revenue of the council is given as \$1,636,389.67, received as follows: Rates, \$175; market rental, \$5,550; sundry receipts, \$1,200; police and court fees, \$10,333.33; utilities receipts, \$224,246.72; local improvements, \$22,513.31; Dennis and Iron Works, \$1,321.90; taxes, \$1,334,505.87, the balance being \$12,967.45.

The Council's Surplus.
The council of 1917 will have a surplus of about \$5,000.

The surplus was \$16,396 in 1916, it was \$15,336 in 1914 the deficit was \$39,489.

RIDOUT ST. CHURCH ORGAN HAS ARRIVED; DEDICATED JAN. 13

Big New Instrument Reaches
City From Factory.

The new pipe organ recently presented by Henry Pocock to the Ridout St. Church has arrived in the city. It was shipped from St. Hyacinthe, Que., where it was built by the Canadian Pipe Organ Company, the shipment making a considerable haul. An expert from St. Hyacinthe is expected to arrive in a day or two to superintend the installation. It will require eight or ten days at least.

Arrangements are being completed for the dedication and dedication on Sunday, January 13, followed by a popular concert on Monday evening, January 14. Some of the musical talent of the city will contribute their services gratuitously on Sunday and Monday.

The gift of an organ by a single individual is so unusual that it has created widespread interest within the city, and many are looking forward to participating in the opening exercises.

McCLARY EMPLOYEES DREW \$40,000 TODAY

The McClary Manufacturing Company through its Welfare Association has arranged with the employees, whereby it arranged to deduct from each employee's wages amounts of 25 cents per week or over and open a savings account for them on which the firm pays the employee interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. Stipulation is made that the employees cannot withdraw their money until the end of the year. The employees, which come in very convenient at this season of the year.

It is an advantage to the employees to provide their winter's fuel early, agrees and does purchase through the city dealers the employees' requirements, deducting the amount of same from the savings account.

An indication of how this savings account is taken advantage of by the employees may be gained from the fact that today the McClary Manufacturing Company is issuing checks from this savings account for \$40,000, which amount is being paid to approximately five hundred employees, who signified their wish to withdraw their deposits. Quite a sum still remains to the credit of a large number of employees who wish it to still remain in deposit.

CONSTIPATION POISONS

the blood. Perfect elimination is indispensable to health. Stimulate the liver, open the bowels, and get the system into a good habit by taking Hood's. It is the reliable family cathartic. Do not irritate nor grip. Price 25c. of all druggists or promptly by mail of C. I. Hood Company, Lowell, Mass.

NO MORE RUSHES

Seventeen Documents for Soldiers. Results in Longer "Filling In" Time. Owing to the fact that there are less than seventeen different documents to be made out for each man who proceeds overseas as a member of the Canadian army, camp orders state that just leave must be completed at least a full week before the date for embarkation, and that the final medical examination must be held a clear 36 hours preceding the time for entraining.

GRIP FOLLOWS THE SNOW.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets taken in time will prevent Grip. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 25c. a cold in one day. 30c. if law-v

WHITE'S MAJORITY 2,147.
OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Official figures for the constituency of Leeds received here today show that Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, had a majority of 2,147. Previous unofficial figures gave the majority as 1,220.

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SMALLMAN & GRAM

Tomorrow---Last Saturday Before Christmas

How Christmas Shoppers Can Help

Everyone is patriotic. By being just a little more thoughtful our patriotism can be made most practical this holiday season. Never in the history of our country has there been a great necessity for co-operation between merchants and customers. This year Christmas shopping has many conditions that require more sincere application of "give and take" policies. Your store will do its part and we know that you will do yours. Carry with you all small packages. Shop in the morning if possible. Make sure that the proper address is taken by the salesperson, use a transfer shopping card and avoid errors. Many special sales for Saturday.

OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

The Store of the Christmas Spirit

Saturday's Special in Linen Dept.

IRISH HAND-EMBROIDERED MUFFIN CASES ONE-THIRD OFF.

8 1/2 dozen only, Irish Linen Muffin Cases, embroidered by hand, in neat sprig and shamrock design. Fresh, clean goods. Marked one-third off for Saturday morning. 43c each

IRISH EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES, SPECIAL, \$1.69 PAIR.

Choice of three designs, remarkable value in embroidered slips, resembling linen hand embroidery at less than half the price. Size 44 inches. Special. \$1.69 pair

Irish Embroidered Bedspreads for Gifts, \$4.25.

Large double bed size, choice embroidered spreads at last season's price, should solve the question for that Christmas gift, exceptional value, in heavy Linon Cloth resembling linen in every particular. See these Saturday. \$4.25 each

Other qualities in single bed at \$3.50 to \$3.75 each. Double bed, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$7.75 each.

Have you seen the pretty Colored Bordered Bath Towels, and reasonably priced, too. Pink, blue, gold. Prices ranging from 37 1/2c to \$2.00 each

72-Inch All Linen Satin Damask, \$1.50 Yard.

A gift of this damask would be appreciated. full 2 yards wide, guaranteed all pure linen. Stripe and poppy design. Special, per yard, Saturday. \$1.50 yard

Prettiest Stockings I Ever Wore
That is the sort of a gift of Hosiery that is going to please some woman. It may be a beautiful pair of Fancy Hosiery, richly embroidered hose, or beautiful color, in plain, heavy silk; anyway, you'll find them here in this splendid stock of individual novelties and practical varieties.

Ladies' White Cashmere Hose, seamless, double foot, soft and comfortable; sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price. 75c pair

Ladies' Fancy or Black Silk Hose, also dainty shades for evening wear. Prices ranging from 85c to \$4.00 pair

Ladies' Hosiery Silk Hose in black, white, bronze, pearl grey, navy and champagne. Boys' and Girls' Overstockings, best thing to keep the feet warm and dry; sizes 7 and 7 1/2 at 95c; 8 to 10 1/2 at \$1.00 pair

Pretty Christmas Neckwear
Dainty Jabots, in georgette, lace and net, with lace trimming.

Smart Tuxedo Collars in wash satin, filet lace, etc. Special line of Jabots, made of net top lace, dainty pattern, large flowing jabot. Extra value \$1.00

6 dozen Smart Jabots, made of wash net, with dainty lace trimming. Extra value. 39c

Wash Satin Tuxedo Collars, 65c, 75c, \$1.50 each

Dressing Gowns at Half-Price Saturday
Here is an opportunity to secure a splendid Christmas gift, a dressing gown. \$5.95

About 50 Gowns in this lot in shades of grey, fawn, brown, green and red, a fine assortment, all shawl collars, corded and bound edge, pure wool fabric, worth double the price asked for Saturday; sizes 38, 40, 42 and 44. Price \$5.95 Each

MEN'S SHIRTS.
In soft French cuff or laundered cuff, always a popular gift. We can satisfy you. A great variety of patterns to choose from, fine cambrics, percale, madras, silk and silk mixtures, also wool taffeta, all sizes. Prices from \$1.00 to \$6.50 each

MEN'S SUSPENDERS, 35c PAIR.
Men's Suspenders, neatly boxed, good webbing, roller ends, assorted patterns. Price. 35c pair

Other suggestions—Men's Sweater Coats, Caps, Pyjamas, Socks, Ties, Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, Boys' Sweater Coats, Jerseys, Wool Toques and Pyjamas. We can help you to make Christmas shopping easy.

SHOP WITH A TRANSFER CARD
and avoid delay and errors.

SMALLMAN & GRAM

MORNING SHOPPING—Most satisfactory from now until Christmas.

Black and Colored Dress Satins, One-Third Off Regular Price Saturday Sale \$1.17 Yd.

350 yards in the lot. A few pieces of old and broken numbers heavy quality Dress Satins of Swiss manufacture for early Saturday morning selling. Immediately after Christmas taking preparations will commence. The Department has picked this splendid bargain for Saturday in order that Christmas buyers might profit by this.

Sale of regular Dress Duchesse at price of good quality habutai silks. Here is a list. Sale at 8:30 a.m.

\$1.17 yard for 171 yards of Heavy Black Satin Duchesse, Swiss make, all rich finish, splendid black, 35 inches wide. Saturday, 8:30 a.m., one-third off. Sale price. \$1.17 yard

\$1.17 yard for 160 yards of Colored Satin Duchesse, 35 inches wide, in navy, dark green, reseda green and deep pink; a firm, rich-finish duchesse, Swiss manufacture; one-third off regular price. Saturday sale. \$1.17 yard

Your Saturday Treat at Candy Counter
150 lbs. Fresh Chocolate Cream Ovals, delicious Cream centres, chocolate coated and rolled in chopped peanuts. While it lasts Saturday, 150 lbs. Special 32c Lb.

Dainty Georgette Blouses Specially Priced
A few of our very beautiful Georgette Crepe Blouses have been specially picked for the Christmas shoppers. These are very dainty, with touches of hand-embroidery and lace on all the delicate shades and in the newest styles. A very acceptable gift. Special. 50c and \$1.00 each

Corset Covers, Bodoir Caps and Aprons
Prettily boxed for gifts, many are specially priced.

Dainty Corset Covers, which make very acceptable gifts, in several pretty styles, all nicely boxed. 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Special Crepe de Chine Bodoir Caps, prettily trimmed with lace and ribbon, five dozen only. Special. 50c each

Pretty Tea Aprons of fine and fancy Muslins, trimmed with dainty lace and insertions. Prices. 25c to \$1.50 each

Sheep Pillow Cases, Etc.
Hemstitched Sheets, for large beds. Price. \$3.25 pair

Plain Hemmed Sheets, 60x90. \$1.90 pair

Superior Quality Sheet, plain hem, 80x90. \$3.50 pair

Hemstitched Pillow Cases, Horrocks' make, 42-inch and 45-inch, at 25c each

Hemstitched Slips, 35 inches, 3-inch hem, nicely boxed for gifts, \$1.00 pair

Bridal Cloth, special, 24-yard lengths, nicely boxed, for \$4.00

Madapolam, 42 inch wide, beautiful fine cotton, Special 12 yards for \$2.75

Robe lengths in Flannel or Slumber Rugs, size 70x90, a very acceptable gift. Price. \$4.00 each

Gift Suggestions in Leather Goods
Ladies' Hand Bags, trap purses, billfolds, etc. Smart new styles in panned plush, beautifully lined; in navy, taupe, nigger brown, etc. Three dozen only

Velvet Hand Bags with chenille tassel, neat nickel frame, nicely lined and fitted with mirror and coin purse. Price. \$1.19

Three dozen only Ladies' Hand Strap Purses, in smart colors, grey, brown, navy, tan, taupe, black; double opening and extra place for car tickets. Special. \$1.50

Men's Billfolds, in black calf or imitation morocco, with place for bills, cards, change, calendar and identification card. Special. 75c each

Boys' and Men's Fancy Purses, in tan calf. Special. 19c each

Boys' Suits, 7 to 11, at \$4.95
Boys' suits in grey and brown shades of good, serviceable tweed, Norfolk and pinch-back styles, sizes 7 to 11 years. Price. \$4.95 suit

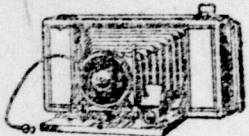
Also the larger boys, 12 to 17 years, same material and style. Price. \$6.50 suit

Two lines are very specially priced for Christmas selling; an extra good Christmas gift. Don't fail to see these on Saturday. Boys' Section.

Men's Fur Caps
A good Fur Cap should have a place on your list when considering father, husband or brother.

Men's Driving Caps, near seal, fine soft fur, in sizes 6 7/8 to 7 3/8. Price, each \$3.00

Hudson Seal Caps, the driver shape, extra fine quality, in sizes 6 7/8 to 7 3/8. Prices. \$7.00 to \$10.00 each



Will There Be a CAMERA in Your Home This Xmas?

It will bring the greatest pleasure to everyone—Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, the Kiddies—all will enjoy it. Prices from \$2.50 to \$125.00

A pleasure to show them to you.

Cairncross'
The Chemists

216 DUNDAS STREET.
Phone 830.

THE FAIR

15 DOMINION SAVINGS BUILDING.
NEW TOY STORE

BEST PLACE FOR GOOD TOYS.

36-inch pretty Baby Dolls, long and short dresses, for \$2.00

Dolly's Trunk, with tray 50c to \$2.00

Girls' Musical Piano 50c to \$2.00

Folding, substantially-built Dolls' Go-Carts for \$1.00

Rocking Horses, very durable and neatly finished, for \$2.00

Teddy Bears, made of best quality plush, with voice 75c to \$2.00

Beautiful Dressed Dolls, unbreakable head, full jointed stuffed body, large assortment of beautiful costumes to choose from, complete with headgear, shoes and stockings \$1.00 to \$10.00

Child's China Tea Sets, Cups, Saucers, Teapot, Sugar and Creams 50c

Real Slate Blackboards for \$2.00

Cowboy Horse on Rocker, Cowboy Bridle, Saddle, Stirrups and Lasso \$4.00

Horse and Cart, complete with harness \$1.00 to \$5.00

Doll Swings, Toy Violins, Pony Cars, Drums, Come to the Fair for toys.

THE FAIR

15 DOMINION SAVINGS BUILDING.

Facing Market Square.

BLINDED PUPILS MARCHED SAFELY TO REFUGE PLACE

Principal of Halifax Institute for Blind Writes of Explosion Sequel.

LONDONERS INTERESTED

I. O. D. E. Has Long Supported Fund for St. Dunstan's Hospital.

A striking picture has been presented of the results of the Halifax explosion in a letter of appeal on behalf of blinded soldiers and those blinded in the disaster, written by Sir Frederick Fraser, K.C.B., head of the St. Dunstan's Institute for the Blind in Halifax, and himself blind. The I. O. D. E. in London, and especially the Princess Patricia Chapter, has taken a deep interest for a length of time in the institute, which was visited by Mrs. E. B. Smith, vice-regent of the Municipal Chapter, and regent of the Lord Roberts Chapter, during the time she was in Halifax last summer. Some five hundred people have lost their sight in the catastrophe, and in the institute building was considerably damaged.

Owing to this fact, more funds are immediately needed for the restoration work and for the continuing of the work, especially on behalf of the blinded soldiers.

Sir Frederick Fraser said in a letter written to Edward N. Van Cleave, head of the Institute for Education of the Blind in New York: "Nothing has been written, telegraphed or said, which can express to you the horrors of the disaster of December 6. The day was particularly bright and beautiful. Our school had dispersed after roll call, and the teachers, pupils and soldiers were in the class rooms. My wife was reading the morning paper to me, when suddenly it seemed as if all the buildings were collapsing above our heads. I naturally supposed it was a German shell, and believed others would do the same."

With a promptitude that surprised him, the staff and pupils, headed by my own little son, cut and bleeding, fled to the basement, where we were for some explanation of the disaster. Fortunately, the cuts received were slight, and we thank God for our escape. This record in face of the fact that 800 tonnes of glass had been shattered to atoms, and window casements blown down in pieces. You can understand our escape was due to the fact of our being two miles distant from the scene of the explosion. In the hour of need, ten American soldiers from an American relief ship, the S.S. Allan McLean, regent of the Princess Patricia Chapter, I. O. D. E.,

GOOD RURAL BUYING

London reports to Bradstreet's that there is little ground for complaint on the score of Christmas trade. In rural parts there is active buying going on, and city business is also shaping up well. The higher prices for practically all lines appear to be exerting little effect in cutting down the amount of goods which the public is able to purchase. Toys are especially high in price. Staples are enjoying the most extensive demand.

SNOWFALLS PROTECT FALL GRAIN CROPS, REPORT DECLARES

Weekly Statement of Farm Conditions Optimistic.

The weekly report on farm conditions issued by the department of agriculture states that the recent heavy snowfalls have done much toward protecting the clover, wheat and rye fields. The demand for coarse grains and hay is on the increase owing to the comparative scarcity of ensilage. However, the large yield of straw this year is helping out in bulking the rations for live stock. An increased demand for brood sows, especially those of pedigree, is noted.

Milk production is holding its own especially among the herds that are being well looked after.

Apple prices range from \$5.50 to \$9 per barrel, with a generally good demand.

The supply of farm labor is now about equal to the demand.

QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

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

Question.—1. Is a soldier's wife with children paid any more separation allowance than a soldier's wife without children?

2. What has been the amount of the Government separation allowance previous to the last increase of \$5 per month?

Answer.—1. No, though the patriotic fund pays additional amounts for each child.

2. Twenty dollars per month.

MIDDLESEX HOG PRODUCTION TO BE INCREASED

Almost Doubled Next Year, According to Reports Given to Representative.

FIXED PRICES HELPING

Maximum Limit on Shorts and Bran Aid in Campaign to Increase Porkers.

Reports made by farmers of the vicinity to the district representative of agriculture indicate that the hog production campaign is on in earnest. It got off to a good start some months ago when a canvass of farmers was made to get their assurance of active participation in the campaign. The urgent appeals made to farmers to stimulate hog production have, it is said, had good results, and it is fully expected that the present hog situation will be greatly alleviated by the spring.

Some complaint was registered by farmers in respect to the high price of feed, but now that bran and shorts prices have been fixed, the chances are, say agriculturists, that farmers will go into hog production on the old-time wholesale scale. For a time it was feared that the fall of a pig was slowly but surely attaining the monetary value of an elephant tusk.

District Agricultural Representative Roscoe Finn has for the past month interviewed farmers of the county in regard to the extent of each man's participation in the campaign, and it has been found that with notable exceptions production is being increased to such a degree that seventy-five per cent more hogs will be in the country next year.

While city people are being persuaded that the hog is not hogish but has many desirable and laudable qualities and is in fact worthy of society's best carcases, farmers are being urged to increase "grunt" production by keeping one or more sows.

"As fat as a pig" is a phrase generally used, but according to farmers without its literary application. The fat pig is a thing abhorred by packers. The very best bacon is provided by the very leanest hog, and as a consequence the value of a lean pig is often greater than that of the more corpulent of the porcine tribe.

CHRISTMAS WEEK PROGRAM WILL BE PUT ON BY BOYS

Junior Division of "Y" Has Plans Laid.

CRAFTSMANSHIP POPULAR

The Innovation of Efficiency Tests Scheme Most Successful.

Craftsmanship night in connection with the Canadian Standard Efficiency group meetings now being held in the Y. M. C. A. each week as a means of co-ordinating the work in the various churches, proved to be one of the most successful yet. Next evening boys who attended brought some sample of his handiwork manufactured either at home or school. Others will turn in their entries before Christmas and will receive credit for them.

A new plan was tried for the evening's program, no speaker addressing the gathering. A debate was held on the topic, "Resolved, that boys benefit more by participation in group games than by reading." This was most successful, about 40 boys taking part in the discussion.

The High School Club, which also uses the Y. M. C. A. as headquarters, celebrated the last night of the fall school term by holding a theatre party. Miss Manly of the high school staff acted as a chaperone.

The special program for Christmas week is being provided for the boys' division of the Y. This will include athletic competitions, as well as billiards and similar indoor sports. The final matches will be played on New Year's Day, when the building will be thrown open to everybody.

A special invitation will be issued to the parents and other relatives of the members, and they will have an opportunity to see the building and its equipment. An orchestra will provide music for the occasion and refreshments will be served.

The women's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. having volunteered to look after this part of the entertainment.

POPULAR NON-COM. OF ORDNANCE CORPS TO LEAVE DISTRICT

Chief Clerk to District O. C. Going to Montreal.

Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant Alex. G. Hall of No. 1 Detachment, Canadian Ordnance Corps, is to be transferred in the near future to No. 5 Detachment, O. C., at Montreal. Quartermaster-Sergeant Hall, who is a member of the city recently.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Cartier, senior ordnance officer of this district, has been with No. 1 Detachment, O. C., for the past eight years, and has done excellent work during the entire period of his service. His fellow-soldiers in the Ordnance Corps and on the district staff today expressed their regrets at the announcement of his departure, and his many friends throughout the city will be sorry to learn of his transfer.

It is expected that S. Q. M. S. Hall will leave to undertake his new duties at the end of this month.

TRADES PRESIDENT IN RUNNING FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Announces His Candidature on Free Books Platform.

Joe Dean, president of the trades and labor council, has announced his candidature for the board of education for 1918 term. Mr. Dean's platform will be "Free text books for all children."

For some years the trades and labor council has been agitating for free text books and the run of its president will be on these grounds.

"The children should be provided with free text books," declares Mr. Dean. "We have been trying to get them for years, but it seems impossible. Other cities provide the text books for the public school pupils, and London should be in line. To the man with the small wage, the present cost of supplying his children with the expensive text books is a hardship. We want this cost distributed."

Wholesale fish licenses little aid, say dealers.

Dissatisfaction is expressed locally at Move.

City fish dealers express dissatisfaction over the action of the food controller in enacting the regulation by which wholesale fish men must secure licenses in order to continue business.

"If Mr. Hanna, by his regulation, believes that the people will get cheaper fish, I am afraid he is due for a surprise," said one dealer. "It is possible that large wholesale fish concerns may have to relinquish a portion of their profits should their monthly reports to the Government show unusual gain, but the smaller fish companies which do the bulk of the fish distribution throughout Canada and the whole of the distribution in London, will not be effected except to the extent of the payment of license money."

"We will have to have a license to sell meat next," one local butcher said. "While fish is going over the border licenses will be of little good."

Wholesale fish dealers of the city have received no further word than that which appeared in the press regarding the issuing of licenses.

POPULATION QUERY.—A Reader, Ingersoll, asks the populations of Great London and Greater New York at the last census. According to unofficial figures, New York is now claimed to be greater than Old London, but the Chicago Daily News Almanac of 1917 quotes the populations as: London, 7,591,359; New York, 5,468,190.

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY

15c Corn Salve, 9c

15c Petroleum Vaseline, 9c

25c Syrup Figs, 14c

25c Laxative Cold Tablets, 14c

15c Aromatic Cascara, 14c

25c Mustard Liniment, 14c

SOAP SALE

10c Cold Cream Soap .. 6c

10c Infants' Delight 8c

15c Palmolive 9c

35c Poslam Soap 23c

25c Harfina Hair Soap 14c

Baby's Own Soap 9c

Germicidal Soap 25c

35c English Castile Soap, large bars 25c

20c Snap Hand Cleaner 14c

2 Gross Sani-Flush. Reg. 35c 21c

Bargain in Crepe Toilet Paper (4 cases absorbo) Special 3 for 25c

Peroxide of Hydrogen 20c size 11c

40c size 20c

60c size 35c

Special Sale

BISURATED MAGNESIA

Dyspepsia Remedy Reg. 75c 43c

HAIR PREPARATIONS

50c Danderine 39c

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25c Vaseline Hair Tonic 19c

75c Am-o-tone Dry Shampoo 29c

50c Coconut Oil Shampoo 21c

50c Peerless Hair Restorer 33c

50c Sage and Sulphur 33c

50c Persian Hair Restorer 33c

50c Rum and Quinine 39c

25c Bay Rum 19c

Dr. Tremaine's Hair Restorer \$1.00

TRUSSES.

We make a specialty of Truss fitting. When in need of one consult us. We also carry Abdominal Belts, Silk Elastic Stocking, Suspensories, etc.

25c Electric Liniment, 14c

A. & N. Chillblain Cure, 25c

25c Lanoline and Camphor Ice, 14c

25c Euthymol Talcum Powder, 2 for 23c

25c St. George Health Salts, 9c

Pure Baking Powder half pound, 20c

Take Kur-a-Kof for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Etc. 25c Bottle Guaranteed.

Dyspepsia Cure, R 4100, Forty-one Hundred. Money Back on Our Guarantee.

Anderson & Nelles

DRUGGISTS.

CORNER DUNDAS AND WELLINGTON STREETS.

ANNUAL BAZAAR.—St. Mark's Church's annual bazaar and sale of home-made cooking will be held at 789 Dundas street, Friday evening and Saturday.

REMEMBER BETWEEN TALBOT AND RIDOUT.

OUR STORE IS WORTH FINDING.

WORTH READING!

Shoo Flies, from 95c

Swan Rockers, from \$2.25

Child's Desk, with chair \$2.75

Rail Sleighs \$1.50

Cutters, in red or white, from \$5.50

Table and two chairs \$2.50

High Chairs (with tray), from \$1.25

Centre Tables, from \$1.95

Quarter-Cut Oak Library Tables, from \$9.75

Leather Rockers (black or brown), from \$6.50

Lots of other real snaps.

COLLETT FURNITURE COMPANY

97 KING STREET.

OPEN EVENINGS.

IN THE LONG WAR.

[London Punch]

Vague Tommy (writing letter)—Wot day is it?

Chorus—The 14th.

Tommy—'Vot month.

Chorus—October.

Tommy—Wot year?

If still driving your car, this is the season that you have the greatest need of AUTO INSURANCE.

The Geo. H. Davis Insurance Agency

206 Royal Bank Bldg. Phones 776-2322.

GRAND Flower Shop

North of Grand Opera. Phone 6236.

YOUR FILMS DEVELOPED AND PRINTED CORRECTLY

ROBERTSON & MORLEY, 110 Dundas Street.

Only Three Days Left In Which to Do Your Christmas Shopping

HERE IS A LIST OF USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT WILL HELP YOU MAKE YOUR SELECTION.

Coffee Percolators \$4.00 to \$15.50

Electric Coffee Percolators, \$8 to \$15

Electric Irons \$4.50

Electric Toasters \$3.50 and \$4.50

Electric Grills, \$8.00

Cafenoira, makes the perfect coffee. Price \$8.00

ENAMEL ROASTING PANS to \$3.00

"WEAR-EVER" ALUMINUM ROASTING PANS \$4.00 to \$7.10

Gundy-Clapper-ton's Richly Cut Glass

Water Sets, \$3.50 to \$25.00

Sugar and Cream Sets \$3.00 to \$7.50

Berry Bowls, \$2.50 to \$15.00

Nappies \$1.50 and up

Vinegar Bottles \$2.50 and up

Peppers and Salts, \$1.00 up

100 FLASHLIGHTS, red, white and green lenses, regular \$1.25, for 79c

100 ORDINARY FLASHLIGHTS \$1.00, for 59c

Automobile Skates \$4.00 to \$10.00

Other styles \$1.00 up

Coaster Sleighs \$1.25 up

Sleds 30c to 1.00

Toboggans \$2.75 to 5.00

50 Casseroles

Beautifully Finished, While They Last, each

\$2.50

English Cutlery

Wostenholm's I X L Table and Dessert Knives \$3.00 per dozen up

Carvers \$2.00 per pair up

Carvers \$3.00 per case up

Pearl-Handled Knives and Forks \$9 to \$25 set

1847 Rogers Bros. Silverware

The ware that wears well. In all the latest patterns:

Tomato Servers \$2.25

Berry Spoons \$2.25

Teaspoons \$5.50 doz.

Knives and Forks, per set \$6.00 to \$16.00

Pickle Forks \$1.10

Olive Spoons, Sugar Shells, etc.

Shaving Sets with mirror \$2.00 and up

Shaving Sets \$1.75 and up

Mirrors \$2.00 and up

Gillette Safety Razors \$5.00 and up

Auto-Stop Safety Razors \$5.00 and up

Ever-Ready Safety Razors \$1.00 and up

Straight-Blade Razors \$1.50 and up

Hones, Stropps, Brushes.

Smokers' Special

Smoking Sets on stands, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 (Worth twice as much.)

Other styles 75c up

BELGIUM'S PLIGHT DEMANDS AID FROM CANADIAN PEOPLE

Its Children Must Not Be Forgotten at Christmas.

In planning Christmas festivities Canadians will show a poor sort of gratitude if they do not think of the little children of Belgium.

"Never for one moment must we forget that if Belgium had not stood in the breach in the early days of the war, France, Great Britain—Canada—would not be enjoying her present security and prosperity," says the latest appeal.

"Germany planned to drive straight over Belgium and on to Paris. Belgium replied: 'This is a country, not a road,' and her soldiers died checking the Hun."

"Today the widows and orphans of these same soldiers are starving in Belgium, while we live in plenty. It is a debt we owe to Belgium to take care of her stricken children, and at no time does this debt press more heavily than now, when we are preparing to celebrate Christmas."

Remember that the Belgian children plead not for luxuries but for a little food to eat.

20 PER CENT OF CROSSING COSTS PLACED ON CITY

Adelaide and Rectory Street Assessments Fixed by Commission.

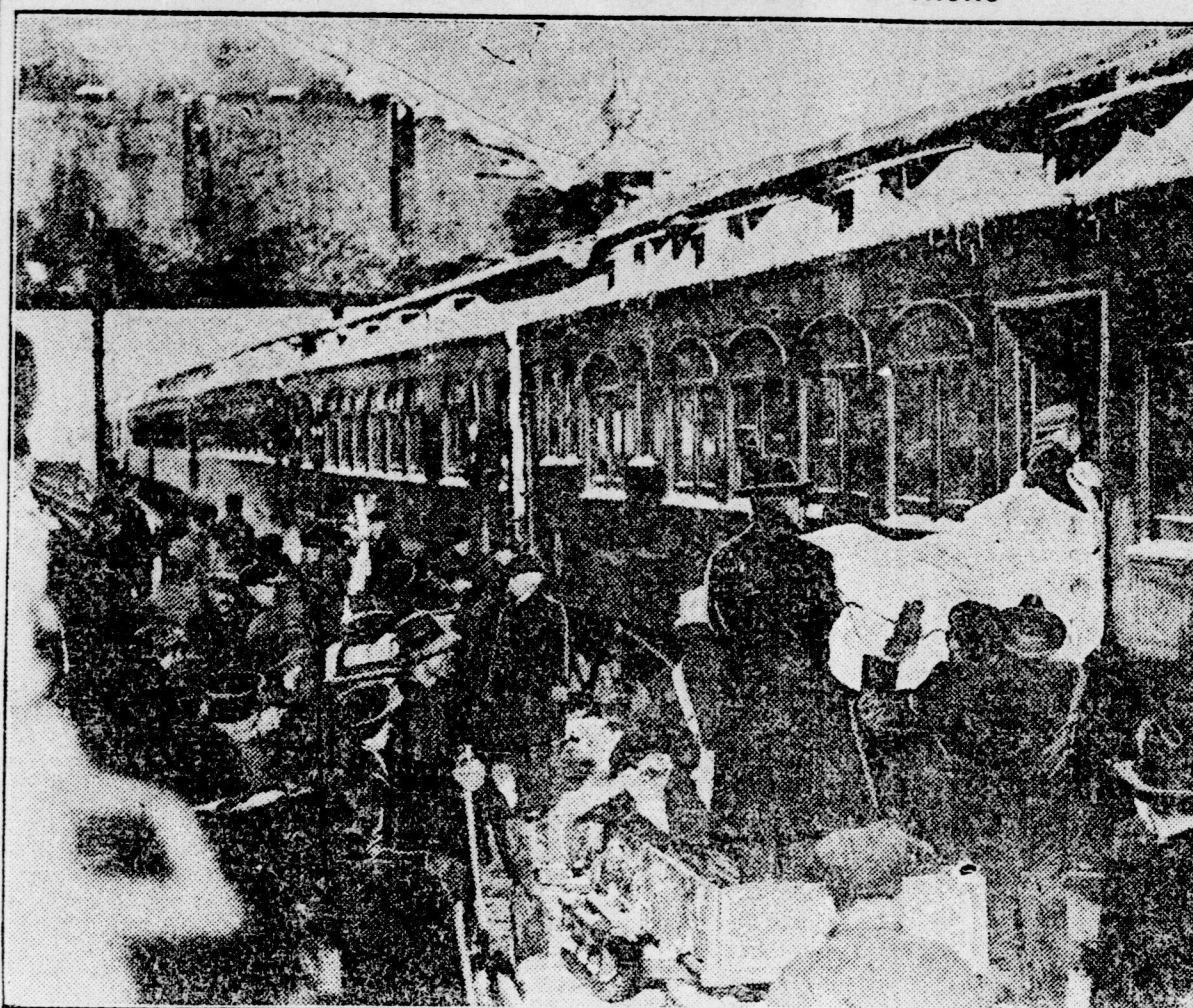
SINGLE-HANDED FIGHT

Citizen Who Appealed Alone for Ruling Advised of Decision.

A. E. Barbour of Johnston & Barbour, who took it upon himself to bring before the railway commission the crying need for more protection at the G. T. R. crossings at Burwell, Adelaide and Rectory streets, received Thursday night a communication from the railway commission at Ottawa, appraising the cost between the city, the Grand Trunk and the London Street Railway for the maintenance of gates at Adelaide and Rectory streets and a watchman at Rectory street.

Following is a copy of the order

RED CROSS TRAIN TAKING INJURED TO TRURO



Advertiser Illustration

which Mr. Barbour received: "In the matter of the crossings of Burwell, Adelaide and Rectory streets by the Grand Trunk Railway, in the City of London, Province of Ontario, and the question of the apportionment of the cost of installing and maintaining the gates required to be installed at the said crossings by the order of the board No. 2657, dated September 11, 1917, File Nos. 9437-626, 19267 and 9437-1281.

"Upon reading what is filed on behalf of the London Street Railway Company, the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and the City of London:

"It is ordered that 20 per cent of the cost of installing the gates at the crossings of Adelaide and Rectory streets, London, be paid out of 'The Railway Grade Crossing Fund,' 60 per cent to be paid by the Grand Trunk Railway Company; and the remainder of the cost of maintenance to be borne and paid 70 per cent by the Grand Trunk Railway Company and 30 per cent by the City of London.

"2. That 20 per cent of the cost of installing the gates at Rectory street, London, be paid out of 'The Railway Grade Crossing Fund,' 60 per cent to be paid by the City of London and 20 per cent by the Grand Trunk Railway Company; the interlocking device at the said crossing to be connected up with the tower, and the necessary additional levers, if any, installed so that the half-interlocker may be operated from the tower, as well as the gates; such work to form part of the cost of installation.

"3. That the London Street Railway

Company pay the wages of the day and night watchmen, as at present appointed, at the said crossing of Rectory street; the remainder of the cost of maintenance to be borne and paid by the Grand Trunk Railway Company; and the London Street Railway Company to continue to pay the same maintenance charges as provided for in the order of the railway committee of the City Council, dated November 15, 1916.

"(Signed) H. L. DRAYTON, Chief Commissioner, Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada."

CONTROLLERS AT MEETING TODAY WIND UP YEAR

Board Completes 1917 Business at Usual Friday Session Held at City Hall.

WILL HURRY UP BRIDGE

River Crossing at Chelsea Green Discussed and Speedy Action Decided On.

The board of control finished up the year's business at its meeting today. There was little of an important nature disposed of. A number of tenders were passed over to the incoming council.

The separate school board asked for \$5,046.15, the balance of that board's estimate. The treasurer was instructed to pay it over.

Those desiring a fish dinner for Christmas should telephone Inspector J. W. McCallum. The C.W. has a lot of fish on hand, secured by Mayor Stevenson, and those who wish to have fish should telephone Mr. McCallum.

The location of a bridge for Beattie Bros. over the Thames at Chelsea Green was discussed, and it was decided to hurry the work. Controller Moore declared that this industry would be greater than McCallum's in a short time. The cost of a siding, amounting to about \$4,500, will be covered by debentures to be issued by the city.

CAREFUL INVESTIGATION BEING MADE THIS YEAR

New Method Adopted for Salvation Army Christmas Dinners.

Officials of the Salvation Army have made new arrangements for the distribution of dinners to the poor of the city this Christmas. Last year those who wished Christmas dinners made application at the Salvation Army office, but this season the names will be taken and each case investigated. If it is found that an applicant is dependent upon the Salvation Army for the Christmas meal, a basket containing a full course Christmas meal will be left.

On Tuesday evening a Christmas tree entertainment for the children and friends of the Salvation Army was given at the Clarence Street Citadel. The yearly Christmas present for the children will be distributed this week. The many charitable demands made on the citizens of London during the past month has been a factor in the failure of the Salvation Army Christmas dinner pots to draw in the usual sum of money from Londoners. A good number of individual contributions have been received, however, and it is expected that more than one hundred Christmas dinners for the poor of the city will be distributed.

ANNUAL CONCERT IS GIVEN BY CHILDREN AT RIDOUT ST. CHURCH

Good Program at Christmas Entertainment Provided Thursday Night.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Ridout Street Methodist Church Sunday School was held Thursday evening. The attendance crowded the church to capacity and the well-trained children, from the primary classes to the adult Bible classes, put on a most excellent program. The audience was more than pleased with the program. At the close of the entertainment gifts were distributed to the pupils of the school.

Thomas Spettigue, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided.

WILL COMPEL PACKERS TO HAND OVER RECORDS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Swift & Company of Chicago have refused to deliver to the federal trade commission records desired by the commission in its investigation of the packing industry and drastic action will be taken in court to force their production. Francis J. Henry announced today at the resumption of the commission's inquiry.

TREAT FOR ORPHANS

The young women of the McClary office staff on Thursday evening gave a treat to the children in the shelter on the Wharncliffe road. They were taken for a motor ride about the city, and then given a Christmas tree and supper. One of the young men made a most capable Santa Claus. The treat was immensely enjoyed, and Inspector Sanders is pleased with the kindness of the young women.

LONDON CHILDREN DEPOSITING ONLY 12 CENTS MONTHLY

Penny Bank Business Here Is Half Canadian Average.

TWO CITY SCHOOLS TIED

Alexandra and Lorne Avenue Scholars Put In 27c Each, According to Reports.

London school children's deposits to the Penny Banks during September and October were less than half the Canadian average, according to the official figures. The average deposits here were but 12 cents. The average for all Canada was 29 cents.

Alexandra and Lorne Avenue schools are credited with average deposits per pupil of 27 cents. The other schools, save Colborne Street, where no deposits were reported, were:

Aberdeen 14, Boyle Memorial 10, Chesley 11, Ealing 15, Egerton 21, Empress 8, Lord Roberts 9, Pottersburg 15, Rectory 15, Riverview 14, Ryerson 24, Simcoe 12, St. George 3, Talbot 10, Tecumseh 17, Victoria 6, Worley Road 11.

Cape Croker, Indian Reserve School, had one of the highest records of any of the schools, showing 73 cents for the two months. The highest mark was that of Swansea, which went over the \$1 mark, averaging \$1.16. Winchester was 94, while New Toronto was 68. Toronto's showing was 31 cents. Those cities and towns below the London record were: Annapolis 9 cents, Blenheim 5, Carleton Place 5, Hanover 5, Hariston 5, Kitchener and Leamington, both 10.

The total deposits during the two months as compared to last year were:

September	1916	1917
October	\$18,476	\$26,011
September	25,904	37,206

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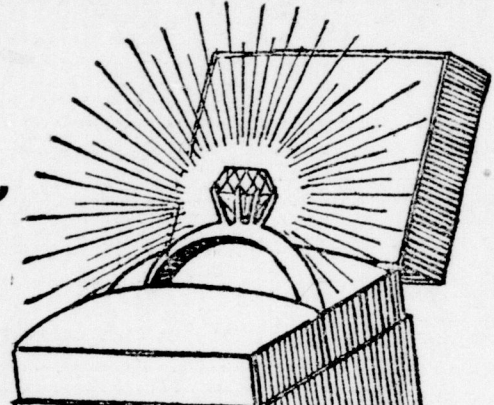


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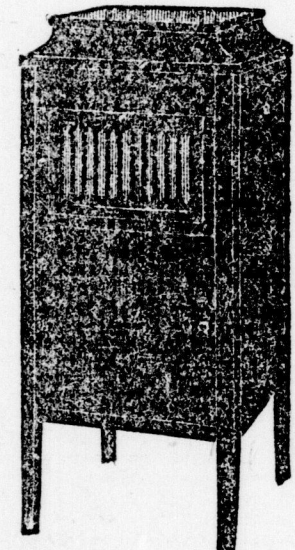
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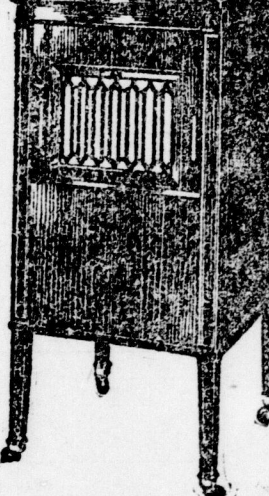
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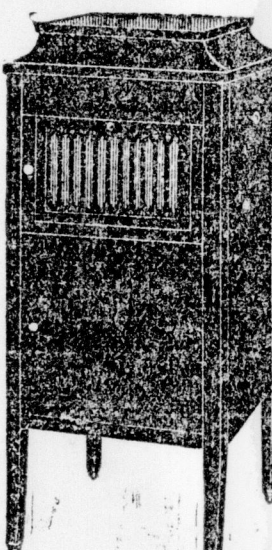
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GET TOGETHER FOR QUEBEC.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER will do everything in his power to support the war policy of the Government. He gave this pledge to the people at the close of the campaign, and he will stand fast to his promises. The statements or hints that he will or should be invited to join the Government should not be taken too seriously, because there are men in the Government who went into it for the purpose of ending the power and influence of Laurier. It appears to The Advertiser that there is far more chance of Laurier being willing to throw his weight with the Government than that the Government would invite him to come in. And it is at the same time doubtful that Sir Wilfrid would accept, not on grounds of rock-bottom opposition to his detractors, but because he has a desire to retire, and might prefer to name his man to represent Quebec, and to use every influence to have Quebec put forward its best effort.

There should be a disposition among the new members of Union Government to give Quebec a fair chance. The commander of the Montreal military district after the election paid a hearty tribute to the French-Canadian people, and bespoke for them a loyal support of the Government in all war measures. The head of the Liberal organization in Quebec is confident that his province will abide by the decision of the majority. While it may seem peculiar, it is certain that many Unionist newspapers are looking to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to have Quebec respond to the best of its ability.

Nothing should be said or done, no matter how bitter the feeling of the last few weeks, to stir the Quebec trouble. We should forget all about the heated things, and join forces to have unity. Liberals should not sit back and dare the Government to make good, hoping to see it fail, and to run against trouble in Quebec. The fair way and the British way is to strive for harmony, and to secure a willing obedience to the law from coast to coast.

The Maritime Provinces went strongly in favor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. No one thinks of condemning these people, and no one thinks that they will place anything in the way of the enforcement of the military service act. That is the supreme issue. Now that the people have said the word, conscription is the law irrevocable. Every effort of statesmanship should be put forward by those who have influence to weld Confederation fast. All the leadership Canada has should be given to the issue.

The domestic problems will still be a matter for fair dispute, and the past record of those who rule fair subject for condemnation. But let nothing hamper the war spirit. Let the efforts of the best men in both parties be turned toward the welding of the provinces.

It is appropriate to reproduce at this time from the Canadian Gazette of London, Eng., a rebuke for those newspapers and orators of the other side of the ocean who sought to influence the Canadian decision by appeals to prejudice and passion:

It is bad enough to read in Canadian cablegrams of inflamed political passions in Canada; it is doubly unfortunate when writers in the English press seek to add fuel to the flames from this side of the Atlantic. The Sunday Times publishes an article of a column and a half by Mr. Frederick Grundy which we are sure the editor would not have printed had he himself known more of the facts and realized how much mischief such hectic writing may do to stir up bitterness between the English and French-speaking peoples of Canada. It is not true to describe the representative French-Canadian as "strongly, even violently, anti-British," and to say that the Liberal party "dragged the flag of Canada in the mire both at the time of the Boer war and now" is to use language which might pass on a political platform in Canada, where it could at once be discounted by local knowledge and answered, but is quite out of place in the British press. Harry Lander has been using Canadian platforms to deride French-Canadians as men of "bastard blood;" he would do well to get back as quickly as possible to the English music hall stage where he is so warmly appreciated. English and French have to live together in Canada, they together form the basis of Canadian nationhood, and the worst service any Canadian or Englishman can do Canada and the Empire is to hinder the appreciation by each of the good qualities of the other. Let us reserve our bombshells for the really contemptible Hun.

THE COMMISSION SCHEME.

CITIZENS will have an opportunity at the municipal elections in January of casting their votes either in approval or disapproval of the principle of civic government by commission. They will not be asked to vote on any particular scheme, but only on the principle as opposed to that in vogue at present.

In relation to the commission plan, however, Controller J. M. Moore has evolved a theory or plan which has aroused some interest, based as it is on the lines adopted in cities of other countries, where success has followed the change. The main feature of the scheme is centralization, and it is designed to bring all spending under the con-

trol of the commission or council, consisting of 30 members directly responsible to the people. Unlike some forms of commission governments, the one proposed by Controller Moore does not provide for salaried officials to manage the city's affairs. His view is that there need be no more salaries paid than at present, possibly fewer, and that better results will be achieved.

A diagram showing the controller's idea and details of its working appear in The Advertiser, and will be understood readily, but, perhaps, what is expected to be the effect is not so apparent. Part of this effect, Mr. Moore believes, will be the elimination of much wasteful expenditure. As the city's affairs are now run, the various spending bodies are given a certain appropriation for the year, and they go ahead and spend that according to their own ideas with little or no consideration of how the other boards are working. The result is frequently overlapping. For instance: it is no uncommon experience in London to see a street mended and put in good repair by the board of works, only to be torn up again a week or two later in order that the utilities board may do some underground work which is necessary. Controller Moore thinks that if these plans were discussed in inter-board or inter-committee meetings it could easily be arranged that the underground work would be done before the streets were put in repair, and the second expense be saved.

Mr. Moore also believes that if his plan were utilized there would be less antagonism between the members of the various committees, as each would understand more clearly the ideals of the others through the personal contact involved. He thinks fewer council meetings would be required, and much time saved the members, and that there would be developed a broader civic spirit.

It cannot truthfully be said that the present system is altogether satisfactory: the question the voters must decide is whether the commission principle promises any improvement. Doubtless there will be those who prefer to stick to the old way, and others will support a change. If the majority desires to try the new plan, it will be undertaken.

LABOR'S CREDITABLE CAMPAIGN.

LONDON'S labor men did not suffer in the eyes of the people in the recent campaign. The union workers acted the part of gentlemen always. They appealed to reason, and brought a notable set of speakers to the city, most to be remembered being President James Watters of the trades congress, who will be heard from in the future of this country.

The farmers and labor stood by the cause of the people in vast numbers. They will control the situation in Canada after the war, when no German menace across the border may be held up as a bogey to frighten the people. Labor and the farmers are using their heads. The manner in which a man had to hustle to get a vote made people think. They will do a good deal more thinking in the next few weeks. Union Government and the franchise act performed one big service.

BEATING THE SUBMARINES.

THERE are logical reasons given by Arthur Pollen, British naval expert, for his belief that the submarine menace is becoming less serious, and that there is no possibility of the Germans decreasing Allied tonnage to a state which will seriously handicap war efforts.

According to his statement, Britain launched as much tonnage as she lost last month, and the United States has started to launch her vessels in addition to this. The latter will increase production monthly, and if Britain can continue to balance her losses by production, the American vessels will be clear gain, except for those which may be torpedoed.

But, it is just as important as ever that greater success be obtained in destroying the enemy pirates and putting an end to this constant drain. The loss in shipping has been the most serious side of the problem because of the difficulty in replacing it, but there is the other side—the loss of cargoes. Many of these are composed largely of foodstuffs and, in view of the world shortage, this loss is serious. Every cargo of grain or flour or meats or any of the other varieties of food for the Allies which is sent to the bottom is an irreplaceable loss, for every ton is needed.

There is only one way, apart from the prevention of submarine successes, to overcome this difficulty, and that is by increasing production enormously in the coming year. This can be done in Canada, the United States and other friendly countries, if there is a real, earnest effort made to organize the nations for the purpose. This effort must be begun at once, in order that the spring work may be started at the earliest possible moment by every man available. There is no danger of over-production or lack of market. The world is holding out its money for every grain and every root obtainable. If the yields are so great that the price decreases, the consuming public will benefit and the producers will gain in the increased quantities sold.

It is not only in the ship-building yards but also on the farms that the opportunity of beating the submarine lies. Every man who can do a day's work on the land is helping. It is a chance for real patriotic service given to the man who cannot fight or devote himself to building vessels.

EDITORIAL NOTES

As a fuel controller, mild weather is much more efficient than the big-salaried officials.

It seems probable that the greatest battle of the western front is scheduled to be fought this winter.

The German euphoric is becoming bare. City dwellers feel the pinch most, and trouble invariably starts in the cities.

That Christmas dinner still awaits Wilhelm in Paris, but his arrival is delayed. Possibly the Bastille guards will keep it warm for him.

Canada's binder twine supply has been assured as a result of the United States food administration's action. Great way Canadian controllers are helping the country!

Pictures of Canadian soldiers' polling booths in London, England, show large placards on the walls setting forth Borden's election "literature." Did the Tommies appreciate this sample of "fair play"?

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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LOOKING AT IT LEGALLY.
[By C. B. Lewis.]

Should you imagine that Miss Florence Gale, 18 years old, was the first girl that ever fell in love with a dancing master because he was a dancing master, then you are mistaken. They have been doing it ever since there was a dancing master to fall in love with.

Miss Florence was the daughter of a merchant, and ranked well up in the social circles of her town. There had been a private dancing class made up of half a dozen and young men, and Professor Paul Revillon had been engaged as director at a high honorarium.

Mind you, he had not been hired, but engaged. He was not a teacher, but a "director." He wasn't on a salary like a bookkeeper, but on a honorarium, if you please. His name was not Jim Scott, for Joe Saunders, but Paul Revillon.

And the professor was nice—very nice. He was nice all over, like a rare, ripe peach. It was noticed even before the first dance was held that he had white teeth and long eyelashes.

The six young women who were to pay their good money for learning the art of dancing looked the professor over, and each and every one determined to kill him as soon as the term of the dance was finished.

The six young women cast sheep's eyes at him and mentally tried to fall in love almost at once. It is to the credit of the sex that they kept their word. Yes, for Saunders, it was apparent to themselves and others that they were learning to "get" him.

The young men read the signs aright and grunted their teeth. They danced, but they couldn't kill the professor until he had had the white teeth and long eyelashes.

So far as having a very serious flirtation, every girl won out. Each one had reason to believe that she was the chosen one. Each one under the impulse of romance and girlish silliness, wrote a letter to him, and they were all replied to with an outpouring of the heart. The little notes and replies were Miss Gale was more industrious than the others. She wrote two notes to the professor.

One day Miss Florence Gale received a note from the professor that set her heart thumping as it hadn't thumped yet. Some flend jumped in and broke open her trunk, and there were a package of letters and a boarding-house, and among other things stolen was a package of letters and a boarding-house, and among other things stolen was a package of letters and a boarding-house.

Chief had had the audacity to write that he had them, and that he would give them back to her, and a cent less if the professor refused to pay the money the letters were to be offered to him. Mr. Gale was a stern parent.

It was most unfortunate that the professor had been to have \$200 in his vest pocket. He could never forgive himself for his carelessness. "Dear," he would raise the cash or take the consequences? She would be a good girl, and then she was to meet the dancing master at a certain spot at a certain hour and let him know her decision.

"Believe me, my dear one," he would write, "I am not almost sure that you could get the money off your father. I should say farewell to you and send a bullet crashing through my brain."

Miss Florence promptly fainted away, as was going to, when her mother asked her what the matter was. She had therefore decided to let instead of faint. Her first feeling after mastering the contents of the note was that of a girl for the professor. He was thinking of blowing his head off. Her next feeling was of herself. She could no more raise \$200 than she could raise \$2,000. Had she asked her father for 75 cents he would have wanted an explanation a red line.

Poor Miss Florence cried all one night and got up in the morning to find again. She said it was the toothache. She had gone back to bed to cry again. She didn't cry. A sudden thought made her sit up. What sort of a man was Professor Revillon? He was a girl to face such a situation alone. He must have a clue to the thief, as he said he had received the letter, but he had not added that he had set the law at work. He had a diamond ring and a diamond pin worth together far more than the \$200, but he had not said anything of selling them to get her letters back.

"He can't be what I thought him," mused the girl; and five minutes later she was saying: "I don't believe he was robbed at all."

If she didn't, then what conclusion must she arrive at? No need of spending much time over the question. Love and romance had been scared away, and common sense had taken their place.

"Why, he wants to hold those letters over me to extort money," was her exclamation. If there had been no robbery—if the professor had the letters—if he meant extortion, then he had a great advantage and meant to use it. What could be done to stop him?

Beverly Dare was a young man of 25, who had graduated as a lawyer and hung out his shingle in the town. Up to date he had had but few clients and created no stir. He was spoken of as a nice young man who would make his way, but was not much given to society. Miss Florence Gale had never met him, but he introduced. But she went to him for help.

"I want legal advice," she quietly explained. "Please state your case."

She had been a silly girl. She had been more than that, and as the penalty had found herself at the mercy of a blackmailer. She told all there was to tell, and then handed over the professor's letter.

"Do you want advice as to whether you shall pay the \$200 or not?" was asked when the letter had been read. "I couldn't pay it if I wanted to, and I'm sure I don't want to," she replied. "Looking at it legally, Professor Revillon can be arrested and punished for extortion."

"And I can be held up to ridicule and scandal," she said. "Well, your letters would have to be read in court."

"Never."

"Looking at it legally again, Miss Gale, I might try to scare the fellow into giving up your letters. Not too much scare, but just enough."

"I want something worse than a scare."

"I fall to get your idea."

"I want to meet him. I want to be firmly satisfied that he is what I believe him to be. Then I want you to give him a good whaling and take the letters away."

The lawyer turned away to smile, and then turned back to say: "Miss Gale, looking at it legally, I can't assault and batter a man in the interest of a client."

"Then why not look at it some other way?" she asked.

"As the instance?"

"As Mr. Beverly Dare."

"H'm! I think I could do that. I cannot cite a precedent, but we can make one."

Then came details that were not strictly according to Blackstone, but very interesting, nevertheless, and that night Miss Florence didn't suffer for a moment with the toothache. It was two nights later that she went to her tryst with the professor. He had been awaiting her a quarter of an hour. His anxious inquiry as he ran forward and saw both her and the letters, she asked.

"Give you got the letters?" she asked.

"Yes—yes!"

"Professor, I cannot get the money!"

"What? But you must! Think what it means to you!"

"But you have the letters, and can hand them to me right here."

"But my honor is pledged!"

"To a robbery!"

"See here, you silly kiddie, it's \$200 for this package or I raise a scandal!"

Miss Florence turned her back on the scoundrel just as something hit him on the head. It rolled him to the ground and layed and dangled with him, he snatched

him and slugged him. It applied epithets to him, and then applied the law.

It was months and months later when Mr. Beverly Dare said to Miss Florence Gale: "Looking at it legally, my dear child, I think we ought to be married on Thanksgiving."

And he also won that case.

Bits of Play by Luke McLuke

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Advice.

"Be charitable," said old Reed.

"The poor we all should aid."

But when you do a kindly deed, Don't put on a parade."

The Wise Fool.

"The pen is mightier than the sword,"

quoted the Sage.

"The best hairpin is mightier than either," commented the Fool.

Fact.

"With promises be careful, mind!"

Advised old Mr. Heep;

"The more of them you make, you'll find."

The fewer you will keep."

Waiters.

"The service in this place is terrible,"

said the First Diner.

"Yes," agreed the Second Diner. "The best waiters in this hotel are the guests."

Do Your Bit!

"Your duty don't shirk."

"We need," said Bill Nearing,

"A little more work."

And a little less cheering."

Gosh!

[Nahomem (Min.) Pioneer.]

George Nelson came home from North Dakota Wednesday morning. He has been in the wheat line for the past two months.

No!

A number of boosters have asked if Joe Swallows of Algood, Tenn., can get a job as bartender in the Club.

In Darkest Noo Yawk.

A traveling man tells us that he met a woman in New York City who

imagined that her Hudson seal coat was made from the seals captured in the Hudson River.

Our Bonehead Contest.

In hunting for a cell mate for Heiney Zimmerman who have discovered a coal wagon driver in Ironton, Ohio, who

thought that the manhole in the street in front of the Masonic Temple was the coal chute leading into the building and who dumped several loads of coal into the manhole before he discovered his mistake.

Well, Well!

We don't know what she is beggins for, but we do know that Miss Gertrude Beggs in Minneapolis.

Famous Stakes.

Table, T-Bone, Tenderloin.

Tent, Sweep, Miss—Dutch Sabin.

The English Game.

Ball Crank says our great American game has nothing on cricket, the great English game. Instead of an umpire, cricket is played with two

Humphreys shout: "Over!" even though the game has just started. If the reason is because no girl spectators cry: "Well played, sir!" At

6 o'clock the players quit and take tea, while American spectators take a fit.

Strange.

A clever man is Matthew Mee. He's skilled, and he is bright; And though he is left-handed, he is sure to do things right as well as Luke McLuke.

Another clever man I know is Uncle Ezra Hawks; He may be hard of hearing, but he knows when money talks —Detroit Free Press.

Names Is Names.

Miss America Furst lives in Philadelphia, Penn.

Our Daily Special.

Better to Learn by Doing Than to Learn by Being Done.

Luke McLuke Says.

If it wasn't for the fact that they are anxious to develop a good appetite some men wouldn't take any exercise at all.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to devote a portion of Monday and Tuesday to discussing this sermon?

A young fellow can get along nicely without a watch until he falls in love and has to have something to carry his picture in.

We do a lot of bullying about childhood days. But now many more would like to go through the monotonous grind of going to school again?

We know a lot of sports who can't understand how a man in a Done Dry State gets any fun out of going fishing.

This is a queer world. We know a cross-eyed man who thinks the funniest thing in the world is a man who is bow-legged.

You can always tell when a girl has an errand for a neighbor for nothing like that do an errand for their own parents for a nickel?

And just because a man parts his hair in the middle is no sign that he has a well-balanced head.

Some men are born great and others just roll up their sleeves and wade right into greatness.

As long as a woman would rather be well dressed than be President we are well dressed to do much worrying about the political future of this Nation.

A man gets sore if you make remarks about his new clothes. A woman gets sore if you don't.

Men are nearly as vain as women. A middle-aged man who has grey hair always has the alibi that it is premature, and that all of his folks were grey-headed while young.

You may have noticed that the Golden Rule works beautifully when the other fellow is following it.

One way to be popular is to keep busy. If you haven't enough business to keep you busy get busy and make some.

A man thinks that it is big and brave brag that his wife doesn't care a hang where he goes or what time he gets in. But the fact of the matter is that there is something wrong about a woman who is that kind of a wife.

We have often wondered why female colleges do not organize football teams. Perhaps the reason is because no girl will admit that she is heavy enough for the line.

And what has become of the old-fashioned schoolteacher who used to use a machine strap on the palm of a boy's hand when she whipped him?

Another trouble with this country is that we have too many good orators and not enough good listeners.

Maybe a woman would enjoy better

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Wait a Minute!

By J. H. F.

Toronto ladies will not pay more than 35 cents a pound for Turkey. It does not look as if many of the girls will have turkey.

The vote of the women in London was not the silent vote. It was dog-gone noisy, so to speak.

We move that Joe Clarkson and J. Ross Robertson and the London Free Press be a committee of three to bring about a better understanding with Quebec.

The United States club swings on meat hams, we are informed, Making Hamburg steak of them, so to speak.

The investigation into the sugar trust makes rather sour reading for the gents who pay the shot.

Esgnoes will not be served in American hotels this Yuletide. All right. Those birds are an ancient memory with the folks over here.

Whiskey was found in Kansas being shipped with tombstones. That's

all right. It has furnished tombstones for a lot of gals.

An Indiana drugist washes all the pennies he gets. He should give the dollars away to a chap of our disposition, and we would not even dry-clean them. Not a bit.

The night of the election two youngsters were arguing. One was evidently from a Tory family and the other from a Grit. The latter was getting somewhat the worst of the argument on the results, but he ended it up by saying, "Anyway, we captured Jerusalem!" Rather fair.

This is the fourth day since the ladies heard the news. What's the delay in getting this doggone row?

Mayor Stevenson has 55,000 pounds of fish in storage. The high cost of living is not going to make a sucker of him.

Old Frank Oliver is sure the dis-hard person. He battled to the last ditch, anyway, before he went down.

The shoes of the near future will be canvas and composition, we hope. All right. That's not news. We have been wearing some of them. They were called leather.

Let's go! We'll spend another nickel for Christmas.

Names Is Names.

Otto B. Stout lives in Cincinnati.

Our Daily Special.

Never Contradict a L

UNITED FARMERS OF ONTARIO CRYING FOR MORE HELP ON LAND

Rural Population Has Declined 30 to 70 Per Cent—Municipal Profiters Taking What Help War Has Left by Big Wages—Hot Shot for Bacon Barons.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—"Farmers are working fourteen hours a day, and yet production is falling off. Why? Because the rural population has declined by thirty and fifty, and in some cases, to the extent of seventy per cent." This statement was made by E. H. Stonehouse, president of the Milk Producers' Association, at today's session of the United Farmers of Ontario.

"As farmers," continued Mr. Stonehouse, "we feel the serious nature of the situation, because we understand that situation as others do not understand it. We are not asking for exemption from military service as a class. We realize that our blood is no more sacred than that of others. But we do feel that food production in Canada is as necessary to the winning of the war as service in the trenches in France. To take one skilled laborer from the farm means adding one more to the body of consumers. It does more, it removes from the land one who is in a position to provide food for six or eight others, as well as himself."

"If we are to produce food to the limit, not only must we be allowed to retain skilled labor on the farm, but we must have a system of registration under which labor can be placed where needed—under which non-essential industries will be closed and more labor provided for industries which are essential."

"If the law of supply and demand were left alone, and the manipulation of combines eliminated, I do not believe price-fixing in any line would be necessary," said R. W. E. Burnaby of Jefferson, speaking of the fixing of prices of farm products.

"You farmers," Mr. Burnaby continued, "are not guaranteed cost plus a reasonable profit on hogs, but the British Government does guarantee an excellent profit to packers on the bacon made from your hogs."

"The situation is indeed serious when rich and poor in England have to line up and wait for meagre supplies of the necessities of life. But I wonder if our Government is serious when it allows munition makers, by the offer of \$10 a day to take labor from the farm, it is not surprising that munition manufacturers can pay these wages. One such manufacturer handed over to the Government \$700,000, the profit he made on one contract. How much profits have other munition manufacturers made that they have not handed over? These men take good labor from the farm to cut their lawns and then they kick at 14 cents a quart for milk."

R. H. Halbert was re-elected president of the organization.

DRAFTEES OF M. S. A. TO GET ORDERS TO REPORT NEXT WEEK

Ontario Registrar Prepares to Send Out Notices.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—By Thursday morning, December 27, it is expected the men called to the colors under the military service act will have received notices from the Government telling them when and where to report to begin active service.

The Ontario registrar's office states that the notices are to be sent in a few days from now.

46 KILLED AND MANY INJURED; TRAINS COLLIDE

Fast-Moving Limited Crashes Into Rear of Crowded Local Express

NEAR CITY OF LOUISVILLE

Worst Wreck in History of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 7 from Cincinnati to New Orleans crashed into the rear end of a Louisville-Barabtown and Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railroad station here, reached 46 today.

The number killed was at first placed at 38. Revision of the figures caused by additional deaths from among those badly injured increased the total to 46.

The wreck, which is said to be the worst in the history of the Louisville and Nashville, occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here. It had gone only a short distance, when the other train came into sight, traveling at a high rate of speed. Before it could be halted it had crashed into the slower-moving train ahead and made kindling wood of the two wooden passenger coaches it carried.

The locomotive pulling the fast train was badly damaged by the impact, but the engineer and fireman escaped with a few bruises. The heavy steel coaches it pulled were uninjured with the exception of one baggage car, and the train was able to proceed when a second locomotive had been secured from Louisville and the wreckage of the local train cleared from the right-of-way.

The operator's story.

Blame for the disaster seems to hinge upon whether the fast train had been given a clear block or not. Jess Weatherford, operator at the station, said immediately after the collision, that after the local train pulled away from the station he had turned his board to show the track clear for the fast train,

and then left his post in response to orders to help unload baggage.

As he left the office, he said he saw the train approaching, rushed back to his office, set the red danger signal, picked up a red lantern, and rushed to the platform just as the train passed him, he said.

Superintendent Sheridan closely questioned the crews of both trains, as well as the station force, but declined to attempt to fix the blame, without further investigation.

Trapped in Wreck.

Immediately after the crash, passengers from the New Orleans train and Shepherdsville citizens rushed to the aid of those imprisoned beneath the wreckage of the local.

Several of those killed were so badly disfigured that it was impossible to identify them last night.

Two children were found in snowdrifts into which they had been thrown and were cared for last night by Shepherdsville citizens. One, a girl of about 11, was apparently unhurt, but had suffered such a violent shock as to lose her memory at least temporarily. The other child, a little girl about 4 years of age, was asleep when picked up from the snowdrift into which she had been pitched by the impact of the collision. Her rescuers decided not to awaken her after it was found she was unhurt, and the child slept the night through. Many of the injured were so badly hurt that it is feared the death list will be increased even further.

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

PRESUMED TO HAVE DIED

STAFFA.
K. Connelly, LONDON.
K. F. Martin, LONDON.
J. Martin, STRATHROY.
C. H. Smith, ILL.

EXETER.
Bombardier J. A. McMahon, DIED IN HOSPITAL.
PORT ELGIN.
D. Thompson, WOUNDED.

WOODSTOCK.
Sapper G. W. LeCras, INNERKIP.
Pte. John M. Birtch,

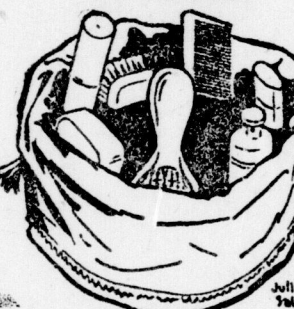
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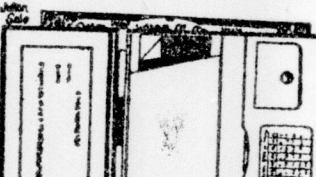
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THE EVERGREEN GIRL

By Marston Mercer.
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Every year about the middle of November a small sign appeared over the door of the "Evergreen Shop," which read, "The Evergreen Girl." Year during the Christmas season Ruth Thomas made hundreds of evergreen wreaths, which she sold for Christmas decorations.

"This was why the people of Briery called her the evergreen girl."

The day before Christmas Ruth sat in her little shop finishing the last wreath she would make that season. "There!" she said, "it's done. A sprig of bright red berries among the evergreen stems, 'that finishes Helen Stanwood's order, and thank goodness, it's done in time. O, dear," she sighed, "laying the wreath aside, I do wish I could spend one Christmas time enjoying myself as others do. Why, there has not been anyone here over the holidays since I can remember, and I have not been to a Christmas party in years. Since the time I went over to Dolly Blair's with Dane."

A warm color suddenly glowed in the girl's cheeks, and there was a soft light in her brown eyes, as she thought of that party. Once during the evening she had caught her. This she was standing under the mistletoe bough, and the sudden roar of a high-power automobile broke in upon Ruth's musings. The car belonged to Dane Stanwood. Dolly Blair's, Dane had gone west to become a mining engineer. He had written a few times to Ruth, and then the letters had stopped coming, and she had not heard from him for nearly four years. Then, just a month ago, he had suddenly appeared in Briery with the blue racing car. Soon it was rumored that he had made a fortune in the mines.

The second week after his return Stanwood bought the old Blair mansion, and gave the information that he intended to move into his new home before Christmas. Next he announced that preparations were under way for a party which he was giving Christmas eve.

The evergreen girl had been surprised and a little bit hurt because Dane had not even called. She had thought it strange, too, at first, that she did not receive an invitation to the party, for she knew nearly every one in Briery was going.

But when Ruth was told the party was to be given in honor of Stanwood's fiancée, she understood why she had not been invited.

"That is why Helen Stanwood didn't little laugh."

"I am sure we can if we work fast," she answered. "I am used to this work, you know, and with your help it won't take long."

"How long have you been the evergreen girl?" Dane asked, as he and Ruth were trimming a chandelier.

"This is my third season," Ruth replied. "I found that there was a big demand for wreaths and laurel trimming during the Christmas holidays, so three years ago I opened an evergreen shop. I love to do this kind of work, and although the season is a short one, my little shop pays well."

The evergreen girl might have added that, more than this, the rush of work just at Christmas time helped her to forget the dull ache in her heart which was always so hard to bear during the holidays. She said nothing of this, though, but asked instead:

"Tell me, Dane, how have you spent Christmas while you have been away? Have you been where there was much merry-making?"

"For the past three years," said Stanwood, "I've celebrated Christmas by working from dawn till dark. This is the first enjoyable Christmas Eve I

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have known since I left Briery."

"It has been a very pleasant evening for me, too," said Ruth, "and I have enjoyed it ever so much. Now, we'll trim the Christmas tree, and then you can take me home and get back in time for the party."

"A half-past seven Dane surveyed the big double parlors with satisfaction. With the help of the evergreen girl he had finished the decorations and everything was in readiness for the guests. The rooms look just as they did four years ago at Dolly Blair's Christmas tree—even the mistletoe bough."

"Don't you remember how that one hung right over our heads, as this one does now?"

The evergreen girl was silent.

"Had you forgotten, Ruth?" he persisted.

"No," softly, "I had not forgotten."

"You never thought I had forgotten, did you, dear?"

"But you never wrote, Dane."

"Because for a long time I was miles from a railroad or postoffice and could not send any mail. But I've thought of that night, though, and all these years I've been planning to have a Christmas party as much like that one as I could, only this one tonight will be for you."

"But isn't the friend who is coming with Helen your fiancée?" faltered Ruth.

"Not exactly," laughed Dane. "That friend is Harry North, Helen's fiancée. The girl I expect to marry is that one, now, and by Jove, I've caught her again, standing under the mistletoe bough."

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TRIED TO ALIGN SOUTH AMERICA AGAINST STATES

Another of Count Luxburg's German Plots Exposed by Telegrams.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Evidence of a German plot to align the nations of South America against the United States is revealed in telegrams sent to Berlin by the notorious Count Luxburg, former German charge d'affaires in Argentina, made public today by the state department.

In one of the messages, of which there are some forty, Luxburg reports he induced President Iriyoven of Argentina to enter into a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia, "a mutual rapprochement for protection versus North America," and did his utmost to

have Peru included in such an agreement.

Argentine Makes Reply.
Translations of the dispatches were given out by the state department, in agreement with the Argentine minister of foreign affairs, who, in an accompanying statement, gave denial to Luxburg's account of the negotiations with his Government.

"The telegrams show a number of inaccuracies so surprising that no epithet would fit them," said the foreign minister's statement, "as they are at complete variance, both in substance and form with the terms in which the negotiations were entered into, carried on, and brought to a conclusion."

The message referring to the South American alliance merely said the president had at last made up his mind to conclude such an agreement with Chile and Bolivia, and there was nothing in the correspondence to clear up just what negotiations were carried on with these countries.

Could Carry Out Policy.
A telegram dated July 20 last announced the completion of a "receiving plant" and asked for the way length of the great wireless station at Naen. The concluding message, dated July 19, said:

"As long as Chile is neutral, Germany will be able, after the war, to carry out her South American policy just as well, if not more easily, in opposition to an infatuated and misguided Argentina, as with Argentina on her side."

Make Crosses From Hun Gun Captured By the Canadians

Has Been Turned Over to the British Government for This Purpose.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—A bronze gun captured by the Canadian troops overseas from the Germans will be used by the British authorities for the manufacture of Victoria crosses. The gun in question was captured by the 68th Canadian Infantry Battalion, and Sir George Perley, in a letter to Gen. Mowburn, minister of militia, states he has agreed to turn the gun over to the British authorities. Sir George says it has been in the past the invariable practice of the British Government to manufacture bronze Victoria crosses from guns captured from the enemy. Modern guns, however, are nearly all made of steel, and it has become increasingly difficult to obtain bronze guns captured from the enemy. The British war office wrote a letter expressing the warm thanks of the army council to the Dominion Government for having met its wishes in the matter.

FLAME OF CIVIL WAR SPREADING THROUGH RUSSIA SOUTH TO NORTH

Struggle Between Cossacks and Maximalists Increases in Intensity.

ALONG THE VOLGA RIVER

Great New Battle Is Probably Now Raging at Astrakhan.

MAD MONK FIGHTS BOTH
Maximalists and Cossacks Both Beaten in Brushes With Religious Army.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A Reuter dispatch from Odessa dated Dec. 19 says there has been three days' sanguinary fighting between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainians, owing to the refusal of the latter to allow the passage of reinforcements for the suppression of the Don Cossacks. The Bolshevik leader was killed. There is the greatest danger in the harbor, the dispatch adds, where the crews of the naval units are divided between the two factions.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that the struggle between the Cossacks and the Maximalists in Southern Russia is increasing in severity. The correspondent at Petrograd of Reuter's Limited, telegraphing under date of Tuesday, says the flame of civil war is spreading northward along the Volga River from Astrakhan to Samara.

The Maximalists hold Astrakhan, from which place the Cossacks were reported on Monday to be 20 versts distant. Fighting probably has now begun.

The Maximalists are said to have many machine guns, but are almost without cannon. The Cossacks are reported to be equipped with light field guns.

"Mad Monk on Rampage."
An extraordinary state of affairs is depicted at Tsaritsyn, in the province of Samara, where neither the Maximalists nor the Cossacks have gained the mastery, both being beaten by the forces of Heliodorus, Abbot of Tsaritsyn, and known as "Mad Monk" who advanced against them, singing "Save, Lord, Thy People."

Orenburg Cossacks, commanded by General Dutuit, are advancing against Samara, the Maximalist garrisons en route being dispersed. Cossacks have occupied all the east part of the province of Voronezh, a province in South Central Russia.

Ukrainians Fight Well.
Fighting continues at Odessa, where Ukrainian troops hold the arsenal and the telegraph and telephone stations. The municipal theatre repeatedly changed hands before finally remaining in the possession of the Ukrainians. The Maximalists hold the port, which the Ukrainians shelled with heavy and field artillery in response to a bombardment of the town by naval guns. The Ukrainians are darning and removing the Maximalist troops the province of Kiev and at Konotop, about 100 miles east of Tchernigov. The Ukrainian central board has issued a message proclaiming a Ukrainian democratic republic to form part of an all-Russian federal republic.

Would Expropriate Lands.
Pending the meeting of the Ukrainian constituent assembly in January the Rada in its message recognized the principle of expropriation without compensation of private lands, monasteries, and some church lands for the benefit of the laboring classes. According to the Russian official news agency delegates of the Ukrainian council of workmen and soldiers delegates recently met at Kharkov and resolved to regard the Rada as a bourgeois and anti-revolutionary institution and to oppose it.

Grand Duke Leads.
An unofficial report is to the effect that Grand Duke Nicholas, the former Russian generalissimo, whose masterful retreat from the Caucasus and later successful operations against the Turks in the Caucasus region stamped him as one of the great commanders of the war, has formed a great army of royalists in the Caucasus region.

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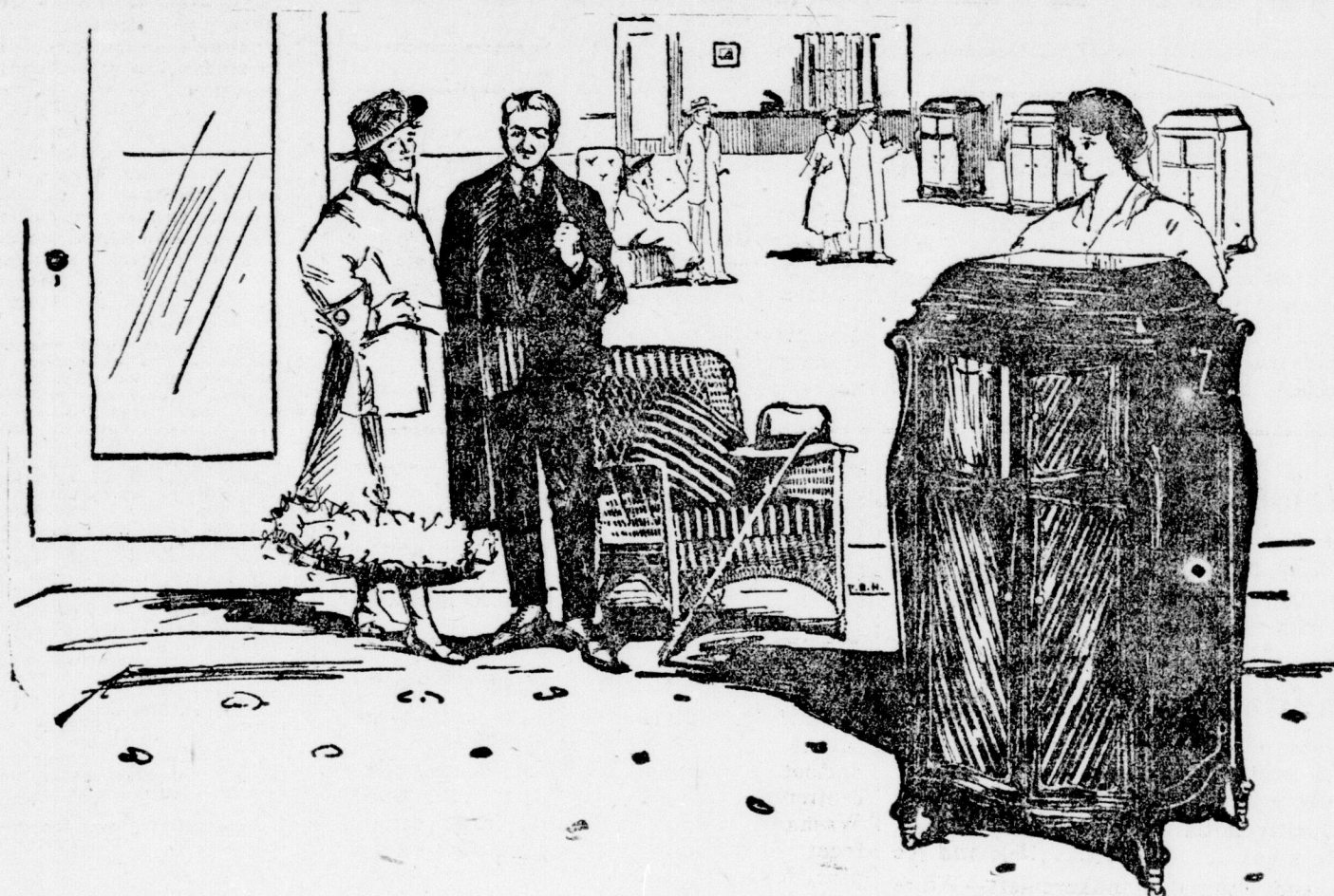
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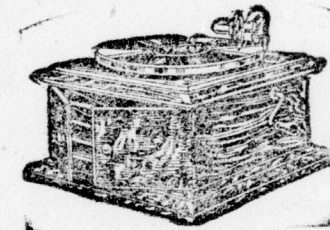
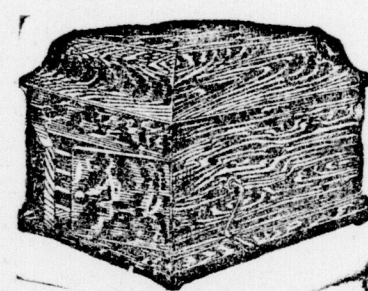
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Provincial Treasurer Announces Substantial Surplus.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer, announced tonight that when he goes before the Legislature next session he will be able to show a substantial surplus.

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up the loss. In addition to the big increase in mining revenue due to the new nickel levy and the jump in succession duties, the province has benefited this year by a very large revenue from the amusement tax. This tax during the last fiscal year brought in over \$600,000.

The amount spent in patriotic undertakings exceeded by some \$200,000 the revenue raised from the mill-on-the-dollar war tax.

DRUGGISTS WANT ONTARIO DRY MEASURE AMENDED

Ask That Details of the Measure Made Definite.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—A deputation of manufacturing druggists appeared before Provincial Secretary W. D. McPherson this morning, asking for an amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act, by which druggists may know what percentage of alcohol is permitted for preservative purposes, and to have it provided that medicated wines be sufficiently medicated to prevent their use as beverages. It is likely some amendment may be made to the act in this line.

Miners Have a Fast Ride; Plunge On Snowslide's Trail

Were Buried Deep in Snow and Nearly Dead When Rescued.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 20.—To ride fifteen hundred feet at break-neck speed on the tail-end of a snowslide over the mountains of the rugged Selkirk and to be plunged into a chasm of 250 feet depth and then come out alive, is the experience of four miners employed at the Sitting Bull property near Invermere, B.C., says a special dispatch to a Vancouver newspaper.

After the plunge they were buried in the snow, but managed to gain the surface after several hours of unceas-

ing toil. They were hemmed in on all sides and the walls of the crevasse rose sheer all over them for hundreds of feet. In this condition they remained for nearly fifty hours. When they were ready to give up, a rope from the heights overhead came dangling down from a rescue party. The men had had nothing to eat and were suffering from the cold. Three of the miners were also seriously injured in their slide down the mountain and fell into the chasm. They were removed on stretchers after being raised to the chasm brink.

ARRESTED AT FUNERAL OF HIS BABY, IS SENTENCED AS DESERTER AND THIEF

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Robert Richard Hughes, in addition to a sentence of two years in the court of special sessions today for being a deserter from the army, was sentenced to two years for theft. Hughes was arrested while attending the funeral of his baby, which was burned to death during the temporary absence of the mother from home.



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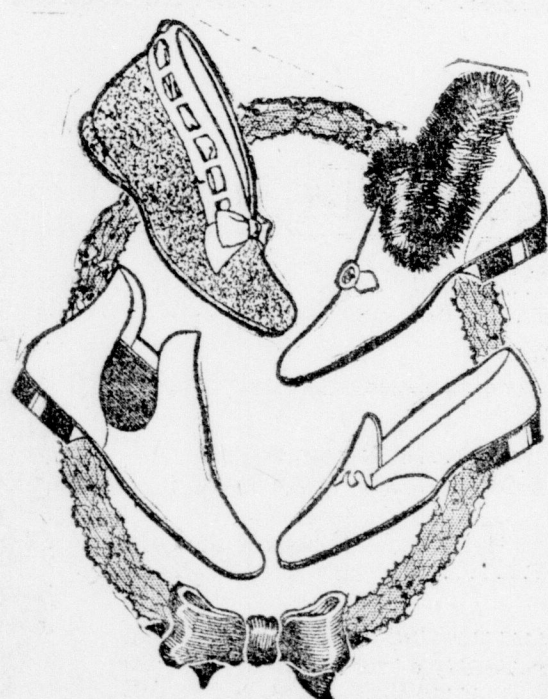
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Ladies' Fine Cozy Slippers, padded soles, Juliet cut, high front and back, ribbon drawn, red, blue, pink, lavender.

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Black Duchess Silk, heavy quality, rich finish, has exceptional wearing qualities. Special.....\$1.35

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are very popular. We are showing a fine range of French crepe, good weight, special quality, 40 inches wide, all leading shades.....\$1.50
Special showing Georgette Crepe, heavy quality, beautiful soft finish; shades of ivory, pink, maize, copen, black....\$1.19

Christmas Kid Gloves

French Kid Gloves, in tan, grey and black, two domes, fine quality....\$1.65, \$2.00, \$2.25
White Kid Gloves, two domes, white and white with red backs.....\$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$2.00 and \$2.25

Christmas Handkerchiefs

Hundreds of Christmas Specials, embroidered in white and colors, three in a box. Specially priced....50c, 66c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00
Fine Quality Initial Handkerchiefs, in linen, three in a box.....50c and 75c
White and Colored Handkerchiefs—White embroidered, also colors, in checks and fancy patterns.....2 for 25c
Silk Crepe Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edge, colors of Nile, primrose, sky, old rose, maize. Special.....25c

Ladies' Neckwear

White Crepe Jabots, guipure and flat lace trimmed, new designs.....\$2.00 and \$2.25
Very Dainty Lace-Trimmed Crepe Collars, special lines.....75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
New Pique Sets—Large square collar, double hemstitched, square cuffs; neatly boxed. A set 75c
25 White Spreads in crochet and Marseilles, slightly soiled. Special.....\$1.98

20 dozen Huck Towels, fancy weave, hemstitched ends. Each.....60c

25 dozen Special White Linen Huck Towels, handsome designs, hemstitched ends.....62½c, 85c, \$1.00

Plain White Bath Towels, large size, hemmed ends. Special quality.....25c

Extra Special—Large Size Heavy Bath Towels, in white with hemmed or hemstitched ends, also white with colored borders of pink, blue and gold. Each.....50c

Christmas Linens

70-Inch Full-Bleached Table Damask.....75c

Three pieces Fine Bleached Damask, assorted patterns. Special.....50c

72x72 Pure Linen Tablecloths.....\$2.98, \$3.25, \$4.50, \$5

Ask to see our Special Linen Sets, neatly boxed.....\$6.75, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$20

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Fine Irish Lawn, put up in pretty boxes, with two and four in a box.....25c and 50c
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Pure Irish Linen, hemstitched, splendid qualities. At, each.....20c, 25c

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President, Duplex and Leather-End Suspenders in boxes.....35c, 50c, 75c
Fancy Sets of Braces, Garters and Arm-bands, many combinations.....50c, 75c, \$1.00
Armbands and Garters singly or in combination sets.....25c, 35c, 50c, 75c
Special Khaki Braces, cord-end style, splendid quality. At.....35c

Extra Specials!

12 Young Men's Fine Overcoats, in sizes 35 to 38, form-fitting and pinch back, smart tweed effects. Regular \$15.00 and \$16.50. For.....\$10.00
16 Men's and Young Men's Fine Overcoats, in trench and slip-on styles, swaggy new tweed effects. Regular \$20.00 and \$22.00. For.....\$15.00
6 only Men's All-Wool Mackinaw Coats, in red and black checks, pure wool quality. Regular to \$7.50. For.....\$4.50
30 Children's Chinchilla and Tweed Overcoats, sizes 4 to 8 years, blues and greys, well made, with all-around belt. Special.....\$4.75
20 dozen Christmas Neckwear, in many nice patterns in fancy boxes for gifts. Regular 35c. On Saturday only at......19

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Fine Neckwear

The gift that never fails to please here in wonderful variety and unusually fine qualities, all handsomely boxed free.....50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.00

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A great range of those Handsome Fringed-End Silk Reefers, in scores of wonderfully rich colors and patterns. Boxed free.....\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Fine Brushed Pure Silk Mufflers, in exclusive shades, unusual grade that should sell at \$4.50. For.....\$3.50

Solid Comfort Wool Mufflers with fringed ends, splendid qualities and liberal sizes.....\$1.00, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Gloves

Unlined Fine Suede and Cape, in grey, tan and putty shades.....\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50
Fine Wool and Fleece-Lined Suede and Cape, in greys and tans; regular and strap wrists.....\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 to \$3.00
Wool Gloves.....75c to \$1.50

Coat Sweaters

A great collection of unusual values in Penman, Warren and Best Knit qualities, all colors and weights, including pure wool garments that are out of the market today.....\$1.30, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$6.75.

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Many colors and combinations, in splendid weights and qualities; sizes 24 to 34.....\$1.39, \$1.75, \$1.98, \$2.50 to \$2.98

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HAIR-RAISING TALES NARRATED ABOUT BRITISH AVIATORS

Brilliant and Daring Raids Made on Germans.

BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Nov. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Stories of daring escapades of British aviators, exciting aerial combats from which the air-fighters escaped alive seemingly only by miracle and of brilliantly executed raids upon German aerodromes and troops behind the German lines are described in the reports of the Royal Corps covering the activities of about one week. Hair-raising incidents of fierce conflicts above the clouds or low over the German communication lines are described in these succinct reports without bombast.

For example, there was the case of a British aviator who, when he was attacked by two enemy aircraft, he shot down one of them out of the sky. He was then attacked by the other and, after a struggle, he was forced to land. He was then captured by the enemy.

In a similar instance, a German scout aircraft was shot down by a British aviator. The British aviator was then attacked by the enemy and was forced to land. He was then captured by the enemy.

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have to remember, though," added Nancy. "and that is that she should never once let him take her for granted. It would be like taming a lion—once the beast knows his power, he is lost. Some women are cut out for just that sort of thing, you know, and never in a lifetime let their husbands know what meek, tame creatures they have."

Nancy and Charlie thus discussed Mr. Harrow over the chocolate cups one day at luncheon, late in December. Charlie had gone downtown for Christmas shopping.

That afternoon Harrow gave the switchboard operator orders to the effect that he was "too busy to be disturbed," and then sat at his desk, with no one but Nancy sharing his solitude, looking blankly into space for a full hour, his head bent and his arms akimbo. He started to his feet when he roused himself and paced the floor impatiently.

"Take this," he threw at Nancy. "Memo for the cashier's office—Owing to war conditions and necessity to cut all every possible expense, we shall give no gold pieces at Christmas."

Nancy took the words down in dots, curves and dashes, and recalled as she did so that in the firm of which Harrow was president "war conditions" had meant 25 per cent greater profit than usual.

"Take this," he threw out again, "it is for my housekeeper, Mrs. Hawkins. Owing to war conditions, I have found it inadvisable to dispense with any additional money in the wages to the servants this year." And he wrote a letter to the mother of the orphan boy mother used to be so much interested in. I've previously ordered a doll or a book for each child. Tell them that I feel that would be a needless extravagance. If they are absolutely without necessities let them write me and I will send them a check. But now is no time to waste money on mere toys. Let the youngsters make their own Christmas. They will enjoy them just as much."

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ENEMY MEETS BAD REPULSE ON NORTHERN ITALIAN LINE

Completely Repulsed Between
Brenta and Piave.

BERLIN QUITE BOASTFUL

Claims Capture of Nearly
9,000 Italians in Week.

PLAINS ARE NOW MENACED

Correspondent Takes Serious
View of Situation—Last
Tall Barrier Gone.

ROME, Dec. 20.—Complete repulse of yesterday's attacks by the Austro-German forces, which were delivered on the Trenta and the Piave front between the Piave and the Brenta rivers, was announced by the war office today. The enemy suffered heavy losses. New attempts by the enemy to cross the Piave-Veschna were frustrated.

BERLIN CLAIMS NEARLY
9,000 PRISONERS TAKEN.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Repeated Italian counter-attacks against the positions recently captured by the Austro-Germans on Monte Asolone were repulsed yesterday. The German general staff announced today. Since December 11 the Germans have taken nearly 9,000 prisoners, 270 officers and 4,120 men, in the fighting between the Brenta and Piave rivers.

ENEMY AIMS TO REACH
PLAINS IN A FEW DAYS.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—The situation in the northern fighting zone has assumed a more serious aspect, with the enemy's occupation of Monte Asolone, whence there is a stretch of hills between him and the level plain. Monte Asolone is the last of the heights in that section with an altitude of more than 4,000 feet. The remaining ones being good-sized hills, 2,000 and 3,000 feet high, and snowless except during a severe winter. This remaining stretch of hills is about seven miles long, with a width of four miles at the base.

The enemy's heavy guns already have the range beyond Bassano, and have been firing on the Venetian plain near the entrance to the Brenta Valley, and while the city itself has not yet been shelled, occasional shells have fallen in the outskirts, and some have passed over the city beyond.

Seventeen divisions in North. The reports show that the enemy is employing seventeen divisions in his operations between the Brenta and Piave rivers. Of these six are certainly, and nine probably, German. Deserters who come in say that the enemy troops declare they will be in the plain by the holidays, as they are strong in their desire to get down from the mountain heights before the hardships of winter set in.

Five different attempts to cross the old Piave near its mouth indicate that the enemy is adopting the plan of striking the two extremes of the line, with the purpose of bending one or the other back on the center.

South of Allied Positions. The drive to Monte Asolone takes the enemy line some distance north of the Italian Allied positions on the Upper Piave. The exact positions of the British and French divisions cannot be stated, but, generally speaking, they are not at the extremes, and it appears to be part of the enemy's cunning to strike at the extremes where the Italians are holding single-handed.

The place where the enemy gained a foothold on the west bank of the old Piave and was driven back to the water's edge, is the nearest point to the city, as the remaining stretch is a marsh of lagoons, and the occupied point is within range of the warships off the mouth of the river.

ITALIANS ARE URGED
TO CONCENTRATE ON
WAR TO LAST DOLLAR

Master of Treasury Says
Stake All on War.

ROME, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—"All the property we possess individually and nationally must be consecrated to the war," declared Minister of the Treasury Nitti in making his annual statement to the Chamber of Deputies today. "The people must be convinced of this solemn fact. They must also economize, must go along with the least possible, must subscribe to the war loans and must understand that whoever refuses credit to the Government will among other things automatically increase the amount of paper money, increase the cost of living, and decrease the value of Italian money."

People Show Faith. "The great faith that Italy's people have in her future is shown by the fact that the savings deposits have increased 7,500,000,000 lire during the last year, and that there is also plenty of capital available for private industry. It is true that during October there was a panic, but it was largely limited to the bank depositors in the districts nearby the invaded territories."

Increase in Estimates. The estimates for 1917-18 show an increase of eight and one-third billion lire above the normal Government expenses of 3,000,000,000 lire, with an income of 4,750,000,000 lire.

The minister said that Italy had spent from November, 1914, to October, 1917, 15,500,000,000 lire, of which the sum of 8,500,000,000 lire was obtained by various loans and 7,000,000,000 by extraordinary means.

SECTION OF DEVASTATED AREA IN HALIFAX



Note Ruined Henhouses Used by Birds for Shelter.

SOLDIERS' VOTE NOW COMPLETED ON FIRING LINE

Men Concentrating Attention
Now on Christmas
Festivities.

GIFTS ARRIVE PROMPTLY

Canadian Field University Is
Likely To Be Established
in France.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, Dec. 20.—(By W. A. Wilson, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press, Limited.)—With ground covered with snow in the biting weather of a Canadian winter, the Canadian troops polled their final votes today. When the polls opened this morning over 96 per cent of the available vote within the Canadian area had been taken, and numerous polls in various units had been closed with a full vote reported. By 8 o'clock last night when the vote closes it is estimated the number not having exercised the franchise will be practically negligible.

While the front is quiet, that quietness is only comparative. The morale of the enemy troops, on the whole, is good at present. Their attitude during the last fortnight has been aggressive, though general indications still point to a continuation of a defensive policy on their part.

Indeed, while Germany is undoubtedly concentrating additional forces in the western theatre, and is reported to have brought new troops from Russia to this area, prisoners captured on our front declare the enemy is apprehensive of an offensive by us.

"Outside of military operations and the Dominion elections, the Canadian units are concentrating their attention on Christmas festivities. The Canadian postal staff in the field has been increased by 30 per cent to meet the rush. It is confidently expected that mail will have been delivered—thanks to the efficiency of the postal staff and the activities of the Canadian authorities in closing the Christmas mails at home on November 10.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie has endorsed the Canadian division as a field unit. An initial step in the educational movement, which, if successful, is to embrace all ranks and all services. The movement, which was initiated by the chaplain of the service and the Y. M. C. A., has the sympathetic support of all the Canadian divisions, which look to the establishment of a common Canadian active service university.

TRADE OF DOMINION
NEARLY TWO BILLION
FOR EIGHT MONTHS

Tremendous Total of Business
Reported Up to Nov. 30.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—A big increase in the trade of the Dominion is shown in today by the department of customs. For the eight months of the fiscal year, which closed November 30 Canada's trade reached the tremendous total of \$1,555,151,821. During the eight months' period of 1916 the total aggregate trade for the Dominion was to the value of \$1,469,255,942. For the month of November alone the import and export trade of the Dominion reached \$288,341,563. For November last year it was approximately eighty-two millions less, being \$206,341,563.

TWO ENEMY SUBS
SUNK OFF ITALY

French Destroyers' Coup in
Gulf of Otranto.

ATHENS, Dec. 20.—French destroyers have sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

MAY GET CANNERY

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 20.—Owen Sound may get a \$400,000 cannery. An effort, it is stated, is being made to purchase the factory and plant of a defunct concern. Hamilton and Owen Sound capital is behind the project.



CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG Without a Soul

Special matinee attraction at the Majestic Theatre today and Saturday.



MAJESTIC

The first episode of this great mystery serial of 15 chapters will be shown at the Patricia Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.



At the Patricia Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

A treat for children and adults.

Bank of Nova Scotia Gets
Temporary Exemption of
33 Employees.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Many appeals from the decisions of tribunals were heard today by the four appeal courts at the city hall. In Judge Winchester's court exemption under class 2 is called was given to 33 employees of the Bank of Nova Scotia. With one exception none of these men are now in Canada, all being stationed in the bank's branches in the United States and foreign countries.

"All these men are of military age," stated Inspector McIntyre of the bank, "and we have taken the precaution to get exemption for them in case any of them are transferred to Canadian branches. It has been impossible to determine the medical categories of each."

Judge Winchester: "We will place them in the meantime in class 2, leaving it open for any of them to come to Canada."

PACKED HOUSES AT
PRESTON CONCERTS

PRESTON, Dec. 20.—The annual Christmas entertainments of St. John's English Church and the local separate concert were held last night. The former was held in the Princess Theatre, and the latter at the Princess Theatre. Both drew crowded houses.

The entire Sunday school of St. John's Church had their tea in the dining-room at the Princess Theatre to the program. The Princess Theatre was packed to the doors, and as many citizens were unable to gain admittance those in charge repeated the entire program tonight.

DECREASE IN FIRE LOSS.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The fire loss in Toronto for the present year is estimated at \$1,157,400. This is approximately \$25,250 less than the loss in 1916. The loss to buildings is placed at \$248,578, and to contents \$908,822.

CONQUEST OF PLACES DOMINATED BY TURKS HISTORIC MILESTONE

Lloyd Projects Imagination
2,000 Years.

U. S. FURNISHES AN EPOCH
Republic's Entry Into World
Politics Immortal
Event.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—"If we could project ourselves into the year 2000, what would be the opinion of many of the events of today?" asked Premier Lloyd George in the course of his address before the Commons today. "No doubt the Russian revolution would hold a conspicuous place. Another feature would be the advent of America for the first time, not into the war, but into world politics—a gigantic event of itself. The next event would be the conquest of Mesopotamia and Palestine, and the release of Arabia from the domination of Turkey. Another event would be the settling up of the inter-Ally council."

The premier said that at this council would be discussed and decided questions which would have a greater effect on international relations than anyone could imagine. So far it had been free from national feeling, and had helped to remove friction. The various countries had found that it meant the removal of friction in discussing and in interchanging views, and he had no doubt it would have a great influence in the direction of the economic policy of the four governments represented. Machinery established at Versailles would have a potent influence in unifying the war and economic strategy of the Allies.

GERMANS CAPTURE AN
ADVANCED POST FROM
HAIG NEAR MESSINES

Numerous Raids Attempted by
Enemy Are Driven
Off.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight reads:

"The enemy made one of our posts early this morning northeast of Haig, and this afternoon, under cover of fog, succeeded in capturing one of our advanced posts east of Messines. Other hostile raiding parties attempted to approach our lines during the day northeast of Arras, and north of the Menin road, but were being shown Monday. Tuesday, and Wednesday at the Patricia. In making the coming episode of 'Who Is Number One?' Miss Clive falls and the picture had to proceed, so as to avoid a scene of confusion. The picture had to proceed, so as to avoid a scene of confusion. The picture had to proceed, so as to avoid a scene of confusion."

BRITISH ARMEN SECURE
DIRECT HITS ON BRUGES

Large Fires Resulted From Bombs
Dropped.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—An official statement issued today says that British aircraft dropped large quantities of explosives on works at Bruges Tuesday night, getting direct hits. Large fires resulted. Bombs also hit the Vlissingen airfield yesterday, securing direct hits. One enemy machine was destroyed and another driven down. One British machine failed to return.

COURT REFUSED TO SET
ASIDE GIRL'S MARRIAGE

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Chief Justice Falconbridge at Osgoode Hall this morning dismissed the suit of Annie McIntyre to have her marriage with Enay Ardy Gental at Timmins last October to be set aside on account of her tender age. Miss McIntyre is 15 and was a waitress at Timmins when she married Gental, who is a railroad employee.

FRANCE GIVES 2 TO 1
EXCHANGING PRISONERS

1,000 Germans for 500 Nurses and Ambulance Men.

BERNE, Dec. 20.—Germany and France have just completed arrangements for the exchange of a large number of medical and ambulance men from prison camps. A thousand Germans and 500 French nurses and members of ambulance corps will be exchanged by way of Switzerland in the next few days.

VIENNA FAVORS PEACE
BUT NO INDEMNITIES

Will Send Proposal to Entente Through
Russia.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20.—A dispatch received here from Vienna says the Entente has adopted by a small majority a resolution introduced by the Czechs and South Slavs in favor of a general peace on the basis of no annexations or indemnities, and for using Russia's good offices to convey such a proposal to the Entente governments.

ARGENTINANS LOANING
HANDSOMELY TO FRANCE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—In Argentina 25,000,000 francs has been subscribed to the new French loan.

BOGUS PRIEST SENTENCED.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Solomon Danis, a bogus priest and confidence man, who obtained \$2,000 in this city last spring by pretending to be a Syrian priest on a mission to Canada, was sentenced today to the court of special sessions to imprisonment for twenty-three months on a pretence.

BIG SUGAR CARGO.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—A cargo of nine million pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received from the south, reached Boston today. The cargo is probably the last of the Louisiana product to be sent here this season, but that Cuban sugar was expected to move northward within the next ten days and further relieve the shortage.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BUYING

Can Be Made a Pleasure at C. H. Ward
& Co's Jewelry Store

Gifts from 50c up set out on bargain tables, both on the main floor and in the basement. We have gifts that will please the ladies, gentlemen, children, babies, mothers, fathers, grandfathers and grandmothers, in Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Cut Glass, High-Class China, Sterling Silver, Silver-Plated Goods, Parisian Ivory, Ebony, Umbrellas and Walking Sticks.

Wrist Watches

Ladies' Gold-Filled Wrist Watches, from... \$7.00 to \$50.00

Military Wrist Watches, from... \$3.00 up

Boys' Watches... \$1.00 each

Gents' 18-size, 17-jewel, Waltham movement, in gold-filled, Fortune case... \$15.00

Gents' 18-size, 17-jewel, Waltham movement, with patent regulator, Brequet hair-spring, in gold-filled, Fortune case... \$15.00

Rings

Baby Rings, in solid 10k gold... \$1.00 each

Baby Rings, in solid 10k gold, set with diamonds... \$2.50 and \$3.00

Ladies' Five-Stone Pearl Rings, in solid 14k gold... \$5.00 each

Ladies' Single-Stone Pearl Rings, in solid 14k gold... \$3.00 up

Ladies' Gem-Set Rings solid 10k gold... \$1.00 each

Ladies' Diamond Rings, mounted in 14k solid gold... \$5.00 to \$400.00

Gents' Signet and Stone-Set Rings, mounted in 10k solid gold... \$3.00 up

Necklets and Pendants

We have a large and well-selected stock of Necklets and Pendants, in all the newest designs. Solid 10k and 14k Gold-Set Pendants and Necklets, with genuine diamonds and pearls, as low as \$10 and as high as \$500.

We also carry a complete line of Solid 10k Gold Necklets, set with pearls and colored stones, as low as \$3.50 and as high as \$45.00. See our large stock of Indestructible Pearl Beads, all sizes.

Extra Special in Umbrellas

\$5.00 Ladies' Silk and Wool Top Umbrellas, gold-filled or sterling silver mountings... \$3.50

\$6.00 Ladies' Silk and Wool Top Umbrellas, with ring... \$4.00

\$6.00 Ladies' Silk and Wool Top Umbrellas, ivory-mounted handles, with cords, newest designs... \$4.00

\$5.00 Men's Silk and Wool Umbrellas, gold-filled or sterling silver mountings... \$3.50

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Carvers... \$3.75 up

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Alarm Clocks... \$1.50

Casseroles... \$1.98

Casseroles... \$2.19

Casseroles... \$1.98 up

Shaving Sets... \$2.75 up

Thermos Bottles... \$1.25

Thermos Lunch Boxes... \$3.50

Trays (4 styles)... \$2.00 up

Star Skates... \$1.25 pair up

Rocking Horses... \$1.50 up

Rogers' Berry Spoons... \$1.00

Rogers' Meat Forks... 75c

Rogers' Dessert Knives and Forks... \$3.50

Rogers' Teaspoons, 1/2 dozen, boxed... \$1.50

Teapots... \$1.75 up

Pie Servers... \$2.25 each

Ash Trays... \$1.00 up

Crumb Trays... 50c up

Kiddie Cars... \$1.50 to \$2.50

Express Carts... \$1.50 to \$5.00

CHOWN HARDWARE CO.

111 DUNDAS STREET. (Near Talbot Street).

PHONE 583

CANADIAN MILLS ARE
GRINDING TO LIMIT;
SURPLUS ALL TAKEN

Allied Governments Will Take
All Not Required
Here.

CALGARY, Dec. 19.—It is learned that the purchasing representatives of the Allied Governments have arranged to take all the surplus flour and oatmeal manufactured by the mills of Canada and that already every mill in the Dominion is working to capacity and will continue to do so until the war is over.

The Calgary mills are grinding night and day and the surplus above Canada's requirements are apportioned to those nations which are working to capacity. The surplus is being turned over to the purchasing agents for the Allied Governments by the managements in the east.

TUESDAY'S AIR RAID
CAME UNEXPECTEDLY

Night Rather Cloudy—Damage Remarkably Slight.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Tuesday night's air raid made less of an impression upon London's morale than any of its predecessors, and the casualties were small in view of the fact that the Gothas came just at the time the people were on their way home from shops and offices. The material damage was slighter, too, than in some less pretentious attempts of the Germans. As a rule, the raiders' bombs fell in places where little damage could be done, while only one fire was observed.

The visit of the Germans was unexpected, as the new moon gave very little light, and there were intervals when the sky was clouded. It was thought that perhaps the raiders' raid would be on the help of light reflected from the snow, which lies in a thin coating upon the roofs of the city.

One effect of the raid was to spoil the theatre performances. At some of the theatres the play could not be given because of the actors being held up on their way to the playhouses. Others were able to start their performances and go through with their bills, but played to sparse houses.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS
IN FRANCE TO FIGHT
WITH THE U.S. ARMY

Have Volunteered as a Body—
French Repulse Two
Attacks.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 20.—(The Associated Press.)—The officers of the Russian army in France have volunteered as a body to give their services to the United States. The officers are desirous of continuing the battle against the Germans, notwithstanding the Russo-German peace negotiations.

ATTACKS ARE REPULSED.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—In Lorraine today a powerful German attack, preceded by a violent bombardment, against the French trenches north of Reillon was repulsed.

BROKE HIS LEG.

EXETER, Dec. 20.—Andrew Dougal of London road, while in the woods chopping, had his leg broken by a large limb falling on it. The tree had been felled, and he was trimming the top when the accident happened. The leg was broken below the knee.

NOTHING VERY NEW OFFERED BY HURLERS

Old-Timers Used Same Brands as Big Men Deliver Now—adays—Slow Ball Most Effective.

When the spitball appeared and was hailed as something new there, were old-timers to look and say it was only a variation of a delivery used back in the days of the civil war or thereabouts.

And they said the same when the emery ball had a brief reign before the spitball was put on it. Then came the shiny ball and again the old-timers were heard from. Nothing new, they said. Adam himself used to rub the ball where his pants would have been had he worn any, to polish its surface and make it shine.

We may gather, therefore, that there is little that is absolutely new in pitching and perhaps there isn't—the "new" deliveries are only variations of the old and the standard varieties are today much what they were of 25 or 30 years ago.

Overhand Hurler.

For instance, Charley Radbourne, one of the best ever in the game, is said to have been an overhand pitcher, a style that also was used by some of the old-timers, and one that youngsters try to develop. Nobody, however, has improved upon his delivery and the perfect style of pitching, according to managers, is the overhand, but, strange to say, some of the greatest stars have not been overhand pitchers. A striking example is Grover Cleveland Alexander. He is an exponent of the side-arm delivery. Matty Ryan and Walter Johnson have been great exponents of the overhand delivery. There is still another group known as the underhand pitchers, and of these the star was Joe McGinnity.

With the coming of the spitball another distinct school was established, the premier being Jack Chesbro, who will hold the record for the greatest number of wins in one year. Chesbro was the real pioneer of the spitball, in spite of what the old-timers say, and his wonderful success is probably due to the fact that the peculiar break on the ball was then strange and new to batters. Ed Walsh ranks with Chesbro as the great spitball pitcher.

Mathewson, Rusie, Johnson, Jess and Miner Brown were great overhand pitchers. Alexander, Tucker, Caldwell, Sallee and Rudolph stand out among the side-arm group. The underhand pitcher, outside of McGinnity, have not been highly successful. Very few managers will ever consider an underhand pitcher when one is recommended by the scouts. The finished style is the overhand, a proof of which is that there are more great overhand pitchers than any other kind. The overhand has a distinct advantage in that he is able to deliver the ball with terrific speed. The overhand also has the advantage of being able to make his curve ball break straight downward.

Has Only Two Styles.

Incidentally, the modern ballplayer only knows two balls—the fast one and the curve. They do not differentiate between the ball that breaks downward and the one that breaks downward, for the simple reason that the downshoot is merely an extension of the outshoot.

Willard is reported to be anxious about the money end of his fight vs. anybody, Jess insists that no middleman shall profit, and wants the fight to be held in either New York or Chicago. He figures that it should net about \$700,000 for war work if managed properly.



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Official fielding averages of the National League show that Charlie Stengel, Superba right fielder, led the National League suburbanites in assists last season, having 30. Max Carey, Pirate centre fielder, was a close second with 28. Les Mann, of the Cubs, who led the fielders, had 26—a figure that his teammate in centre, Cy Williams, beat. Williams had 23 assists. Chicago's meadowmower gathered eight greatest number of assists, New York's smallest.

The record for assists in one game in the National by an outfielder last season was three. Dave Hickman, of the Superbas, had a record of this kind in a game with the Cardinals on August 23, and George Burns, of the Giants, duplicated the performance on September 7 in a contest with the Phillies. Both played left.

Lee King, covering right field for the Pirates, had two assists against the Superbas on July 25, and two more in the first game next day—a record that is out of the ordinary.

No suburban trio went without a putout in a nine-inning game, an incident like this cropping up in an American League fracas when Groom was pitching St. Louis against Boston in the six-inning battle between the Braves and the Cardinals on August 21. Kelly, Rege and Powell, Boston, did not have a chance, and Long, playing left, was the only St. Louis suburbanite making a putout. Hughes and Goodwin pitched in this conflict, retiring 17 men on strikes.

The Phillie outfielder once had only one putout behind Alexander in a nine-inning fray, and this also happened to the St. Louis outfielders when Horstman, Ames and Goodwin toiled, and to the New York outfield when Perritt was on the job.

In two games all three outfielders of one team had an assist. Wolter, Plack and Schick, of Chicago, had this record against Pittsburgh on September 7, and Magee, Neale and Griffith of Cincinnati, equaled it against Boston on September 26.

CICOTTE LEADS AMERICAN LEAGUE PITCHER AVERAGES

White Sox Hurler Tops Official Lists Just Released.

WON 28, LOST 12 GAMES

Average Was 1.53 Runs Per Game—Gave Only 59 Earned Runs.

New York, Dec. 21.—Eddie Cicotte, who did so much to help the Chicago White Sox win the American League pennant and then the world's championship, headed the list of winning pitchers in the American League this year, according to the official averages just issued.

He won 28 games and lost 12 for the low average of 1.53 earned runs per game. He pitched in 49 games altogether and 346 innings, a higher number than any other pitcher in the league, and he held his opponents to 76 runs, of which 59 were earned.

On top of this he struck out 150 men, and in this respect also led all others, while he gave only 70 bases on balls, and made only one wild pitch.

THE WAR SITUATION

Opposition to the Bolsheviks apparently is increasing as reports of German support of the Maximalist Government become more pronounced, and the situation in Russia grows more chaotic while the Bolsheviks endeavor to arrange a separate peace with the Central Powers.

The Ukraine in its hostility to the Bolshevik Government has been joined by the Russian staff on the southwest front, and Gen. Stenbockoff, the commander in Rumania, has been appointed head of the Rumanian forces, reported to be marching against the Bolsheviks. Another report reaching London says that the Rumanians have joined the Ukrainians, while other dis-

patches declare that Former Premier Kerensky is marching against Moscow and that Grand Duke Nicholas is raising a royalist army in the Caucasus.

Teuton Officers With Reds.

German and Austrian officers released from Russian prisons are reported to have led the Bolsheviks in overpowering the opponents in Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, while other released enemy prisoners, said to be two army corps are near Petrograd. Officers of the Central Powers are said to be active in Petrograd, although this is denied by the Bolsheviks, who claim that the Constitutional Democrats are trying to put Russia under German control.

Meanwhile diplomats of the Central Powers are hurrying to begin peace negotiations with the Bolsheviks. On leaving Berlin the German emissaries were urged by the populace to make "a strong peace."

The Allies Terms.

Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain simultaneously with the publication of German peace feelers, declares that the Allies must demand terms, including the Prussian autocracy, would be a farce. The Teutons must restore territory and repay losses. Great Britain entered the war to vindicate her honor and not to make annexations. The British premier sees trying months ahead but the war against the Bolsheviks, he becomes more effective, and America's help will bring him home.

Italians Undaunted.

Apparently undaunted by the heavy forces the enemy has been using in at-

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tempting to break the Breno-Plave line, the Italians are making counter-attacks in an attempt to regain Monte Asolone. So far, Berlin says they have been unsuccessful. On other sectors on this front the Italians have repulsed with loss strong Austro-German counter-attacks.

Raiding engagements occupy the op-

posing forces on the northern and of the western front, while the artillery continues active in the Ypres and Cambrai sectors. In Lorraine the French have repulsed a heavy German attack north of Reillon, about eight miles south of the Rhine-Marne Canal, where the Germans launched an American trench last month.

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CANADIAN SOLDIERS TAKING THE OATH



Advertisement Illustration
Canadians in khaki are now voting in the general elections which will decide whether Canada sustains her war effort. Soldier voters swearing to the authenticity of their papers in London.

GUARD AT ENTRANCE TO DEVASTATED AREA IN HALIFAX.



Advertisement Illustration
Canadian Government exhibition of war trophies now being shown with much success at Montreal. German field gun and other interesting features of the exhibit. The muzzle of the gun will be noticed to have been burst by a shell exploding in the barrel to prevent the weapon becoming of use to the captors.

ESCOBA TRAINING FOR THE KENTUCKY DERBY

Alexander's Entry Works in Winter Quarters for Race.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—Nearly 500 horses are quartered at Douglas Park and Churchill Downs, more than have ever before wintered in this vicinity. Some of these are being prepared for winter racing, but the majority consist of yearlings already tried out and horses resting for next season's campaign.

Several candidates for the 1918 Kentucky Derby are among the lot, including K. D. Alexander's Escoba, who is in charge of W. J. Young, Douglas Park, where he received his education for his juvenile engagements. Escoba showed a wonderful trial early in the past season, but it was not until his victory in the Breeders' Futurity, the best 2-year-old event, that he raced up to his trials. Escoba has been doing nicely since he went into winter quarters. He is likely to be made the favorite for the classic next spring.

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CHARLIE QUERRIE'S ADVICE TO PLAYERS

The following rules and regulations have been posted in the clubhouse of the Toronto "pros":

1. First and foremost, don't forget that I am running this club. It won't do you any good to tell your troubles to the other players. If you have a grievance, tell it to me.
2. When practice is called at a certain hour be there. If you are late we want to know why, and even then the "why" isn't an excuse.
3. You are being paid to give your best services to the club. Condition depends a lot on how you behave off the ice. Remember that it does not require bravery to hit another man over the head with a stick. If you want to fight go over to France.
4. Time spent in the penalty box is time wasted. You are not expected to go on your opponent, but do not be foolish.
5. Remember that there are generally five other players on a team with you. You are not expected to play the whole game.
6. You are not out on the ice to score all the goals. Combination with the rest of the players will probably result in more goals than individual play.
7. You will not be fined for doing the best you can. You will be punished for indifferent work or carelessness. If you are anxious to win all the time you will be a good player. Indifference or lack of "pepper" is one thing we never did like.
8. Remember it means as much to you to win the championship as it does to me. If you do not play as well as you can you are not only hurting yourself, but the rest of the team and your supporters.
9. Do not think that you are putting something over on the manager when you do anything that you should not. You are getting paid to play hockey, not to be a good fellow.
10. If playing hockey is going to be your business in the winter remember

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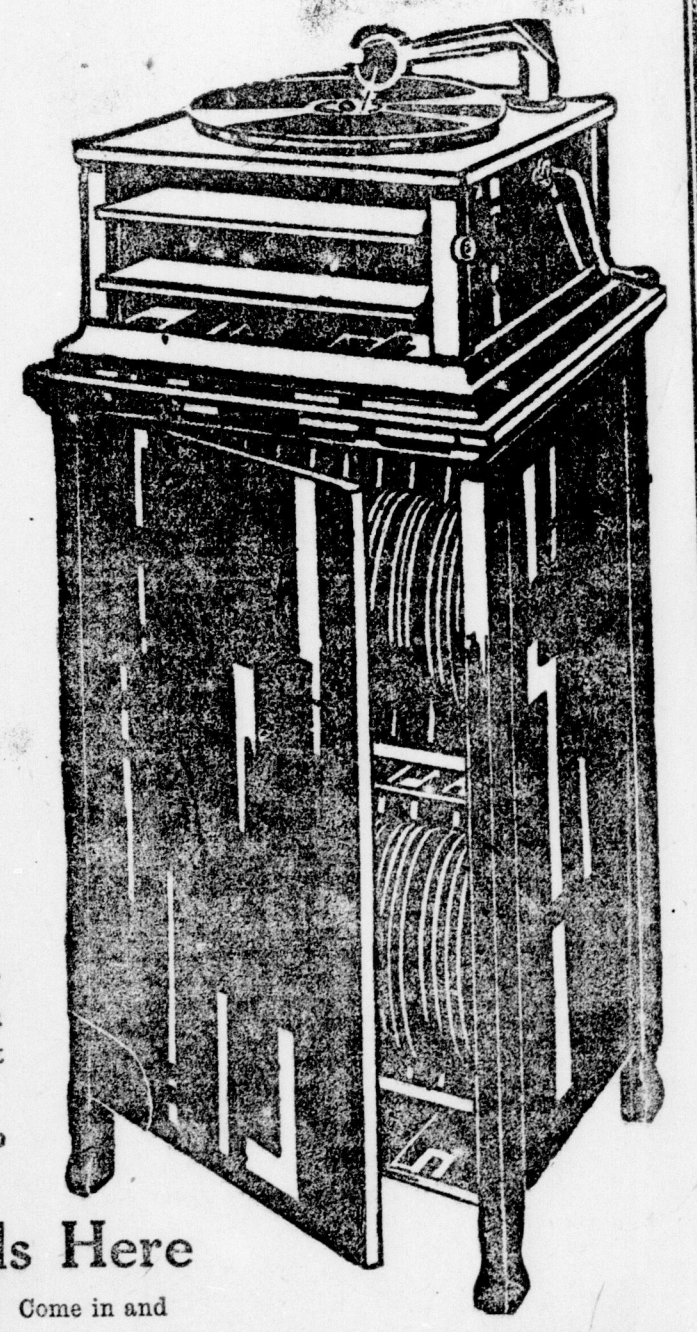
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VICTORY LOAN HELPING GREAT BRITAIN TO BUY MEATS IN THE DOMINION

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—That the Allies have resumed buying meats in Canada, with all that this means to the livestock industry and the farmers, is due directly, it is stated in official circles, to the fact that the minister of finance from the proceeds of the Victory Loan has been able to provide the funds wherewith Great Britain is enabled to continue her purchases of these products in Canada.

TROTZKY WANTS FOREIGN TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM HARBIN, IN MANCHURIA

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotsky, denied today that Japanese have occupied Vladivostok. He added that the Bolshevik Government would request the withdrawal of foreign troops from Harbin, Manchuria.

THE FISH CATCH.
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The total catch of sea fish in the whole of Canada during the month of November realized a value of \$2,145,240, at the point of landing, according to a statement issued by the department of the naval service today. In November, last year, the total catch was valued at \$1,074,398. The great increase in the value of the catch is

largely accounted for by the fact that prices paid to fishermen this year are much higher than they were last year. A comparison of the price paid for two staple fishes, cod and haddock, now and in November of pre-war year 1913, shows an increase of 55 per cent for cod and 114 per cent for haddock.

A SHAKESPEAREAN BLUNDER.

[Philadelphia Ledger.]
"Ye think a line of Shakespeare?"
"I do, sir," was the reply.
"An' ye think he was nair clever than Rabble Burns?"
"Why, there's no comparison between them."
"Nonsense, sir!" thundered the other. "Aye, just nonsense. Rabble would have kent fine that a king or queen either darna gang to bed wi' a croon or their head. He'd hae kent, they hang it over the back of a chair."

ILL WITH PNEUMONIA.
EXETER, Dec. 20.—Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. John McMahon of Hay Township that their son, Bombardier J. A. McMahon, 17th Canadian Battalion, C.E.F., from Lifford Emergency Hospital, Lifford, England, that he is in the home suffering from pneumonia, following the effects of being gassed and subsequent exposure to wet and cold. He lay in a shell hole until November, last year, the total catch was valued at \$1,074,398. The great increase in the value of the catch is

TRYING MONTHS ARE AHEAD BUT ALLIES CERTAIN TO WIN, LLOYD GEORGE TELLS EMPIRE; MAKES PLAIN PEACE TERMS

British Premier Sums Up the War Operations On Sea and Land and Reports Good Progress Made Against the Alleged Terms of Central Powers' Peace Offer.

London, Dec. 20.—In the midst of the peace purporting to be in progress between the representatives of the Teutonic allies and the Bolshevik Government in Russia, the war aims of Great Britain—and doubtless of all her allies—have been concretely set forth in the House of Commons by David Lloyd George, the British prime minister.

The complete restoration of territory now in the hands of the enemy, with compensation for the havoc they have wrought, is the price that will be demanded for the laying down of arms and the bringing about of peace. Great Britain did not seek territorial aggrandizement for herself or for any of her allies when she entered the war, declares Lloyd George, but entered into the hostilities merely for the sake of her honor. As to Germany's colonies, Entente, the British premier said, the disposition must be determined at the peace conference. Jerusalem, however, the premier declared, would never be restored to the Turks.

COMPLETE RESTORATION IS DEMAND OF ALLIES.

Complete restoration of the territories taken by the enemy, together with compensation, was demanded by Premier Lloyd George in explaining the war aims of the Government, in the House of Commons, today. Regarding the military situation Mr. Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had been realized. This disappointment he attributed to the Russian collapse. The premier said that if the Russian army had fulfilled the expectations of the general, by this time the price of the German military power would have been completely humbled. On the whole, Lloyd George said, the British campaign had not achieved the expectations formed, but he declared that there had been military successes in Palestine which would have a permanent effect on the history of the world. Jerusalem, he stated, would never be restored to the Turks.

Shipping Losses Lessening.
The premier said that the losses in

Ponsonby said, did not tally with the proposals of the secret treaties. Mr. Balfour declared that President Wilson's statement war policies were absolutely identical in spirit with those of the leaders of thought in Great Britain. He did not think there had been in the whole history of the war more powerful state documents than those issued by the president of the United States.

When Mr. Ponsonby charged that the Allies were sheltering themselves behind the president's reply to the Pope, Mr. Balfour said he presumed the member meant no more than that when a statement of policy was admirably made by the head of the great American republic it might not be necessary, and was very often unnecessary, that it should be repeated on this side of the Atlantic. The British Government, he continued, had not refused a conference on war aims, but the problems presented enormous difficulties, and it was his belief that friendly conversations were better than a formal conference for the discussion of these delicate matters.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said he did not advocate, and he did not believe the member for Government advocated, an economic war after the war, but he could not agree that Great Britain should go short of raw materials for the sake of supplying Germany. He could not state the ultimate terms of peace that the British seek, but was convinced that Britain would never abandon undertakings given to the Allies. He looked forward to a stronger alliance of Great Britain and the Allies with the United States.

A league of nations must be one object of any peace, the minister declared. He would not remain a member of any government which did not make the establishment of such a league one of its main objects.

GERMAN'S PEACE TERMS KNOWN IN WASHINGTON?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's much advertised "Christmas peace terms" has reached here through the same neutral diplomatic channels which earlier in the week received information to support intimations from abroad that a new peace offer was coming.

In the main, the terms, as described, follow the lines of those said to have been written by German Foreign Minister Von Kuehlmann last summer. At that time they were denounced as having been written purely for political purposes.

As so-called terms, which must be appraised only at their face value, are said to include the following: "To leave the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of inhabitants."

"England to pay Germany for her lost African colonies and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and Northern France."

"Russian provinces bordering the Baltic, the Black Sea and Prussia to become independent under a German plan."

"Poland to be called an independent state under Austrian suzerainty."

"Disarmament, freedom of the seas and commerce to be left to the peace conference."

Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia.

"Turkey to remain intact."

There is a very definite impression in competent quarters, that Germany having gained great advantages in Russia, might think it to her advantage to yield to Allied demands in many other directions. This is one of the reasons why some close observers believe an offer of peace coming at this time probably has more real intentions of peace behind it than the previous ones.

PROPOSAL IS COMING.
PETROGRAD, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the Allies.

This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the central powers, at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced that their governments intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the powers, and that they

had asked their allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated that the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the Allies.

No Annexations.
The Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolshevik headquarters that the central powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointing out that self-definition of nations was impracticable. The representatives of the central powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries, but desired to know the results of Russia's efforts to induce the Allies to join in the negotiations before proceeding with them. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone. The Germans were of opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts.

The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who would participate in the negotiations.

Soldiers Leaving Front.
In the expectation of an early peace Russian soldiers in increasing numbers

are leaving the northern front. Urgent telegrams are being received from Petrograd for reinforcements, the soldiers being promised the best conditions and food.

Dr. Petrofsky, a lecturer at the Moscow University, has been deputed by the Bolshevik Government to discuss some peace questions with the Germans at Brest-Litovsk.

DEATH OF MRS. BRADLEY.
STRATHROY, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Wm. J. Bradley, aged 80, died at her home here yesterday. She was one of the charter members of the Strathroy Baptist Church, which was organized about 63 years ago. She leaves, besides two brothers, James and William Pepper, of Chesley; one son, Dr. Wm. Bradley, who is in South America, and two daughters, Mrs. Alice Stevens and Miss Jennie Bradley, at home. The funeral will be held to Strathroy Cemetery on Friday afternoon.

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**INTEREST SO SLIGHT
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**South Londoners Fail to Show
Up In Sufficient Numbers.**

Interest in the municipal elections is growing about as fast as violets in the Arctic Circle, and with the loss of a few more faithful followers the candidates for the mayoral chair will soon have an audience in which the reporters and the school janitor form 100 per cent. A meeting "for the discussion of municipal affairs" was held in the Askin street school last evening. The discussion was somewhat of a fizzle, because nobody was present to conduct it but the six citizens who

wandered along at intervals during the evening and enjoyed the walk. Mayor Stevenson and a newspaper reporter were the only ones present at the specified time, and after waiting for half an hour the mayor took the initiative and adjourned the meeting.**OLDEST BARRISTER
PRACTICING HERE
DIES OF PNEUMONIA**

**Steven F. Griffiths Succumbs
After Previous Long Illness.**

The death of Steven F. Griffiths, the oldest practicing barrister in London, occurred at Victoria Hospital Thursday. Mr. Griffiths had suffered from heart trouble for the past six weeks, but his condition was not considered serious, until pneumonia set in on Wednesday, after which his death was hourly expected.

A Welshman by birth, Mr. Griffiths received his education at Oxford University. When a very young man he came to this country, and for a time studied law with the late Judge Daniels of Hamilton and the Hon. George Moncrief. In the year 1860 he graduated from the law branch of Toronto University. At the time of the Petrolia boom Mr. Griffiths went to Oil Springs, and subsequently to Petrolia, where he put in 40 years of his most successful work as a barrister. He also resided in Detroit for a few years and was very well known in that city.

In 1883 Mr. Griffiths married Violetta, second daughter of the late Henry Groves, for 30 years his constant companion. About ten years ago he came to this city and worked up an extensive practice in East London. The aged lawyer is survived by his wife and a number of relatives in the old country. The funeral will be held from the undertaking parlors of Wesley Harrison, on Saturday. Services will be conducted by Rev. J. H. Boyd, and interment made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**MANY RETURNED MEN
ATTENDED RECEPTION
HELD AT Y. M. C. A.**

**Room for Soldiers Formally
Opened Last Night.**

Over two hundred and fifty returned soldiers and their wives attended the reception tendered them in the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night on the occasion of the official opening of the returned soldiers' room on the second floor. W. R. Tindall, president of the "Y," welcomed the boys in a hearty way, and made them feel perfectly at home. All the men were presented with tickets granting them full privileges of the association.

A pleasing feature of the room thrown wide to the soldiers is that smoking is allowed. The lads who have done their bit can enjoy their smokes with a good deal more ease and comfort than they ever did in the trenches.

The boys enjoyed the musical program provided, every number being encored. The athletics and aquatic refreshments were served at the close of what was considered one of the best entertainments ever held for the returned soldiers.

Following is a list of the artists who assisted: Gordon Scott, Pte. Singer, Misses Ware, Scatchell, Suhr and Henderson, the Elgar ladies' quartet, Miss Hayes, Mrs. Butterworth, Jack Wilson, Walter Dutton.

DEATH OF MRS. HOPKINS.
Mrs. Laura Hopkins, aged 34, one of the oldest residents of Delaware, died yesterday at the home of her son, G. W. Hopkins, at Lambeth. She was twice married. Another son, John Cook, of Delaware, also survives. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at Scottsville Cemetery.

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\$10.50 Value, \$6.95; \$12.50 Value, \$8.50**

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Sweater Coats, \$1.95 to \$6.50	Fine Shirts... 75c to \$2.00
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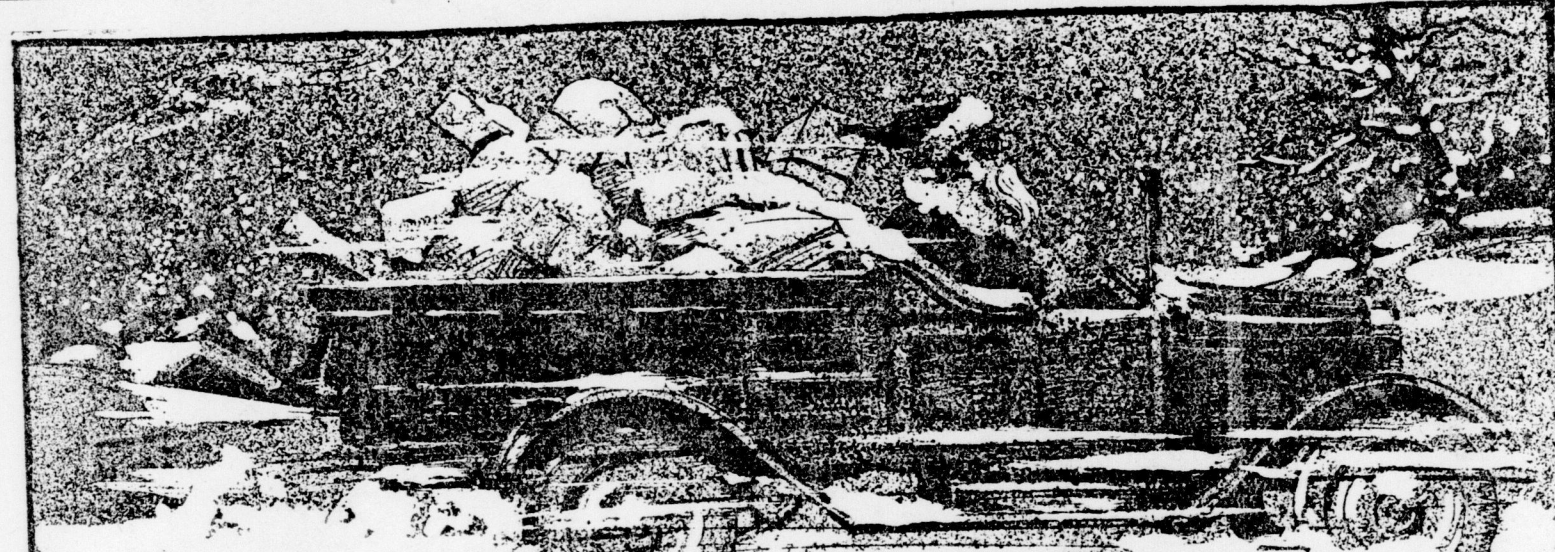
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Baby Cutters	Red, \$9.00; White, \$10.00

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Carpet Sweepers	\$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$5.25
Household Vacuum Cleaner	\$8.00 each
Bissell Vacuum Cleaner	\$10.00 each
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Spring Skates	\$1.00 pair for Girls' and Boys'
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Hockey Skates, No. 150, at	\$1.25 pair for Boys'
Bulldog	\$1.50
Mic-Mac	\$4.00
Climax	\$2.25
Regal	\$5.00
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Velox	\$5.50

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1 Copper Kettle and Stand, Regular \$11.00, at	\$7.00
1 Copper Kettle and Stand, Regular \$8.50, at	\$5.50
1 Copper Chafing Dish, Regular \$5.00, at	\$3.50
1 Copper Chafing Dish, Regular \$8.00, at	\$5.00
1 Copper Chafing Dish, Regular \$9.00, at	\$6.50
1 Copper Percolator, Regular \$8.50, at	\$6.00
1 Copper Percolator, Regular \$9.00, at	\$6.00

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Fish Carvers, pearl handle, at \$6.00 set

Pickle Forks, Sardine Forks, Bread Forks, Jelly Spoons, Cheese Spoons, all at 50c each

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All English make. Prices \$2.50 up to \$20.00

Castle Builders, just the thing for boys. Prices .50c to \$8.00 a set

Rocking Horses, just 3 left. Price, only \$4.00 each

Toboggans, all lengths, 4 feet up to 8 feet. Prices \$2.75 to \$5.00

Gillette's Safety Razors... \$5.00 and \$6.50

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The Giant Is The Place**For Christmas Neckties, Mufflers**

AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS. Over two hundred dozen Neckwear, the finest assortment in the city. If it's hard for you to decide on his present, madam, come to this store. Courteous clerks and a handsome exhibit will help you.

**Extra Special
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY.**

50 dozen beautifully-designed Neckties in fancy boxes. Sold regularly at \$1.25. While they last... \$1.00

25 dozen Handsome Four-in-Hand Ties in fancy boxes. Sold regularly at \$1.00. While they last... 75c

Swiss Silk Neckties, \$2.25

These are the most beautiful Ties it has ever been our good fortune to see. Every man would appreciate one. If they could be obtained in any other store they would cost \$2.50. There are only two dozen left. Get yours early. Other lines at 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.00

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A special late purchase from the factory. A large quantity in sizes 36 to 48. Buy your coat now and save money at these prices... 65c, \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95, \$7.95, \$8.95, \$9.95

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER OF
McCORMICK EMPLOYEES**

The large dining-room at the McCormick Manufacturing Company's plant was the scene of a most enjoyable event at noon on Thursday, when the employees and members of the firm met to partake of the annual Christmas dinner. Plum pudding and turkey were much in evidence, and about 300 people sat down in the spacious dining-room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Lombardo Bros. orchestra provided an instrumental and vocal program, and also excellent music for the dancing that followed the dinner. Two hours were allowed for the annual social affair, and everybody apparently enjoyed every minute of the time. Tonight the annual Christmas tree entertainment will be held, and all the kiddies present will receive gifts.

**ROYAL BLACK KNIGHTS
INSTALL NEW OFFICERS**

At the annual meeting of Inniskilling Royal Black Preceptor No. 334, Royal Black Knights of Ireland, last evening the following officers were installed: George Wiltchell, wor. preceptor; I. P. P. Bro. Joseph Carson; deputy preceptor, Wm. Sifford; chaplain, Wm. Vaughan; honorary chaplain, Rev. Harry Ashby; registrar, C. W. Cross; deputy, Harold Burke; treasurer, W. T. Clarke; first recorder, H. Knight; second recorder, A. Brown; first censor, H. Humphries; second censor, A. Golding; first standard-bearer, G. Clappitt; second standard-bearer, P. Hodgins; pursuivant, A. Sharp; committee, W. Laing, James Berry, James Walsh, O. David, James Meaton, R. B. Fox and R. Dunn; tyler, J. T. Todd. County Preceptor Wm. Sir Knight George Geoghagan presided.

A PAGE OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Hyde Park on Tuesday last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mackenzie, when the bride, Miss Mary MacArthur, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, was married to R. L. Mackenzie of Cleveland, Ohio. The bride looked charming in a white gown of white crepe and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids. The wedding march was played by Miss Ethel Blair of Dufferin Hill, a cousin of the bride. Rev. W. B. Mason of the First Baptist Church of Lobo officiated. During the signing of the register Mr. A. Blair sang "Perfect Day," a lovely wedding song. The bride's maid, Miss Mary MacArthur, was served to immediate friends and relatives. The wedding being a quiet one, owing to the death of the bride's brother, Sgt. Clare MacArthur, who was killed in action few weeks ago.

Mrs. W. H. Stevens, Wellington street, entertained at a dinner and card party in honor of Pte. W. Jones who is leaving shortly for overseas.

An entertainment given by the Sunday school of the Memorial Methodist Church delighted a large number of guests on Wednesday evening. The primary

department gave several recitations and choruses. The intermediate department, dialogues and drills. The results of the Sunday school gave several tableaux which were cleverly staged and were warmly applauded. The tableaux were "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Virgins."

Lieut. Alex. R. Skelton, who has lately returned from England, was made the recipient this week of a handsome Gladstone bag from his former fellow officers of the 61st (Huron) Infantry Battalion, Witley Camp, England. On the inside of the bag is a silver plate suitably engraved. Lieut. Skelton has been the recipient of many handsome gifts during his military career.

Mrs. Ross Baird, who has been in the city some time, has returned to her home in Shelden.

Miss Kathleen Coles, who has been attending Loretto Abbey in Toronto, has returned home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fowler are spending Christmas in Ottawa with relatives.

JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren G. Partridge.

HARD TO FIT PANTS
You couldn't guess who the storekeeper was. Perhaps you didn't know that they had second-hand clothing stores in the Great Forest. But you must remember that all the "Good Folk" wear clothes; and many of them, like Mr. Red Fox, Jimmy Coon, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Mink, Mr. Otter, and many others, and their wives and children wear the most elegant fur coats in the world. And of course, they have to get out their clothing, and they have to get new suits. And they must be in style, just as we are. So they go to a tailor to have a second-hand or ready-to-wear clothing store in the Great Forest. And Jimmy Coon is the most stylish tailor to be found.



"Mr. Jim Coon, I just got on green pants, but this is too tight; I couldn't run in such tight pants!"

The storekeeper's name was Mr. Jim Coon. That's a funny name for a storekeeper, but he had a very nice assortment of second-hand clothes and other things. You remember that Jimmy Coon's a great collector. Why, Jim

S TO PETER RABBIT.
Crow went around like a ragpicker, and picked up all the bright and curious things he found in the Great Forest. Now it was indeed funny to hear Jim Coon speak up in his hoarse and funny voice, "Peter Rabbit, I have a very nice little cane I could sell you, and here's one I'd give you, and I'll sell them both at a great bargain. And you needn't need this cane and this 'little cane'."

And little Peter Rabbit replied: "Mr. Jim Coon, how you suppose I'd look walking along the little Winding Path with a cane and one glove, and wearing no pants? You must find me a pair of pants."

And Mr. Jim Coon pulled over all his clothes, and finally he said: "Peter Rabbit, I've found at last just what you want. Here, look at this. You say you like green, and here's a beautiful garment. It's as fine as silk. I have just one left in stock, and it's all the rest of the world."

And little Peter's eyes sparkled with delight as Mr. Jim Coon held up this handsome garment. "It's a pair of pants, Peter tried on the fine green garment. It was a very tight fit indeed. And Jimmy Coon had to pull it off Peter's back."

Any one who was bubbling over with excitement, and remarked: "Why, Peter Rabbit, it fits you like the paper on the back of your head. It's all right in all my years in this business."

But Peter was so tight in this garment, that he could hardly breathe. He said to Mr. Jim Coon: "I just got on green pants, but this is too tight. I couldn't run in such tight pants!"

"Oh, Peter Rabbit, don't be so fussy," exclaimed Mr. Jim Coon. "What do you think of it? It's a pair of pants, and it's all the rest of the world. You must go in and buy that garment at once, before some stylish chap snaps up that great bargain."

"All right," said Peter Rabbit. "I'll take them, and the three more for my other three legs."

Tomorrow—Jimmy Coon Helps Peter Rabbit at the Second-Hand Store.

DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

Again the Christmas season has come, and over all its gladness still hangs the dreadful cloud of war. Many a mother has gone up to heaven for peace, and still the prayer of "goodwill to men" is ours to answer for ourselves. Let us answer it by our individual effort to relieve suffering and distress on the bloody battlefield. In the dreary camp, in the hospital ward, at the lonely bedside, or in the poverty-stricken home. Wherever we turn our eyes we can see someone who needs our sympathy and our material help. Never was the need so great; let our hearts and hands be freely open in response. As a society the Daughters of the Empire will not forget. In addition to the money sent overseas to provide Christmas gifts for the soldiers and some for the prisoners in Germany, we will not forget those at home. The soldiers in the several hospitals here will be remembered to the funds for providing gifts for the children of soldiers and others.

Contents of boxes packed and shipped by the Daughters of the Empire, London, during December:

Bale 477—27 grey flannel shirts.
Bale 478—24 grey flannel shirts.
Bale 479—24 grey flannel shirts.
Bale 480—27 buck towels.
Bale 481—196 pairs socks.
Bale 482—79 hospital shirts.

VEGETABLES

Spinach, per peck40c
Brussels Sprouts, per 20c
Tomatoes, hot-house, per lb.40c
Tomatoes, trellis, per lb.20c
Celery "Hercules," bunch50c
Celery, fine, bunch50c, 10c, 15c
Lettuce, fine, leaf, bunch5c
Green Onions, bunch10c
Parsley, Watercress, Radish,10c
Lentils,10c
Peas,10c
Carrots, peck40c
Beets, peck40c
Onions, peck40c
Turnips, peck20c
Cabbages, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c
Horse-radish, lb. 20c, 4c for 10c
Children Cabbage, per 100\$1.50
Celery for winter storage, with roots on.

NORWAY SPRUCE CHRISTMAS TREES.

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COMPASS OIL

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A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

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

Name
Town
Province

Age (if child's or misses' pattern).....
Measurement: Bust..... Waist.....

Caution: Be careful to inclose the above illustration, and send money or money order. When the pattern is sent measure you need only mark 23, 34 or 46 inches on the waist. When the pattern is sent, 22, 24, 25 or whatever it may be, if a skirt, give waist and length measure. When the pattern is sent, write only the figure representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "yards." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from date of application.

any of our draft has acknowledged "inches" or "yards." But it has been on my conscience, and I take this opportunity to assure you that we all appreciate the lunches you put up for us on our trip, and the good time we had at the Soldiers' Club while in London. I think I express the sentiments of all of the draft in thanking you for your kindness, and in wishing you success in the great work you are doing.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box
Is He a Catholic?
Dear Miss Grey,—Just to stop a debate. What is Sir Wilfrid Laurier? Is he a Catholic, and is he a member of the Orange Lodge? With sincere greetings. MRS. F.

Ans.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a Roman Catholic and not a member of the Orange Lodge.

That Massage Course.
Dear Miss Grey,—Would Inquirer kindly let us know if she received any more information regarding the course in massage which is given in the six months' course in Toronto?

Ans.—I will be glad to address with Miss Grey if you can give me any more definite information in this way. Write me my name and address.

Referred to Inquirer. I have not had any further information on the subject, myself, but it's possible Inquirer has if she writes the editor of the magazine in which the article appeared.

A Collector of Views.
Dear Madam,—I would appreciate it immensely if you could let me have the addresses of some of the "lonely" soldier boys, wherever they are. You see, I belong to a club, and we had quite a "talk" about this at the last meeting, and I think it would be a very good idea to send cheerful and encouraging letters, as well as parcels, overseas.

One of my friends also has requested me to ask you for some address of people who live in Australia and in New Zealand, as well as any others in the Southern States. She is a great collector of cards (postal views), and wishes some from these places, yours very truly, L. L. L.

Ans.—As you will see elsewhere in this column, names of "lonely" are just now at a premium, and so I am unable to supply them to your club at the present moment.

It is like to add your card-collecting friend, too, but, frankly, my knowledge of folks in either Australia or New Zealand is decidedly limited. However, the request is printed. It's just possible it may meet someone's eye in those distant places.

Loves the 161st.
Dear Miss Grey,—It has been some weeks since I called, but I see where E. F. B. has called me to help her out with a soldier's address. If I think the call is for me, the cap fits me. I put it on. I am also thankful that E. F. B. is helping me with my "loneliness." Does

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB
SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.
By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.
"Nehemiah Enforces the Law of the Sabbath." Nehemiah, xiii, 15-22.
Golden Text—"Remember the Sabbath Day, To Keep It Holy." Exodus, xx, 8.
Lesson—"The Messiah." (Christmas Lesson). Matt., ii, 1-12.

Golden Text: There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Luke, ii, 11.

Verses 9—Give your reason for your idea whether it is to the favored few only that God sends a "star" or its equivalent, pointing to where Jesus may be found, or to all men similarly treated.

Verses 10—Mention some things which always produce joy, and then declare that which produces the greatest joy to mortals known? (This is one of the questions which may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 11—What are the grounds for certainty that those who really seek Jesus always find him?

she mean the two who were wounded, or one? Anyway, I will send the three names again.

O, that I list, God bless them! It will be a joyous day when this terrible war is over. I pray God may speed the end. Let all we Christian people pray more in earnest for our boys' safe return. There will be many a sad home on Christmas day, mine for one, it's so lonesome, and our hearts ache for one another. I saw where there was a lady who had a warm spot in her heart for me and wanted my address, so if she leaves hers with Miss Grey, she can send it to me.

Well, I haven't much to say on any subject, for I am so busy with my little ones and behind with my work. I am busy knitting every minute I get. I knit eight pairs of socks since school started and work at the sewing machine. I have no time for fancy work.

I have no fresh bread today, Miss Grey, to bring you, but won't you come and have Christmas dinner with me, Miss Grey, that will be better than fresh bread, won't it? Good-bye, a merry Christmas to all readers and Miss Grey, too. I am an ever.

A LOVER OF 161ST.
Ans.—The information has been sent to E. F. B., and I am ever so glad you decided that the cap fitted. It's not every day I receive an invitation to a Christmas dinner, and really you run a terrible risk for all newspaper folks are hungry folks, especially at meal time! If the reader referring to Mrs. 161st wishes to correspond, I have the letter's address.

Raisins For Pimples.
Dear Miss Grey,—I would like very much to get the raisins offered by Sweet Sixteen. I think the titles were "When Willy Speaks Her Best" and "What the Little Girl Said." I will inclose envelope stamped and addressed for them.

I believe raisins do not slide easily rub them with beeswax.

Seeded raisins will help pimples. I am a whole host of them, and I wish you all a merry Christmas.

AN ICICLE.
Ans.—I am sorry, but both pieces had been mailed out even before the receipt of your letter. Maybe the one receiving them will be kind enough to return a copy to you.

Raisins for pimples? What a very popular cure that ought to be. What sized doses do you advise, Dr. Icicle?

Have Enough To Do.
Dear Miss Grey,—Well, in regards to women, raising kids I think we women have enough to do when we help to milk cows and churn the butter without raising hogs too. I would like to see some of those who do it. I do our work and then see what they would say about us raising hogs. I often feed them for Dr. Dorado if he is away for a while but not let me, for I even do not want to go out to milk this cold weather. Well, I guess I shall have to ring off as the line is busy, and answer that vexing question, "What do you think of my writing?" Please may I call again?

MOTHER OF TWO WEE BOYS.
P.S.—Do you get any letters from here?

Notes.
C. A. S. Sarnia, send copy of "Curious Story of a Soldier's Love." I shall send it to you. Will the latter please mail me address and stamp?

Posting address for Dr. Dorado by Roxana and Capitola have been forwarded.

Roxana—I have a letter here for you. Will you send me your address? I must record it here.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.
(Margaret E. Sangster.)
Just an empty fireplace,
Just the heart-throb of a home.
That has died,
Just the faintest of a dream
Swept away;
Just the echo of a lost
Yesterday.

Just the heart-throb of a home
That was bright;
Just the shadow of a dark,
Endless night;
Just a heartache that was once
Pleading gold;
Weave an woman's soul—
And as cold.

Just an empty fireplace,
Touched by years;
Backed with the sweep of guns,
Washed by tears;
Just a face with sorrow's brand,
On its brow;
Just the heart-throb of a home—
Vanished—now!

BACKWARD
WEAKLY CHILDREN
Dr. Cassell's Tablets Strengthen Feeble Little Folk and Fortify the Constitution.

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Store open evenings for the convenience of customers who find it difficult to get out earlier in the day.

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Linens for the Table

Tablecloths, 1¾ yards square, at.....\$1.25 each
Tablecloths, two yards square, a great range, at \$2.19, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.69, \$3.98, \$4.50, \$4.95, \$5.50 \$6.00 and \$6.50.

Tablecloths 2x2½ yards, priced at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.19, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$3.98, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50 and \$7.95.

Tablecloths, 2x3 yards, at \$2.50, \$4.95, \$5.50, \$6.00 and \$8.00.

Tablecloths, 2¼x2¼ yards, at \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$7.00.

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THE LOT AT 39c—Includes Embroidered Dresser and Sideboard Scarfs, Lace-Edged Scarfs, Embroidered Lunch Cloths and Shams. Priced at..... 39c each

AT 49c—Drawn-Work, Lace-Edged and Embroidered Dresser and Sideboard Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, Scalloped and Embroidered Centrepieces, Oval Crochet Centres, Blue Embroidered Centres, Colored Dresser and Stand Covers and Battenburg 30-Inch Centres; a splendid selection. For..... 49c

AT 59c—In this collection are Embroidered Dresser Scarfs, Oval Embroidered Tray Cloths, Crochet Lace Centrepieces, Battenburg Scarfs, Colored Dresser Scarfs, Tea Cosies and Scene Cases..... 59c each

AT 69c—We have Embroidered and Drawn-Work Scarfs, Colored Scarfs and Centres, and 30-Inch Squares. At..... 69c each

AT 98c—36-Inch Lunch Cloths, Trays, Dresser Scarfs, Lace and Embroidered Centres..... 98c

Table Napkins
20 dozen priced at.....\$1.50 dozen
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Kiddies' Silk Quilted Comforters. At, each.....\$1.35, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Bed Spreads as Fine Gifts
Splendid range of qualities in Honeycomb, Crochet, Dainty, Pique, Marseilles, Embroidered and Damask Spreads. At \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.98, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.95 each

Gloves for Gifts and Gray's for Gloves
Fine French Kid Gloves from reliable makers, in black and white with self or contrast stitching. At.....\$1.75 and \$2.00 pair

SILK STOCKINGS
Christmas Boxed

"Gordon" Pure Thread Silk Hose, obtainable in white, black, grey, gold, taupe, old rose, champagne, sand, putty, ivory, bronze and salmon. Price.....\$1.85 pair

Fine Neckwear for Xmas
New Filet Lace Collars and Collar and Cuff Sets; Satin Roll Collars, in the new Tuxedo styles; Petunia Cloth Collars, with plain hem or lace edge; at various prices.

Exquisite Georgette and Crepe de Chine Gift Blouses
THEY'RE NOT EXPENSIVE AND MAKE A PLEASING PRESENT.

Georgette Blouses in delicate shades. At, each.....\$4.39, \$4.75, \$4.95, \$6.00 and \$7.00
Crepe de Chine Blouses from.....\$2.98 to \$7.00

Parasols and Umbrellas Are Popular Gifts

An elegant range of styles in Ladies' Parasols, with silk and wool tops, silver-tipped handles, with the new wrist loops. Priced at, each.....\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$10.00

Gentlemen's Umbrellas with smart handles, silver mounted or tipped. At \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, \$56.00, \$56.50, \$57.00, \$57.50, \$58.00, \$58.50, \$59.00, \$59.50, \$60.00, \$60.50, \$61.00, \$61.50, \$62.00, \$62.50, \$63.00, \$63.50, \$64.00, \$64.50, \$65.00, \$65.50, \$66.00, \$66.50, \$67.00, \$67.50, \$68.00, \$68.50, \$69.00, \$69.50, \$70.00, \$70.50, \$71.00, \$71.50, \$72.00, \$72.50, \$73.00, \$73.50, \$74.00, \$74.50, \$75.00, \$75.50, \$76.00, \$76.50, \$77.00, \$77.50, \$78.00, \$78.50, \$79.00, \$79.50, \$80.00, \$80.50, \$81.00, \$81.50, \$82.00, \$82.50, \$83.00, \$83.50, \$84.00, \$84.50, \$85.00, \$85.50, \$86.00, \$86.50, \$87.00, \$87.50, \$88.00, \$88.50, \$89.00, \$89.50, \$90.00, \$90.50, \$91.00, \$91.50, \$92.00, \$92.50, \$93.00, \$93.50, \$94.00, \$94.50, \$95.00, \$95.50, \$96.00, \$96.50, \$97.00, \$97.50, \$98.00, \$98.50, \$99.00, \$99.50, \$100.00, \$100.50, \$101.00, \$101.50, \$102.00, \$102.50, \$103.00, \$103.50, \$104.00, \$104.50, \$105.00, \$105.50, \$106.00, \$106.50, \$107.00, \$107.50, \$108.00, \$108.50, \$109.00, \$109.50, \$110.00, \$110.50, \$111.00, \$111.50, \$112.00, \$112.50, \$113.00, \$113.50, \$114.00, \$114.50, \$115.00, \$115.50, \$116.00, \$116.50, \$117.00, \$117.50, \$118.00, \$118.50, \$119.00, \$119.50, \$120.00, \$120.50, \$121.00, \$121.50, \$122.00, \$122.50, \$123.00, \$123.50, \$124.00, \$124.50, \$125.00, \$125.50, \$126.00, \$126.50, \$127.00, \$127.50, \$128.00, \$128.50, \$129.00, \$129.50, \$130.00, \$130.50, \$131.00, \$131.50, \$132.00, \$132.50, \$133.00, \$133.50, \$134.00, \$134.50, \$135.00, \$135.50, \$136.00, \$136.50, \$137.00, \$137.50, \$138.00, \$138.50, \$139.00, \$139.50, \$140.00, \$140.50, \$141.00, \$141.50, \$142.00, \$142.50, \$143.00, \$143.50, \$144.00, \$144.50, \$145.00, \$145.50, \$146.0

LATIN-AMERICANS IN GENERAL CONFAB MAY FAVOR THE ENTENTE

Declaration of Benevolent
Neutrality Expected.

MEXICO MUCH INTERESTED

Sudden Departure of Mex
Finance Minister From
U. S. Explained.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—According to unofficial information today the sudden and unheralded departure from Washington of Luis G. Herrera, Mexican finance minister, while he was engaged in negotiations looking to free importation of foodstuffs and gold to Mexico from the United States, was due to the fact that he was under definite instructions to go to Buenos Aires for the conference of neutral Latin-American nations. He is president of the Mexican delegation to Buenos Aires, and before going to Washington was ordered to carry out negotiations there only in the event that they could be completed in time to enable him to attend the Latin-American conference.

The departure of Herrera shows the importance attached by the Mexican Government to the deliberations at Buenos Aires. Keen interest in the possible developments at the conference is shown in government circles, although no official statement has been given out here regarding the purposes of the meeting. It is understood semi-officially that the recent declarations of several Latin-American nations for the Entente Allies may result in a change from the original purpose, which was to align all Latin-America for neutrality. In view of the growing sympathy in favor of the Entente, it is believed possible the conference may issue a call to the nations represented to unite in a declaration of benevolent neutrality in favor of the Allies.

ALLIED BOARD FOR CONSERVING TONNAGE HAS BEEN APPOINTED

Will Divide Available Trans-
port According to Needs
of Each Country.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Close co-operation in utilizing means of maritime transport has been realized by the Allies, says an official notice issued here today, supplementing the statement made at the time the Inter-Allied conference concluded its sessions here. It was announced at that time that the Allies had decided to create an organization for co-ordination of maritime activities, and today's statement says this council has been created and that the representatives of the United States, France, Great Britain and Italy. The council will draw up schedules for the division of tonnage in accordance with the needs of each country for food supplies and war purposes. A board will be created in each country to decide on utilization of the tonnage.

STATE OF HYSTERIA EXISTS IN HALIFAX, SAYS IMO COUNSEL

Suggest That Steps Be Taken
to Allay the People's
Fears.

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—That a state of hysteria existed in this city as a result of the disaster of December 6 was stated this morning by J. J. Burchell, K. C., counsel for the owners of the steamship Ino, before the court of inquiry into the Mont Blanc-Ino collision. Mr. Burchell was discussing the case of Johan Johansson, helmsman of the Ino, who had been arrested by the military authorities and suspected of having been abroad, said Mr. Burchell, that there had been a German spy on the Ino, and other rumors of similar nature had been spread. Even today was named as the time for an expected second explosion. Counsel suggested to the court the desirability of steps being taken to allay the hysteria. Mr. Justice Drysdale replied that he felt such steps were not within the scope of the court.

That the court may adjourn for two or three weeks was intimated by Mr. Burchell, who said that Johansson, a material witness, would not be physically fit to go on the stand before that time. Antoine Legat, chief engineer of the Mont Blanc, testified that the last orders he received before the collision were "half ahead," "slow ahead," "stop," "full speed astern," and "stop." The full speed of the Mont Blanc, he said, was 7½ knots in calm weather. Legat told Mr. Mellis there was no sea-sickness on the Mont Blanc.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE.
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—Lieutenant-Governor Grant has received a message from Governor Williams, Bermuda, stating that the Bermuda Legislature has voted £200 for Halifax relief and that private subscriptions there total £1,200.

The lieutenant-governor has also a message from Governor Manning, Jamaica, stating that the Jamaica Legislature has voted £1,000 for the Halifax relief.

Residents in Halifax of alien nationality who were taken in custody and interned immediately after the explosion on December 6, will have their cases investigated. An official of the department of justice has arrived from Ottawa to supervise the inquiry.

FINED FOR THEFT.
WINDSOR, Dec. 20.—Despite their plea that it was a shame to let corn be used for making liquor when the fowl and rabbits are so hungry, Magistrate Weirs in Walkerville police court today imposed fines of \$5 and \$10 each on seven citizens of Ford for thefts of corn from the farm of Hiram Walker & Sons. The protesting officers who worked up the cases against the men say more than \$800 worth of corn was taken.

CAR WAS DERAILED.
CEDAR SPRINGS, Dec. 20.—Traffic was blocked on the Pere Marquette here for some time tonight, when a C. W. and L. E. car went over the derail and came to rest across the P. M. tracks. The express from Sarnia was held up until the car was removed.

FRANCE'S PROVISION MINISTER SAYS FOOD MUST BE CONSERVED

Immense Deficit in Wheat,
While Candymakers Get
No Sugar.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

I. C. Neuber Comes Up in the
Spring for Seditious
Talk.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The food needs and resources of France for the coming nine months were dealt with before the Senate today in a statement of Victor Boret, the minister of provisions, in which he pointed out there was a deficit of 26,000,000 hundred-weight in wheat.

LOSES BOTH LEGS BUT STILL LIVES, IS LATEST REPORT

Young Owen Sounder Was
Terribly Injured at
Passchendaele.

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 20.—Pte. W. T. Batcher, who was officially reported to have been killed in action on November 20th, is now known to be alive and in hospital at Gillingham, England. He had been the subject of six contradictory official messages received by his parents here. It is now ascertained that he has suffered the amputation of both legs above the knees, and of his left hand. He was wounded in the Passchendaele engagement. The last intimation concerning him have come through Red Cross channels and intimate that he is still in a serious condition.

CITIZENS WILL NOT BUY TURKEYS AT 35 CENTS A POUND

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 20.—From present indications, a great many people of this city will have something else than turkey for their Christmas dinner. The birds are as yet not very plentiful, and are bringing about 35 cents per pound.

CHARGE DISMISSED AGAINST J. HOOD

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 20.—The proceedings against John J. Hood of Dunwich, charged with a serious offence against his ward, Milly G. Williams, were dismissed, for the reason that the girl, who at first claimed to be under 16 years of age, is 22 years old, and, according to the evidence, has been leading an immoral life.

FALLING UMBRELLA FRIGHTENED HORSE

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 20.—A horse driven by Albert Berdan became frightened at an umbrella, which fell from a woman's hand on Talbot street last night, and ran away. Mr. Berdan and his wife were thrown out and painfully injured. Mr. Berdan's shoulder was dislocated.

TURKEY RESIGNS.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 20.—Mr. Williams, a returned soldier recently appointed a turnkey at the Elgin County jail, has resigned.

MOTORS OF TORONTO COLLECT A LARGE TOLL IN CHILDREN

Twenty-Eight Persons Killed
During the Past
Year.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—During the past year two hundred and forty-seven persons died of motor accidents in Toronto. Illuminating gas poisoning claimed thirty-four victims. Eleven people were killed in falling from ladders and buildings, and nineteen died from burns. Twenty-eight were killed by motor cars. The greater number of these were children.

COLLECTED \$1,600 IN FINES AT WINDSOR

WINDSOR, Dec. 20.—A record in Windsor police court annals was established today when fines aggregating \$1,600.75 were imposed by Police Magistrate Leggat upon half a dozen violators of the Canada temperance act and some fifteen alien enemies cordoned by police in a roundup of the foreign colony late last night. The latter were assessed \$25 each for failing to register as required by the Government order-in-council governing the movements of aliens in this country. It was on the liquor law violators that the hand of the law fell most heavily. Five Austrians, who conduct boardinghouses in the eastern section of the city, were found to be carrying a fine line of "wet goods" in their abodes when the police called. Each of these men contributed \$210 each. All the fines were paid immediately in cash.

GRAIN FREIGHTERS ARE OUT OF ICE

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Mild weather and the softening of the ice enabled the fleet of 25 belated grain freighters which left Fort William a week ago to work its way into the river here early today. After a delay of several hours, the grain freighters began to make progress against the windrowed ice.

GET-TOGETHER MOVE AT KITCHENER WILL ESTABLISH HARMONY

Next Year's Council May Go
In by Acclamation.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

I. C. Neuber Comes Up in the
Spring for Seditious
Talk.

KITCHENER, Dec. 20.—Efforts are being made to establish harmony between the two factions that have been at odds ever since the name-changing campaign by the inauguration of a movement to do away with an election, in selecting the council for 1918. The opinion prevails that the council of 1917 was not sufficiently representative, and the hope is expressed that a plan may be hit upon which will give the city a council composed of men who have not been in any way identified with either of the factions that have disrupted the city since the spring of 1916.

The proposal of Henry Dumart that Mayor Gross be elected by acclamation, and that a representative committee be chosen to select five men satisfactory to the local manufacturers, five men satisfactory to the local merchants and businessmen, and five men satisfactory to the local labor element, is meeting with popular approval.

May Get Together.

Last night at a meeting of the Citizens' League speeches were made urging a get-together movement, and a committee was appointed to gather information regarding available candidates for the city council. One of the results of Monday's election in this city has been the clearing of the air, and both sides are now willing to agree that the money that would be spent in a municipal election might better be spent in behalf of patriotic work. It is hoped an election by acclamation will restore harmony.

Sent For Trial.

I. C. Neuber of this city was today sent for trial by Magistrate Weir for the spring assizes on a charge of making seditious utterances at the Kitchener auditorium on the night Premier Borden was hauled down. Neuber pleaded not guilty but admitted that as a handback to a woman who declared that he was one of the Kaiser crowd he said that he would just as soon be under the Kaiser as Borden. Mr. Neuber was formerly a British League sympathizer on the name changing issue. Those who knew Mr. Neuber well are of the opinion that his utterance was made in political heat rather than in a spirit of sedition.

The County Council.

The December session of the county council opened today. The principal business was the report of the juvenile court committee that the Government appoint a judge in Galt, and that the juvenile court there be granted jurisdiction over Hooper, Preston, Ayr and North Dumfries. A salary of \$150 a year was recommended for the juvenile court judge for Galt, and \$50 for the court clerk. The salary of the Kitchener juvenile judge was recommended to be \$300 and \$100 for the court clerk.

The report was unanimously adopted.

BURGLAR MORIELLO DISCHARGED FROM OXFORD BATTALION

Never Went Overseas Owing
to His Bad Conduct.

Major Osborne, the provost marshal, has investigated the claim of Joseph Stanton, arrested Wednesday night with stolen watches in his possession, to the effect that he was a returned soldier. "I find," stated the major, "that the man's right name is Joseph Moriello, who was discharged from the 16th Oxford Battalion for bad conduct prior to the departure of the unit for overseas."

EMBRO SOLDIER HAS BLOOD-POISONING

EMBRO, Dec. 20.—Word has been received that Pte. Arthur Toom has been badly hurt by his hand. He went overseas with a draft of the 34th Battalion.

A dance is to be held in the town hall on Friday evening, December 28. Music by St. Mary's Orchestra.

Mrs. A. F. Garry of Yorkton, Sask., is here to spend a couple of months at her home in this city. She is a widow and has a family of five children.

NEW CONDITIONS FOR ONTARIO FISHERMEN

Local Consumers May Benefit by the
Change.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Although no definite plans have been worked out it is understood that next year in the granting of fishing licenses the Ontario Government will take steps to secure to the consumers of Ontario an adequate supply of fish caught in home waters at prices that will materially assist the housewives. At the end of the year all fishing licenses in Ontario automatically expire, and the Government, in issuing new licenses, will be able to exact as a condition that, should it be required, a certain proportion of the fishermen's catch must be sold to "Ontario fisheries."

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Overcoat Bargains

\$15.00 Fur Collar Coats . . . \$10.80
\$20.00 English Melton Fur Collar . . . \$14.65

\$20.00 Black English Melton Fur Collar, full rubber interlined, curl lined . . . \$16.50

Canada's Best \$35.00 British Melton Fur Collar Overcoats; cloth equal to any fur lined coat at \$50.00. Sizes 34 to 46. Special . . . \$25.00

Arctic Beaver Overcoats. Very special . . . \$28.00

Black Dog Coats . . . \$22.50

\$75.00 Rat Lined Overcoats. Special . . . \$58.00

\$45.00 Morteback, black, full fur coats . . . \$38.00

98 Overcoats \$9.65

Big warm ulsters, two-way and shawl collar, greys, browns and mixtures. It will pay you well to buy these coats for next year. They are \$15.00 to \$18.00 values.

Black and Blue Suits

That have not the high cost of living tacked on. Pinch-backs for the young fellows, and suits to fit all figures. Long, short, stout and scores of styles for the man of regular build . . . \$13.65, \$15, \$16.50, \$18.00 to \$30. An extraordinary special at . . . \$22.50

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In handsome dressy Chesterfields, with or without velvet collar, standard \$24.00 values. They are in black, clerical and oxford greys, overlapped seams, raw or regular edge, very handsomely tailored.

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Socks by the Wagon Load

Penman's . . . 3 pairs 50c
Penman's Rib . . . 25c
Fine Cashmere . . . 50c, 60c, 75c to \$1.00
Dowler Footwarmer in heavy rib, pure wool, wear guaranteed . . . 75c, 60c and 50c
Boys' Stockings, rib . . . 29c, 35c, 50c, 60c to \$1.25
Boys' school and skater overcoats in heavy over-check mackinaw cloth; ages 10 to 16 years . . . \$4.90 and better ones to \$12.50

Warm Winter Underwear

Penman's Fine Plush Pleece, \$1.25 quality, for . . . \$1.00
Full range of Men's Combinations . . . \$1.75
Men's fine Trunkit, Penman's, Cee-Tee and Stanfield Combinations at old prices . . . \$1.50 to \$4.50
Stanfield's Heavy Rib, Red Label, wear guaranteed; your money back if it shrinks . . . \$2.00
Stanfield's Heavy Rib Shirts and Drawers in Blue Label, two and three seasons' satisfactory wear; a new garment if it shrinks; all sizes in stock \$2.25
Stanfield's Heavy Rib, Green Label, Special . . . \$1.25
Other Heavy Rib Underwear . . . 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
50 Boys' Spring Needle Combination Suits; non-irritable; all sizes . . . \$1.00

Heaps of Sweaters and Sweater Coats

Special—\$5.00 quality, men's full size Sweater Coats, fine rib weave but good weight. Special \$3.50
Boys' Sweaters . . . \$1.48 to \$6.50
Over 420 Men's Sweater Coats for Christmas Gifts, plain and combination colors.

CANADA'S BEST \$2.25 UNION-MADE OVER-ALLS FOR \$1.75.

Why do you pay \$2.25 for inferior makes elsewhere? \$1.75 Blue Stripe, Black and Plain Blue Overalls . . . \$1.35
\$1.50 Blue Stripe Overalls. Special . . . \$1.25

Young Men's Overcoats Special \$17.75

In Belters all round; in swagger full back Slip-Ons, in semi-fitted backs, in Chesterfields. Coats worth up to \$24.00. Special . . . \$17.75

Great Trouser Sale

1,284 Pairs of First-Class English Worsted and Worsted-Finished Tweeds, well tailored; every pair guaranteed wear, at less than present regular factory prices. It will pay well to buy two or three pairs.

\$2.50 Trousers for . . . \$1.75
\$2.75 Trousers, belt loops, side straps, hip pockets . . . \$1.95
\$3.50 Trousers . . . \$2.89
\$5.00 English Hairline Trousers . . . \$3.75
\$5.00 and \$5.50 English Worsted Trousers . . . \$4.50 and \$4.00
Blue Serge Trousers, Very Special.

CAPS CAPS

Knitted and fur bands, comfort and style, a very choice range; three more shipments have been placed in stock . . . \$2.50, \$2, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1, 50c
Fur Caps for the cold drives.

Umbrellas

For Christmas gifts in gold and silver-mounted handles, silk and silk and wool tops, tape and stitch edge . . . \$1.50 to \$6.50

Pyjamas

To keep men in nights, make a very acceptable Christmas gift. We have a very choice assortment in silk, mercerized silk, fine Ceylon flannel and English flannelette. \$1.50 up to \$5.00
Boys' Sleepers, ages 10 to 16 years.



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at very special interesting prices, in pure wool, greys, blues, browns and fancies; in plain, quiet checks and stripes. Hand tailored . . . \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.00, \$25.00

Oversize Men's Suits

We carry suits specially designed for stout men by Canada's master tailors. Sizes 42, 44, 46. Few, if any, tailors fit as well. Come and try them on.

Boys' Department Specials

Boys' belted overcoats in short skater styles . . . \$4.90
Boys' long coats at . . . \$5.50

Children's Overcoats \$3.50 to \$7.50

Boys' suits that do not bear the high cost of living prices. Mothers find that they get suited best at Dowler's for quality, make and price.

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Neckwear—In very choice weaves and colorings, handsomely boxed, undoubtedly the handsomest range we have ever shown. Come early . . . \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c
Over 275 dozen very choice silks at . . . 50c
Mufflers—Oblongs, Scarfs and Squares, in a very handsome assortment of colorings . . . \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$3.50 to \$4.75
Handkerchiefs—Pure Irish Linen, hemstitched, in very fine quality.
1/2 dozen Irish Linen Initial Handkerchiefs. Very special . . . 25c each; Box, \$1.50

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Full Size English Flannelette Gowns, all size colors. Flannelette Nightgowns . . . \$1.50, \$1.25, 90c
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Our Consumers' League

BY ISOBEL C. ARMSTRONG.

Just one more week until the close of the year. Got your personal expense and housekeeping accounts all nicely balanced? We want to hear next week about your experience. You have doubtless learned more about real thrift this past year than you ever before dreamed was to be known in a lifetime. Ascending prices, the unceasing patriotic calls, have made it imperative to seriously consider every expenditure in order to stretch the income to cover these. If you have kept a strict account this year for the first time of all your resources and expenditures, will you write and tell us about it for next week?

Tell us under what heads you kept your accounts, and how you succeeded, whether you have been getting better value for your money, and whether or not you have had an easier mind. Please send us the story of your experience now. Don't think it doesn't matter, that there will be plenty of others. That is just where you make the mistake. Supposing every person failed to help out in that way? You are only one reader, to be sure, but nobody else has had quite the same experience as you, and you have some suggestion to offer that will be helpful to many, many others.

A reader away out in the country said not long ago, "I do enjoy the Consumers' League page so much. I can hardly wait till it comes; so many things are discussed in which I am very much interested. Often I think I will sit down and write you a letter."

"Why don't you?" asked the editor.

"You seem to be getting along so well that anything I could say wouldn't help any."

And there again a great mistake is being made. We want ever so many more people to help us with their suggestions and practical experiences, that we may render still better service in this department in 1918 than in 1917.

THE BUDGET OF DORIS

Doris is earning an exceptionally good salary for a girl of her age, because she is clever and has had opportunity. Up to a year ago she had never thought very seriously about wise expenditure of money, or "carking cares" like that. Then she became interested in keeping accounts for herself through reading our Consumers' League page. She reveals great business ability in the office in which she is a right-hand man, and it dawned upon her that she might apply some of this efficiency to her personal affairs. The first step was to buy herself an expense book, with plenty of room for the various items. She ruled off a number of spaces, planning to enter her expenses under the following heads: Board, clothes, amusements, holiday and travelling expenses (her home is a distance from London, and she usually comes here on holidays), church contributions, charitable and patriotic objects, incidentals, rainy day. She tried it for two weeks and a half, then Doris let several days slip. At the end of January she had a stock-taking, and she didn't think quite so highly of her own business ability when she finished as she did on the first day of the year.

This is how Doris told the story of "What Happened Next:" "I have always tried not to make the same mistake twice, but I had a kind of feeling that even with keeping track of every cent I was going about spending my income in a haphazard and unsatisfactory manner. I had attended the annual meeting in our church and been very much interested in the discussion of a budget for the year, the fixing of a definite amount to cover each department and aiming to raise at least that amount. This was followed by a canvass of the congregation for pledges of contributions to cover the budget. I was in better shape than the church to begin with, because I had a fixed salary, and a good one as salaries go for girls. I made up my mind to have a budget of my own and keep my expenditures within a certain fixed amount. I had a start in this direction. I had pledged myself to give a certain amount weekly to the church. I had also made a definite amount in this department for collections when visiting other churches, and so on. Then I would give a definite amount for the patriotic fund and Red Cross, and make additional provision for French relief, and calls like that which had come the previous year and would probably be repeated. In this column I put down a definite sum to disburse among various charities. The board was an easy matter. I added to this 50 cents a week, in event of advance before the end of the year. The clothes question was a hard one to decide and involved taking stock of all my possessions, both for summer and winter. I finally fixed on an amount, instead of so cents, but in the meantime I had an advance in pay of a couple of dollars a week, so was still ahead. I applied the extra dollar to my bank account.

"At the end of two months I found that I had saved much more than I had planned to do. For one thing, I was counting the cost right along, and, so far as clothing was concerned, making things do by cleaning them up, mending or retinning, and so on. I finally fixed on an amount, and made up my mind to live within it, no matter how badly I wanted a new waist, new hat, or something like that. I provided in my budget for banking a certain definite sum each week. The board did go up, as I had expected, dollar a week, instead of 50 cents, but in the meantime I had an advance in pay of a couple of dollars a week, so was still ahead. I applied the extra dollar to my bank account.

"I had an excellent summer holiday, and have all my subscriptions to church, patriotic and charitable objects paid up to date. I have had fewer new clothes than before, but I think I look just as well dressed. I find that I have more peace of mind. My first budget has paid, and I'm going to try it again next year."

TO CHEAT THE LITTLE WHITE HEARSE

Plans are progressing splendidly for that grand baby welfare exhibition to be held in London the first week in February. The idea is to get everybody so interested in child welfare work that they will definitely, systematically organized under the direction of specialists in London and gradually throughout Western Ontario, and, as a consequence, the lives of hundreds upon hundreds of little innocents saved annually and the standard of physical efficiency of the citizenry raised. There are big things to do in Canada after the war, and a big nation is to be reconstructed and built up. It will take a strong people to carry the burdens, to shoulder the responsibilities.

When Dr. Mullen, the director of the child welfare work in Hamilton, Ontario, recently addressed in London at the occasion of ladies' night at the Rotary Club, he wouldn't quote statistics, because he said figures didn't give a fair idea of the amount of good accomplished by properly organized baby welfare work, free clinics for mothers and babies, certified milk depots, ministry of visiting nurse, attention to better housing, and so on. But a prominent London physician quoted some statistics, just to give a little tangible idea. Dr. H. A. McCallum, who had a leading part in the movement some years ago to obtain certified milk for children in this city, stated that 57 per cent of the children who die under one year die of intestinal trouble. In Hamilton, which leads Canada in the efficiency of child welfare work since 1909, the 57 per cent has been reduced to 19 per cent. That means the little white hearse in Hamilton has been cheated out of two-thirds of every 57 visits it formerly made, or 38 out of 57.

It is estimated that about 1,200 babies are born in a year in London, and that about ten per cent of these die under one year of age, or 120 babies. According to Dr. McCallum's figures, this would be about 68 babies who die of intestinal troubles. Saving that 68 could be reduced to 25, wouldn't the saving of the lives of 43 babies alone in one year be worth more than many pavements, park flower-beds, and such like?

It's the citizenship after all that makes the city, and given good citizenship these other things will follow.

A WESTERN ONTARIO DAY.

It is intended as far as possible to make London's baby welfare week a great Western Ontario event. Plans, indeed, are already under way for a special Western Ontario day, when special inducements will be offered to visitors, and especially parents, to come to the city at that time. Energetic members of the city teaching staff and mothers' clubs have already suggested the idea of welcome and hospitality for mothers coming to the city on Western Ontario day of baby welfare week.

Members of a reception committee will be at the station to meet and direct strangers. Arrangements will be made whereby mothers can leave their little ones for a time in charge of competent nurses, while they go out to do shopping. The visiting mothers, as well as the city mothers, will have the advantage of free clinics for their little ones in the exhibit building. A mother will be able to find exactly how her small Tommy measures up to the ideal standard for a tot of his age. If he isn't thriving as he should, she will have the benefit of advice concerning his diet and his care. An exact record will be kept of every babe who is brought into the clinic, for the benefit of the mothers or other guardians, and when the little one is taken to another clinic three or six months later it will be possible to measure the exact progress made. In order that there may not be too great a rush to the clinic the first week opens with the arrangements are being made to have the mothers of certain school districts of the city bring their little ones certain days and during certain hours. One whole day will be set apart for the mothers outside the city who bring their little ones, in other words, "Western Ontario Day."

While attention in the clinics will be given especially to infants, the exhibit will cover all phases of child welfare from the earliest infancy stage to manhood and womanhood. Moving pictures, lectures and other features are a part of the educational program associated with the Baby Welfare Week exhibit in London.

In the next five or six weeks, steps will be taken to interest every citizen, young and old, in London and in Western Ontario in Baby Welfare Week. The ministers of the city represented in the Ministerial Alliance have agreed to make special reference to child welfare in their services of Sunday, February 2. The Roman Catholic Church, which lays much emphasis on the subject of child welfare, will be approached through Bishop Fallon in regard to co-operation.

A publicity campaign will be inaugurated in all the leading men's and women's organizations of the city. Then, when child welfare week opens with the blowing of whistles, the ringing of bells and the playing of bands, to announce that "saving the babies for the nation" is definitely under way in Western Ontario, it is anticipated that Baby Welfare Week, from the standpoint of interest aroused and influence exerted, will meet with success not exceeded in any similar movement in the Dominion.



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PORK-GUESSING CONTEST—Again this year we are putting on a pork-guessing contest for two days only, Saturday and Monday, in which, to the person or persons guessing the weight of our large Christmas hog, we will give a 10-pound turkey. Contest closes Christmas eve. All butchers and men having any connection with the trade barred. Any purchase over 25 cents entitles you to a guess.

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