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BUILDERS' WAGES IN CITY WILL REMAIN FIRM Irish Free State Defies Britain On Treaty Registration

BUILDERS' WAGE CUT NOT SEEN

Change Not Expected To Take Place in London at Present.

WORK IMPROVES Amount of Construction Tends To Hold Men's Pay at Level.

No reduction in the wages of builders' help is expected in London, in spite of the fact that the builders' exchange of Toronto believes a reduction necessary.

Present wages in London, according to the agreement made last January between the exchange and the trades union involved, are given as: Plasterers and bricklayers, \$1 an hour; carpenters, 80 cents an hour; plumbers, 75 cents an hour; painters, 65 cents an hour, and sheet metal workers, 75 cents an hour.

"We cannot very well consider a reduction in wages," said Mr. Jones, "when there is as much building going on as there is in London today. In Detroit the bricklayer is getting \$1.40 and in Toronto \$1.35, so you see that there is some attraction in other centers. However, there is no shortage of builders' help in the city at present. No reduction is probable just now and we are not thinking of it."

COLD KILLS FIFTY PEOPLE IN THE AMERICAN WEST

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 22.—A blizzard was roaring out of the west today to replace the Arctic temperatures which for three days have wrought havoc in the Mississippi valley and the surrounding territory.

WINDSOR FIREMAN HURT WHEN FIRE TRUCK SKIDS

Special to The Advertiser. Windsor, Dec. 22.—Roy Holmes, 40 years old, a fireman, was seriously injured early today when he fell from a fire truck as it skidded on an icy pavement while answering a call to the home of George Cotes, 810 Goyeau street. He was taken to Hotel Dieu with a broken shoulder and other injuries. Cotes' home was destroyed. The blaze originated in the chimney shortly before 7 a.m. and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Fresh south-west winds; cloudy with light snow tonight and part of Wednesday; cold again Wednesday night. The depression, which was over Manitoba yesterday, is moving eastward across northern Ontario and another area of high pressure and cold weather is spreading into the western provinces from the northward. The temperature is somewhat higher this morning from Ontario eastward. TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 16; lowest, 8. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 16; lowest, 10. Barometric Readings. Tuesday, 8 a.m.—29.44. Today, 8 a.m.—29.31.



LADY LUDLOW OF LOST GEM FAME. The return of the famous half-million-dollar Wernher collection of ancient and medieval jewels to Lady Ludlow, from whom cracksmen stole it in June, has brought to light a sensational story that an unnamed Chicago millionaire, hypnotized by the gems, had them stolen and taken to New York and that he died just after the theft, which led to the jewels being returned and a \$50,000 reward being paid. Who stole the gems has never been disclosed.

TROTZKY CHARGED WITH ALL SINS OF BOLSHEVIK REGIME

Dictationaries Are In Demand. Associated Press Despatch. Boston, Dec. 23.—A Boston publishing house reports that because of the cross word puzzle craze the usual output of 10,000 dictionaries a year has grown to a monthly production of that number, which increased day and night forces failed to keep pace with. On the small desk size the company has booked orders as far ahead as November, 1925.

LONDON CHOIR SINGS IN DETROIT ON SUNDAY

Special to The Advertiser. Detroit, Dec. 22.—For the performance of the Messiah which will be given in Orchestra hall next Sunday evening by the Detroit Symphony Choir, the male portion of the choir will be reinforced by a group of singers from the Musical Art Society choir of London, Ont., of which A. D. Jordan is conductor. The interest which the Detroit symphony concerters excited in the surrounding country is most interesting. Mr. Jordan offered his entire chorus some time ago. This was impracticable, however, inasmuch as the stage at Orchestra hall could not accommodate so many singers as a combined chorus would be. Mr. Jordan was asked to send on some men, particularly tenors. The addition of these Canadian singers, who are steeped in the best traditions of the Messiah, will greatly to the performance.

ALBANIAN INSURGENTS HAVE ENTERED TIRANA

Associated Press Despatch. Belgrade, Dec. 23.—The Belgrade newspapers today print advices stating that a column of Albanian insurgents entered Tirana last evening. They also state that Scutari has fallen. Previous reports of the fall of Scutari have been denied by Albanian government authorities. An official message received at the Albanian consulate in New York Monday, bringing the situation up to Sunday night, declared that Mr. Scutari was tranquil, with Scutari in the government's hands.

SWALLOWS BRASS SCREW.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—A one-inch brass screw, swallowed 28 years ago, was removed from the right lung of Frank Crawford, by Dr. J. Homer McCready here, yesterday.

CITY VOTE ON UNION IS "SILENT"

All Congregations in London Decide To Use Secret Ballot.

WORK PROGRESSES Plans Complete Throughout City and Interest Is Keen.

Congregational voting on the question of entering the united church of Canada or remaining out of the union as begun last night in seven of the eight Presbyterian churches of the city. It is estimated that 565 Presbyterians cast their ballots on the question last night. The result of the balloting in the several congregations will not be known until Wednesday night, Jan. 7.

Four of the ten congregations adopted the simple form of ballot recommended by the joint church union committee under the chairmanship of Rev. G. C. Ridgway, D.D., Toronto. A different ballot was adopted in each of the other three organizations. The seven congregations were unanimous in their decision that the ballot should be marked only, and not marked and then signed by the voter. This, of course, means that the vote will be a closed one.

The "union" ballot, adopted by four congregations, consists of but one question, below which the voter expresses his desire by means of marking an "X" opposite a space for "yes" or "no." The question reads: "Are you in favor of this congregation entering the union of Presbyterians in Canada, the Methodist church and the Congregational churches?"

SOVIET WAR CHIEF UNMERCIFULLY ASSAILED FOR FAILURES OF GOVERNMENT.

Remains Silent. Alone and Broken in Health, Great Russian Leader Offers No Defence. Associated Press Despatch. Moscow, Dec. 23.—Although Trotsky is now out of the political arena and far removed from the bitter party strife of Moscow, attacks upon him both from within and without the Communist party continue unceasingly. No man in American public life, even during the heat of the bitter election campaigns, has had to face such a merciless fire of censure and condemnation as has been directed against the Soviet war chief for the last six weeks. All the sins and shortcomings and failures of the Bolshevik regime have been visited upon his head.

VICTIM OF GASOLINE IS RESTING COMFORTABLY

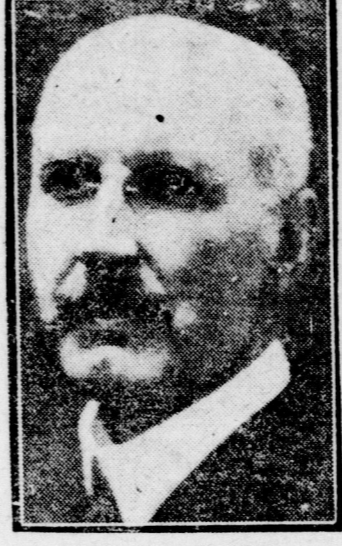
Mrs. Alec. McCoy, 18, Not Considered Out of Danger, Though. Mrs. Alex. McCoy of 19 Dean street, who was severely burned yesterday when her clothes ignited following a gasoline explosion, is reported at Victoria hospital to be resting comfortably, although her condition is considered to be extremely critical. Mrs. McCoy, who is 18 years old, was admitted to the hospital at noon. She had been busy preparing the dinner in the kitchen, and in an attempt to kindle a fire in the stove poured gasoline upon burning embers. Flames flared up and caught her clothes. She extinguished the flames by rushing from the house and throwing herself in a snowbank. Her body below the chest was badly seared, according to her physician.

MANUFACTURERS' PACT DELAYS NEGOTIATIONS

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 23.—The suggestion that the commercial negotiations between France and Germany are dragging because the German and English manufacturers have already concluded an alliance is put forward by Lucien Chagnon, chief editor of Le Journal. He points out that the Anglo-German commercial agreement was signed in three days, practically without discussion, while the Franco-German negotiations have made little headway after weeks, and now the German delegates announce they are going back to Berlin, not to return until Jan. 8.

FASCISTI DENY BILL FORECASTS ELECTION

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Dec. 23.—The executive committee of the Fascist party has sent a circular letter to its provincial branches stating that the new electoral bill in nowise indicates that a general election is imminent. It further charges that the government's decision to introduce the bill is proof of Premier Mussolini's parliamentary security.



HON. F. M. BLACK, provincial treasurer of Manitoba, has resigned his ministerial portfolio to accept the vice-presidency of the Winnipeg Electric Co., Ltd.

BANK DIVIDEND DECLARED ON MANAGER'S STATEMENT

R. P. Gough Testifies Directors Trusted to Information given by Active Officials. WAS SURPRISED Believed Toronto Branch Was Being Regularly Inspected.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 23.—R. P. Gough, vice-president and director of the Home Bank, on trial in the county criminal court on charges of making false statements of the bank's financial affairs, continued his examination this morning under cross-examination by D. L. McCarthy, crown prosecutor. Mr. McCarthy continued to ask Mr. Gough about what took place at board meetings which he attended and paid particular attention to the annual meeting in May, 1917. Mr. Gough said that the annual report submitted to the shareholders that day had not been presented to the directors previously.

FRANCE TO BEGIN PAYMENTS TO U. S.

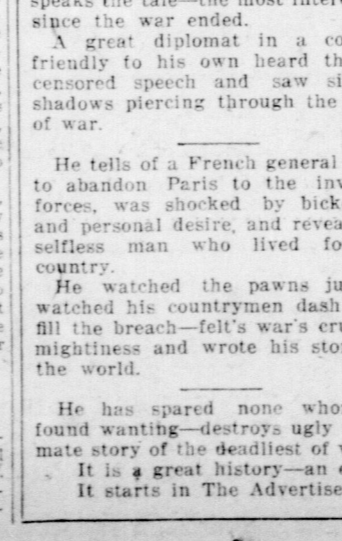
Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Dec. 22.—Julius J. Jusserand, the retiring French ambassador to the United States, has announced that France will begin payment of her war debt to the United States at an early date. He made it plain, however, that France expects preferential treatment.

COAL GAS ENDANGERS MONTREAL FAMILIES

Eleven Have Narrow Escape From Death Due to Escaping Fumes. Montreal, Dec. 22.—Coal gas seeping through the walls nearly brought death to eleven persons asleep in their beds in dwellings in the Mount Royal district this morning. The victims are members of two families, eight of them being children.

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FREE STATE HOLDS PACT ELIGIBLE

Great Britain Courteously Defined in Note From Dublin Government. ASKS REGISTRATION Treaty of 1921 Has Been the Subject of Unusual Controversy.



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The Advertiser's Expedition To Santa Claus Land

DAILY NEWS DESPATCH NO. 9.

By CAPTAIN ELIJAH SQUINT. (The only explorer who ever carried three sleds on a bay dog sled, the only explorer who can eat chop suey with a corkscrew; leader of the Advertiser's expedition to Santa Claus Land.) ... We stepped out of the book and Santa Claus and the Toymaker of Arctland led the way to a great windmill, whose red sails were slowly turning. ...

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HOSPITALS WILL SEE YULETIDE FESTIVALS

Christmas cheer to visit those cut off from the outside world. Christmas of this year will reach into all London hospitals and even illnesses will not prevent old Santa from bringing joy to hundreds of invalid children. ...



Scene from "The City That Never Sleeps" a drama of night life on Broadway now showing at "The Capitol".

When the doctor gives you a Prescription you think at once of STRONG'S DRUG STORE 181 DUNDAS STREET. Established 1874. Prescriptions a Specialty.

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RICHARDS-WILCOX CO. EMPLOYEES BANQUET

More Than 50 Attend Third Annual Event in Tecumseh House.

Between fifty and sixty employees of the Richards-Wilcox Canadian Company, Limited, sat down to their third annual company banquet in the Indian room of the Tecumseh house last night. ...

APPEALS FOR PLANTS FOR VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Women's Auxiliary Will Make Christmas Day a Day of Gladness There. The Victoria hospital women's auxiliary will see to it that the happiest time possible during the Christmas season. ...

OUTSIDE EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID TOMORROW

In order to convenience "outside" employees of the city, the engineer's staff will work tonight in order to have the payroll made up for tomorrow afternoon. ...

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Loew's Manager Fred Jackson. Loew's theatre has received a telegram from E. P. Albee, head of the Keith vaudeville circuit, conveying Christmas greetings to the artists on the bill this week, the orchestra and the stage crew.

Dirigible Will Aid Santa Claus

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 23.—The Los Angeles, United States navy's newest dirigible, has been ordered into the service of Santa Claus, and on Christmas Eve will fly over New York after dark strung with lights like an aerial Christmas tree. ...

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT JOLLY EVENT

Canadian National Shopmen Here Sponsor Last Night's Concert. Last night saw the Christmas treat at the C. N. R. car shops to the children of the employees. ...

TURKEY PRICES REACH NEW HIGH MARK TODAY

Forty-Five Cents Is Peak This Year—Poultry Market Tomorrow. With a touch of colder weather and a trifle more snow, poultry, especially turkeys, will swamp the local market tomorrow. ...

STAFF OF M'CORMICK'S TO HOLD FETE TONIGHT

A Christmas party will be given and held by the office staff of M'Cormick's tonight in the factory dining and recreation hall. ...

PARK RINK OPENED.

Victoria park skating rink and hockey cushions were opened to the public for the first time this season. ...

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BOARD MAY CHANGE BRITAIN'S SURVEY

Revised Regulations Talked by Meeting of Special Committee. The revised rules and regulations for the board of education were considered by a special committee of the board yesterday afternoon. ...

MICHAEL O'HEARN, VETERAN CITIZEN, DIES YESTERDAY

Michael O'Hearn, a lifelong resident of the city and exceptionally well known in this district, died yesterday. He was born 65 years ago in the same house, at 248 Richmond street, in which he had lived his life. ...

Flynd's 211 Dundas Street.

CHRISTMAS Clearing Specials FOR THE LAST DAY

- \$6.00 All Wool Chappie Coats \$4.95 75c Silk and Wool Socks—Gray, Brown, Blue or Black, pair 59c \$4.00 All Wool Sweater Coats \$2.88 \$1.00 All Wool Black Cashmere Socks, pair 75c 25c Fancy Handkerchiefs in colored and embroidered, each 19c 3 for 50c 65c All Wool Work Socks, pair 48c \$2.00 Silk Scarfs, assorted colors \$1.50 \$10.00 Bath Robes for men \$7.95 75c Silk Ties, each 55c Fea Aprons in fine dimity 48c \$1.25 Silk Ties, each 95c \$6.00 Beaded Handbags, each \$3.95 75c Suspenders, each 50c \$5 Silk and Wool Umbrellas, assorted handles, each \$3.95 \$2 Lined and Unlined Mocha Gloves, pair \$1.48 \$5.00 Bath Robes for women \$3.95 \$2.50 Fine Shirts, each \$1.88 \$3.00 All Silk Canton Crepes \$1.88



### ARMY WILL FEED 6,000 CHRISTMAS

#### Many Are Pathetic Cases of Poverty Brought to Officials' Attention.

Christmas dinners for 6,000 needy people will be distributed by the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve. Over 400 applications have been received at the Army headquarters on Clarence street. The number of destitute cases brought to the notice of the Salvationists is the greatest on record. Each case has been personally visited by the officers and with few exceptions the need for relief was great.

Some of the most pathetic cases have been those through which women have had to ask for help and whose names had been sent in by neighbors who had come to realize how serious the situation had become. In one home visited by Ensign Laxton today conditions were beyond description. The father is paying \$20 for \$25 a month for the rent of a poor shack which offers no protection from the cold. He is in the last stages of consumption and his three children are sick in bed. The Army gave relief at once in this case.

The Clarence street canteen is alive with the preparation of the Christmas dinners. The telephone is busy all day. A family needs help, says one caller, another relief check payable. A third person asks if a little coal could be sent up at once.

The officials take the names and addresses of all the officers take the cards and start out to see the people in want. The number of young men engaged in the work is noticeable. They rest at the street corner, take a turn at filling the baskets and then get orders to go into the outskirts and check up calls for help.

Brig. McAmmond said today that \$700 is needed to bring the amount received in the past to that of the demand is greater than ever before and in order to meet all the desperate cases which must be met before Christmas Eve.

Many donations have been received. They have varied from handsome checks donated by individuals to little sums by child grifters. The first four envelopes opened at the headquarters today showed the donations from the First Methodist church, the L. P. P. club for \$21.31. The officers do not know what club it is or where located. The next was a check for \$50 signed by a prominent business man. Another from the Young Men's club of the Y. M. C. A. for \$22.65. The fourth was from two little boys. The amount was \$2.70. A woman came in with 200 coppers she had saved up.

### FROST-HARDENED SOIL HAMPERS ROAD WORK

#### Springbank Park Construction Company Project Progressing With Difficulty.

With pulleys 15 feet deep to be filled in the course of the new driveway at Springbank park, frost-hardened soil is giving city workmen considerable difficulty. There is little protecting turf in the vicinity of the construction and the frost has cut deeply into the ground.

Tons of filling are necessary to fill one hollow in particular. The road at the top will be 20 feet in breadth and at the base it will be more than twice that width. Only frost-hardened lumps can be used in filling, and before the job is finished the whole structure will be frozen solid from top to base—tons of soil kept from knitting up properly by the ravages of the frost.

With such a condition, it will take until midsummer, possibly August, for the new road to thaw and settle. However, the work is progressing and, with constant travelling after traffic gets on the road in the spring, it is expected that a fine driveway will finally result. New beauties of Springbank are being opened up and the scenery from the high road will surpass much that has been prized in recent years. The city's drainage acreage has been little dreamed of by many citizens, and the driveway will uncover a much greater area of natural beauty.

In addition to this, new picnic grounds will be provided to offer plenty of variety for the hundreds of picnickers that are expected to visit the new center during the coming summer.

### MONTH'S ENROLLMENT AT "TECH" INCREASES

#### Number of Students Attending in December Area 765—77 Adolescents.

December enrollment at the London Technical high school totalled 765 students, as compared with 537 at the corresponding time of last year. There are 765 students in attendance at the evening classes this year, while last year at the same time there were 642 students out. The adolescent class has 77 pupils in attendance.

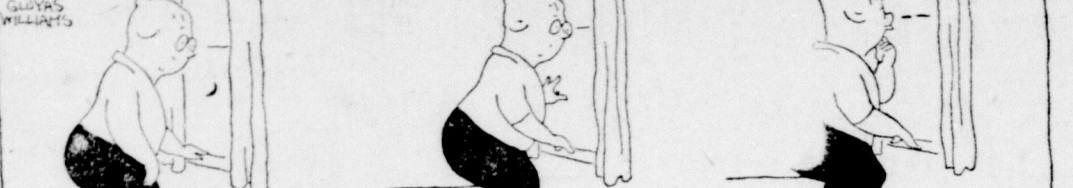
Comparative figures for 1923 and 1924 as to the different years are as follows:

	1922	1924	Aver.
First year	351	435	294
Second year	136	147	131
Third year	66	79	75
Fourth year	—	—	—
and special	84	103	85
Totals	637	765	689

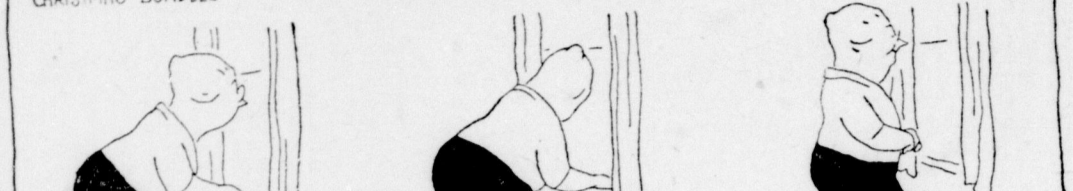
### REMEMBER PRISONERS.

Prisoners at the local jail will be remembered by the Salvation Army in the Christmas number of the War Cry which will be distributed among the inmates on Thursday by Army officers.

### SUBURBAN HEIGHTS—THE OBSERVATION POST.



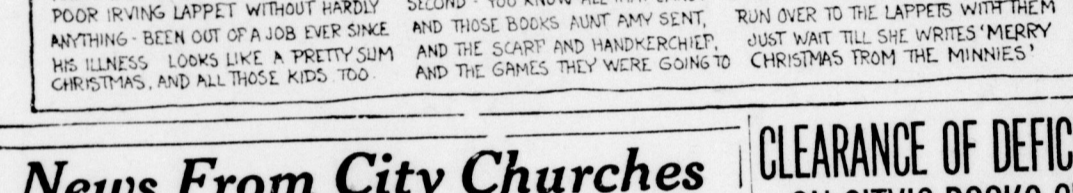
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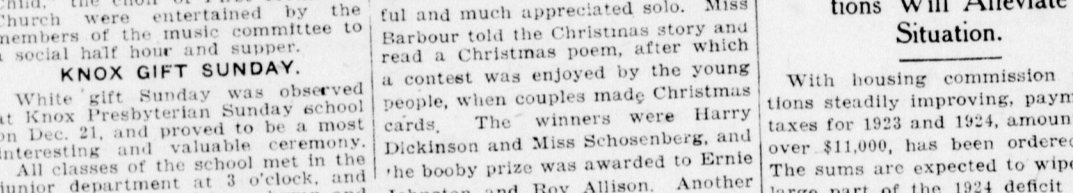
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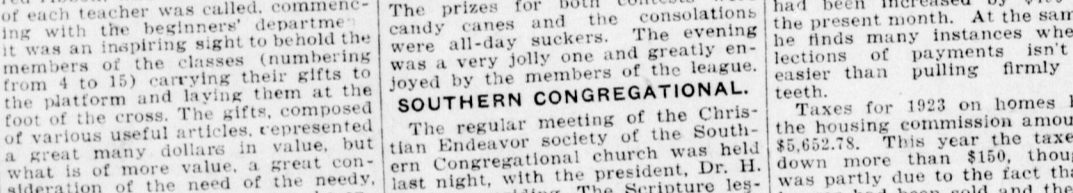
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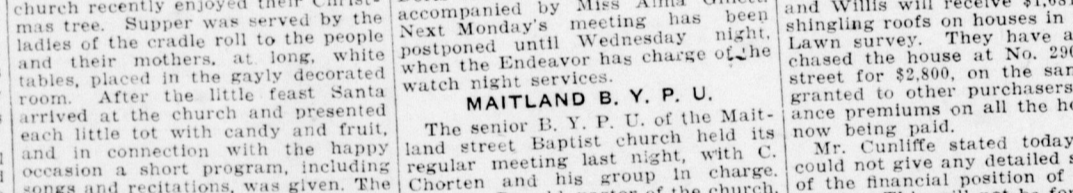
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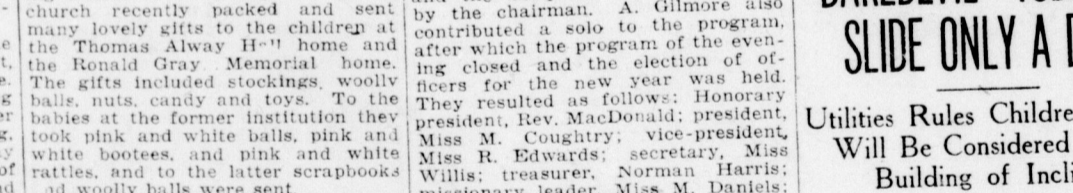
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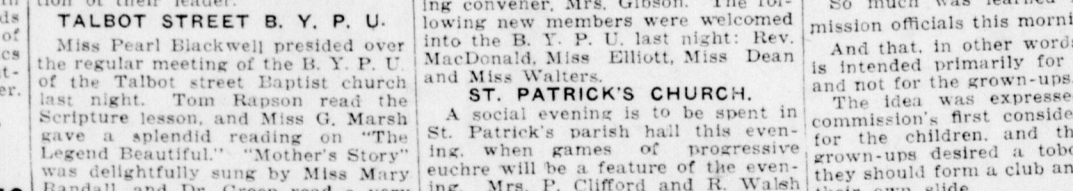
GIVE COUSIN ELLIE'S YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE TOO MUCH AS IT IS—WHY DOESN'T HE RUN OVER TO THE LAPPETS WITH THEM JUST WAIT TILL SHE WRITES MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MINNIES'



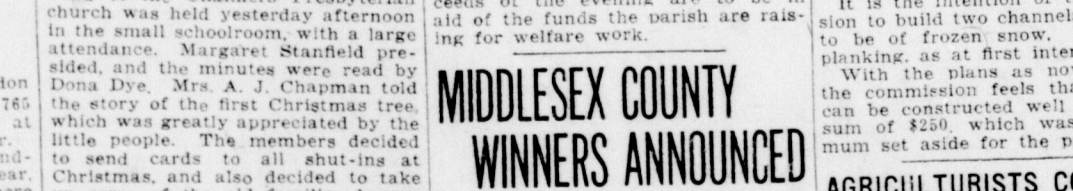
AND THAT LOOKS TO BE A LAMP SHADE MILT GRIBBY'S CARRYING, AND MRS. G IS EXPECTING A NEW FUR COAT SERVES HER RIGHT, SHE'S GOT ENOUGH CLOTHES



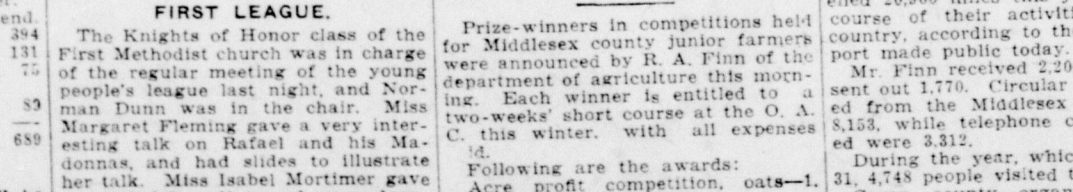
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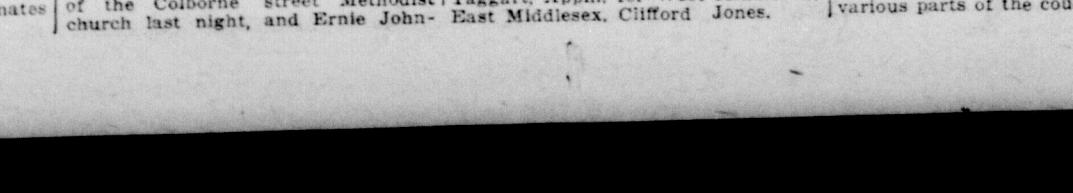
AND THERE COMES SAM, CLUTCHING SOMETHING TIGHT IN HIS POCKET—MUST BE HE'S GOT HER THAT LINK BRACELET SHE'S BEEN WANTING, BLESS HIM



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### ECONOMIC PARLEY SEEN EARLY IN '25

#### Ottawa Believes Imperial Committee Will Meet Shortly After Christmas.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—While no definite official advice has yet been received, it is assumed in official circles here that the Baldwin government will take steps shortly after Christmas to call together the proposed imperial economic committee. The committee would consider the method of stimulating trade apart from preferential tariffs. So far as the marketing of foodstuffs and agricultural raw materials originates in the British Empire is concerned, three principal methods of assistance have been suggested: (1) Import licenses; (2) subsidies; (3) stabilization of prices. Reports from London that the Baldwin government has decided on a system of import licenses are not confirmed by Ottawa. The assumption here is rather that the whole question will be referred to the imperial economic committee for consideration. It is pointed out, however, that the system of import licenses was considered by the food and material committee of the imperial economic conference last year. Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, president of the board of trade, and the committee did not recommend a system of prohibition and licenses. The committee took the view that the operation of a licensing system would produce a paralyzing effect in trade from the point of view of the producer. In the case of meat, the committee held, there would be difficulty in deciding not only how much the producer could sell but also at what size he should maintain his herds, and he would probably find further difficulty in negotiating with shipping companies for freights for the disposal of tonnage.

In view of the unfavorable report of the food and material committee last year it is not thought likely in official circles here that any general system of licensing in regard to meat supplies will be adopted by Great Britain. There is, however, every desire expressed to give full consideration to any method which may be proposed for improving empire trade.

### BULLDOG WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN LONDON

A nice little Boston bull dog shipped through from Detroit with trunk belonging to an act at Loew's theatre this week will spend Christmas day gnawing a large soup bone in the back yard of Inspector George Tustin of the Humane Society.

### VERSATILE INSPECTOR.

Chasers of five cats and two dogs have decided there won't be any Christmas cheer for the animals this year, and phoned Inspector Tustin of the Humane Society this morning to come and get their pets. The inspector had the seven animals parked in his sedan this morning awaiting a street car half hour in an endeavor to stop a cat and dog war.

### "DAREDEVIL" TOBOGGAN SLIDE ONLY A DREAM

The toboggan slide to be constructed in Thames park by the public utilities commission is not to be a hair-raising, daredevil slide. So much was learned from commission officials this morning.

And that, in other words, the slide is intended primarily for youngsters and not for the grown-ups.

The new slide is to have its take-off at the Ridout street entrance to the park, where a platform will be built, facing out over the tennis courts and to the north of the hockey cushions already built at the park.

It is the intention of the commission to build two channels, the latter to be of frozen snow. Instead of blanking, as at first intended, the commission feels that the slide can be constructed well within the sum of \$250, which is the maximum set aside for the purpose.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

#### Each Is Entitled to Two Weeks Course at Agricultural College.

Prize-winners in competitions held for Middlesex county junior farmers were announced by R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture this morning. Each winner is entitled to a two-weeks short course at the O. A. C. this winter, with all expenses paid.

Following are the awards: Acre profit competition, out-1, Gordon McIntyre, Belmont. Acre profit competition, com-1, Leo Baker, Lambeth. Feeding hogs for profit—Maurice Shackleton, Mossley. Baby beef competition—D. J. McTaggart, Appleton, for West Middlesex; East Middlesex, Clifford Jones.

### Air Mail Pilot Leaps To Death

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 23.—Trusting his life to a few yards of silk composing his parachute after his aeroplane failed to function in a blinding snowstorm, Clarence Gilbert, air mail pilot, last night leaped into space high in the clouds over the little town of Kaneville, Ill., and lost his gambler's life. His body, which failed to operate, still attached to his belt, was found near Kaneville today, shortly after farmers had found his wrecked plane with its burden of mail after a 15-hour hunt along the air mail route.

### GEORGE TUSTIN OFFERS TO FEED ALL ANIMALS

Inspector George Tustin of the humane society is going to make sure that all cats, dogs, horses, canaries, etc., in the city are going to have a merry Christmas.

"I wish you would tell the people that if they know of any animals that won't have enough to eat on Christmas, to let me know about it. I'll see that they get something to eat," said the inspector.

"An old man of 75, who hasn't any feed for his old horse, called on me for help yesterday. He thinks more of that equine than some people do to their children, and he can't bear to part with it. I have even paid the man with two bales of hay and two bales of straw."

### SAVE FOR NEXT YEAR.

After the Christmas festivities are over and the tree must be taken from the house he sure and save the needles—or as many as it is possible to save—for the Christmas eve next year. The dried needles may be packed in a box, plainly labeled and then put away where they will not be forgotten a year hence. They burn with a delightful glow and a pleasant scent.

### PAY NOT ADVANCED.

Since the majority of the employees of the public utilities commission are paid weekly, the ghost will not walk before Christmas Day this week. Heads of departments are paid every two weeks, and since they were paid on Dec. 15, no need is felt for advancing pay day as far as they are concerned.

### BLUE BOY CHIEF MUM ON PLANS

#### Concentration on Ward Three Provides Interesting Talk Among Members.

Whatever is at the bottom of the Blue Boys' inn, otherwise known as the new ward three Conservative association rooms at Hamilton road and Rectory street, Dr. Cameron Wilson, president of the association, is saying nothing about it. What is more, Chris. Hawkins, president of the Conservative club, knows nothing about it.

Ex-Mayor Cameron Wilson was the epitome of brevity this morning when the Advertiser asked him when the new rooms were to be opened.

"I don't know," he said. "Not before the new year, at an early rate. I have no news for publication," and he hung up.

The president of the Conservative club was more enlightening. "I know nothing at all about those club rooms in London East," he said. "The first thing I knew that club rooms were being prepared over there was when I read it in the Advertiser. I have no idea when they will be opened or in fact why they are being prepared at all. The central rooms of the club, of course, have been opened shortly after the new year, but I cannot say anything about ward three."

Several members of the association wonder why it is that the president of the association should know no more about the opening of club rooms for the social side of the Blue Boys' activities, and the president of these activities know nothing. However, they say that they will find out the reason or die gallantly in the attempt.

The next general meeting of the association, which should be held early in January.

It is rumored that there was a consultation in the house of Dr. Wilson last night, and that some members of the executive gathered with the chief to discuss plans and strategy. No reliable information could be obtained about this, but the left wing of the Blue Bird, the wing which is said to be capable of flying in its own candidate when the time comes, is determined to do a little rum work in this matter, also in time for discussion at the general meeting.

### 10,000 EXPECTED AT YULE CAROLS

#### Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs Complete Plans For Victoria Park Event.

With a fine night and no wind, the sponsors of the community carol singing in Victoria park hope to have 10,000 people in the park tomorrow night. B. B. Manning of the Kiwanis club, and E. V. Buchanan of the Rotary club have completed their plans for holding this Christmas event.

The band of the Salvation Army under Bandmaster Woods will lead the singing, and the large numbers of members of the two clubs together with members of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs who have promised to come guarantee plenty of volume of singing. The full program for the evening is as follows:

God Save the King. O Canada. O Come All Ye Faithful. Good King Wenceslaus. The First Noel. God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen. Good Christian Men, Rejoice. Silent Night. Deck the Hall With Holly. Hark, the Herald Angels Sing. Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow.

### SELLERS OF "DAHLIAS" ORDERED OFF STREETS

#### Vendors Termed "Nuisance" and Two Without License Pay Fine.

The "California dahlia" are gone. No longer will London streets be occupied by peddlers of the crimson artificial flowers which enjoyed a brief but popular demand.

The dahlia retain their natural appearing beauty, but the vendors of the popular flower have been termed a "nuisance" by police and they must seek other fields to sell their Christmas beauties.

Six of the peddlers were summoned to court this morning. Two failed to show a license and were fined for a breach of a city by-law. The others, who had secured licenses, were told by the police that no longer would they be allowed to halt citizens. Their licenses were cancelled. For two days the peddlers have been playing hide and seek with patrol constables. They parked their wares on main street intersections but hurriedly gathered together their flowers and ran upon the approach of an officer. They were finally rounded up, however, and in court this morning declared that business in London had been flourishing.

### CONDUCT COURSE.

The courses in millinery and household science to be held from Jan. 5 to 30 at Komoka in connection with the short course in agriculture, will be in charge of Miss Vera McRoberts, Florence, Ont., and Miss Evelyn Shortreed, Guelph. R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture states that the women's institute branch of the department of agriculture and is open to women and girls of Komoka and the surrounding district.

## Last-Call Gift Suggestions Before Christmas

The carefully selected gift carries the sparkling, joyous Christmas spirit right into the home on Christmas morning, and such gifts as Comfort Slippers, Leather Goods, Hockey Shoes, Skates make a pleasant reminder of your thoughtfulness for many months to come—they make the Christmas spirit last.

Visit our store and see the big display of Christmas Slippers and Leather Goods.

#### Men's Slippers

THAT GIVE LASTING COMFORT.

Men's Leather Comfy Slippers, plain and alligator patterns; brown, black, gray; chrome leather soles, rubber heels. **\$1.35**

Men's Cozy Plaid Wool Slippers, leather soles, rubber heels. **\$1.75**

Men's Hi-Cut Felt and Leather Comfy Slippers, chrome leather soles, padded heels, brown or black. **\$1.75**

Men's Brown Kid Leather Romeos, fine quality leathers, neat fitting. **\$2.25 and \$2.75**

Men's Brown and Black Vici Romeos, turn cushion soles. Black, **\$3.00**; brown, **\$3.50**

Men's Buckskin Slippers, beaded ramps. real fur trimming, warm wool linings. Special at **\$1.75**

Men's Jaeger Wool Slippers, camel color, turn soles, rubber heels. **\$2.25**

#### Women's Slippers

Women's Felt Cozy Slippers, big array of colors, rubber and padded heels. Priced from **\$1.00 to \$1.50**

Women's Leather Boudoir Slippers—Colors, gray, black, blue, rose, purple, etc.; plain and suede leathers; padded, rubber soles, covered wooden heels. From **\$1.00 to \$2.50**

Women's Beaded Indian Slipper Moccasins, real fur trimming. Priced at **\$1.25 and \$1.50**

Women's Fur-Trimmed Julietts, big variety of colors, at **\$1.75**

Women's Pretty Quilted Satin Boudoir Slippers, covered wooden heel, leather soles, rose and blue, at **\$2.95**

MANY OTHER STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM.

#### Children's Slippers

Cozy little Slippers, soft and snugly warm; attractive styles and lovely colors make them most welcome as gifts. See the big display in Children's Department, Balcony Floor.

Sizes 5 to 10 from **75c to \$1.25**

Moccasins sizes 11 to 2, from **\$1.00 to \$1.50**

#### Hockey Shoes and Skates

MAKE AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT. Men's Hockey Shoes that give comfort and service; inside ankle supports. From **\$3.50 to \$6.00**

Women's Hockey Shoes that make skating a real pleasure; inside ankle supports. Priced at **\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50.**

Boys' Hockey Shoes at **\$3.00 and \$3.50**

C. C. M. Skates—Men's at **\$2.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00**

Ladies' at **\$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.50**

Boys' at **90c, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.50**

(Skates attached free.)

## LEATHER GOODS --- The Gift That's Different

Real Leather Club Bags, Christmas special. **\$3.98, \$5.50 and \$9.95**

Mr. Finn received 2,204 letters and sent out 1,770. Circular letters mailed from the Middlesex office were 1,152, while telephone calls answered were 312.

During the year, which ended Oct. 31, 4,748 people visited the office. Seven county organizations, including the fruit growers and vegetable growers' organizations used the office as a board room during the year.

Messrs. Finn and Andrews addressed 27 meetings during the year in various parts of the county.

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THE GOOD SHOE STORE

146-148 DUNDAS ST.



MANY CASHING "PERS" IN LONDON

Line of People Grets Clerks at the Government Dispensary.

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"BROADENING OUT" FAVORED FOR LABOR BY COLBERT

Another sign of the time politically is the intention of John Colbert, president of the Individual Labor Party, to build up the organization and country.

TELEGRAPHERS' CHRISTMAS MINGLES JOY WITH TOIL

Friends of Long Ago United As Yule Messages Click Across the Wires.

"23" STARTS IT

Messenger Boys and Check Boys All Take Part in Day's Fun.

Christmas, the gladdest day of all the year, the holiday when folks rise early to exchange greetings, presents and make merry.

The telegrapher works half a day, merrily, to 4:30, he works half that time. It is spent mostly in sending Christmas greetings.

"Merry Christmas," says the chief operator in London to the chief operator in Toronto.

Work Shortage Blocks Paroles

Canadian Press Despatch. Kingston, Dec. 22.—Several convicts, it is understood, will be paroled from Portsmouth before Christmas.

ALL LONDON CHURCHES TAKE SECRET BALLOT

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announced at a congregational meeting. Poll clerk—R. D. McDonald.

Scrutinizers—J. H. Gillespie, H. Hall, A. McPherson, H. H. Rennie, Col. C. M. Graham, C. G. Watson.

LIBERALS ASSAIL PREFERENCE PLAN

Claim Adoption of Scheme Would Be Death Blow to Trade With Argentina.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 22.—The Liberal anti-protection newspapers take up arms today in opposition to the rumored intention of the government to discriminate against foreign meat.

LABOR PARTY ELECTS OFFICERS FRIDAY NIGHT

Differ on Points, But No Split Is Expected in the Ranks.

Election of officers of the London branch of the Canadian Labor Party for 1925 will take place on Friday night.

POSTOFFICE HOURS SET FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Stamp May Be Purchased at Certain Periods—Building To Remain Open.

The postoffice will be closed on Christmas Day except between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

DANCE HALL ROW ECHO WHISPERS \$23.45 FINE

An echo of the dance hall row at Wardsville last summer, in which a Newbury county police court this morning when Leonard Munn was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of disorderly conduct.

LATEST U. S. COIN BEARS ENGLISH KING'S REPLICA

Unusual Commemoration Token Obtained by Harry Bennett.

The Huguenot-Walloon tercentenary half dollar, struck by the U. S. mint to commemorate the founding of New Amsterdam, made its appearance in London today.

UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster have taken the oath of office as public utilities commissioners for 1925.

WOODSTOCK OFFICIALS ARE SUED AFTER RAID

Magistrate and License Inspector Named Defendants in Action by Ernest Scott.

Canadian Press Despatch. Woodstock, Dec. 22.—Notice of a county court action for \$500 damages has been made by Ernest Fred, Scott, of Woodstock, against M. J. Breckenridge, license inspector and A. S. Ball, police magistrate.

RUM SLEUTH LAUDS CITY AS ONE OF BEST IN ONTARIO

Inspector Elliott, Toronto, of the provincial police, in O. T. A. enforcement, visited the office of License Inspector Walter Bolton this morning.

FEW MEETINGS.

With the city council not meeting until the second Monday in January and the 1924 practically through with its business, few meetings will be held in city circles during the Christmas season.

THE CRICKETS PLAY SANTA.

The Crickets of the Methodist Sunday school under the direction of Miss Winnifred Taylor, their leader, and Miss Mary Watson, the president, have planned some very interesting Christmas work.

RETURNS TO CITY.

Ajuntant Spooner of the Salvation Army returned to London from Ingersoll today, where he acted as chairman at the Ingersoll corps Christmas tree and entertainment last night.

BOYS VISIT PLANT.

Members of the boys department of the Y. M. C. A. were taken for a trip through the Hayden Press plant this afternoon to learn something of printing methods.

PARTIES PLANNED.

Tobacco parties are being arranged by the members of the Y. M. C. A. to take place between Christmas and New Year's.

Famous Burglar Is Again In Toils

Calgary Police Trap Edward J. Bond.

Canadian Press Despatch. Calgary, Dec. 22.—Captured after attempting to shoot his way to freedom in a downtown second-hand store yesterday afternoon, Edward J. Bond, burglar with a dominant wide reputation, is in custody.

ALIENISTS DISGRACED AT POISONING TRIAL

Associated Press Despatch. Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 22.—The trial of Lawrence M. Hight, deposed pastor of the First Baptist church of Mount Vernon, Ill., and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, who are charged with poisoning Mrs. Anna Hight and Wilford Sweetin, was near its end today.

SCORE SAVED WHEN FIRE DESTROYS TENEMENT

Associated Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 22.—More than a score of persons were rescued by police and firemen and several families were made destitute when fire early today swept a two-story frame tenement on Eleventh street, and spread to three neighboring buildings.

GAMES STARTED.

With a series of ping pong games the boys at the Y.M.C.A. started their Christmas program yesterday.

RECEIVES "KILLER."

Inspector George Tustin of the humane society is in receipt of a revolver from the Ontario humane society, labeled the "Humane Killer."

PURDON ISSUES WRIT.

J. Wilson Purdon has issued a county court writ through his solicitor, A. R. Douglas, against Gardner, Clarke & Co. of Toronto for \$625, alleged to be due the plaintiff under a memorandum of agreement made on May 9, 1924.

CONDITION IMPROVES.

The weekly report of the employment situation in London, issued this morning by Superintendent J. C. Spencer, shows that there are 590 men listed as being out of work. This is an improvement over the previous week, when 611 men were registered.

CIGARETTE THOUGHT CAUSE OF BIG FIRE

Reconstruction of Orth Building Under Way—Chief Gives Theory.

Investigation of the \$50,000 fire which swept the two upper stories of the Orth building at the corner of Dundas and Clarence streets Saturday afternoon reveals that a cigarette butt is probably the cause of the blaze.

CITY WORKER'S CONDITION SERIOUS AFTER STROKE

L. Crummer, 17 Picton street, who was seized with a stroke on a Dundas street car early this morning, has been an employee of the board of education for many years.

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NEW SEASON'S NUTS, PER POUND, 21c. Mixed, Brazils, Walnuts, Soft Shell Almonds, Filberts.

ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT Sunlight Oranges, Special, at doz. 39c

SHELLED NUTS Valencia Almonds, 49c per pound

NEW MINCEMEAT Choice quality, 15c per pound

CRANBERRIES Finest Cape Cod Berries, lb. 19c

IMPERIAL JELLY POWDERS All flavors, 3 pkgs. 25c

FANCY CLUSTER RAISINS 1-lb. package, 25c

GRANULATED SUGAR 10-lb. bags, 80c

CHOICE CREAMERY BUTTER Freshly churned, per lb. 38c

PEANUT BUTTER Toy pails, holding 1-lb. each, 25c

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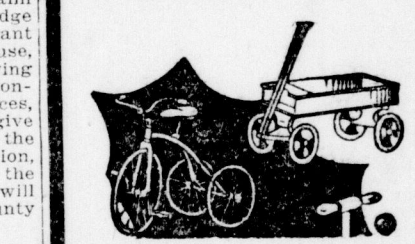
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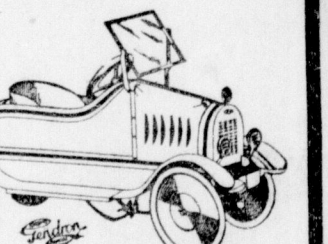
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### LIFE IN NEW YORK DEPICTED IN FILM

Capitol Theatre Presents "The City That Never Sleeps."

"The City That Never Sleeps," the picture showing at the Capitol for the first three days of this week, is notable for the very excellent acting of Louise Dresser in the part of Mother O'Day, from the character in the story of this name by Leroy Scott. Those who have read the book will appreciate its ability to make an interesting film play.

It is the story of a small curly-headed little girl, the daughter of parents who kept a saloon in the old New York, of the days before the eighteenth amendment. To keep her away from the saloon, her mother, Mother O'Day of the play, sends her to a Mrs. Kendall, one of the matrons of the "four hundred," to bring up as her own niece. It is the story of this niece and her growth as a child of wealth, of her engagement to a society man who turns out to be a crook, and of her mother's efforts to save her from marriage with this man that forms the basis of the play.

In the part of the mother, Louise Dresser has an opportunity of displaying her versatility. She is in the beginning the hard-working wife of the saloonkeeper. Later she is the wealthy widow running a gambling joint. Throughout she is the mother whose love is wrapped up in her baby. She plays with breadth and vision, and her art is mature. It is a very fine performance for the screen. Ricardo Cortez as the villain of the piece, one Roth, Virginia Lee Corbin as Molly, the daughter, and Kathryn Williams as Mrs. Kendall make up a cast capable of supporting the star in the story. The setting is ultra-smart and lavish. A pathic comedy, "The Goofy Age," a clever cartoon comedy and an educational film of Niagara Falls completes an interesting program.

### Peace Is Sought By MacDonald

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 22.—"I am going to sleep and read and kick up my heels and be free from all worldly troubles," declared Ramsay MacDonald, British Labor leader, when leaving today for Jamaica. He refused to comment on the report of the trades union representatives on their visit to Russia.

### Conscience Urges Minister To Send Check To C.N.R.

Stop-Over Made 42 Years Ago Preys On Mind of Prominent Belleville Man.

GUILT IS DOUBTFUL

Donor of \$10.65 Declines To Take Back Amount—Tells Incident in Detail.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Dec. 22.—"Conscience money" is frequently received by railroads and other public utilities, but "principle money" is something decidedly new. Today H. C. Bourlier, general passenger agent of the Canadian National Railways, received a letter from a well-known clergyman in Belleville, Ontario, enclosing a check for \$10.65 in payment of what the clergyman considered was a fare owed to the Grand Trunk Railway more than 42 years ago. The total amount involved in the case was \$6.41, but the clergyman compounded the interest on this debt of principle and added to the total sum full exchange on his check for the amount.

A peculiar feature of the incident is the fact that there is considerable doubt as to whether the money was actually owing to the Canadian National Railways, as the ride for which he paid constituted a stop over that could have easily been arranged at his letter pointed this out to the writer, and in return was requested to credit the check to the Canadian National Railways.

"I have carefully and prayerfully thought the matter over," the clergyman wrote, "and I know that being honest is not the whole of religion, but it is an essential part of it."

The original letter was as follows: "I herewith inclose a check on the Standard Bank of Canada for ten dollars and fifty-six cents. This includes fifteen cents for exchange and two years ago, I was returning home from conference. On account of so many delegates, the return ticket was somewhat reduced. Eighteen miles from home I came to the place to which I was to move in two weeks. I thought I would like to see the place so I got off the train and waited over till a later train.

"On that later train I offered my ticket to the conductor. He told me I should not have got off on that ticket. However, he took it and I went home. Now, I did that in ignorance of the rules of the railway traffic. I had not the slightest idea that I was doing anything wrong in stopping over. Even after the con-



MAY BECOME PREMIER.

Admiral Marquis De Magaz, temporary president of the military dictatorship in Spain during the absence in Morocco of Gen. Primo de Rivera. If a new cabinet is formed, Magaz is regarded as the logical premier.

### "Poison Lover" Is Given Parole

Wife Greets Husband As He Quits Prison.

Associated Press Despatch. Eastview, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Raoul Van de Genachte, who sent candy stuffed with morphine to his wife, Rose, several months ago, to "regain her love," has been released on parole from Eastview penitentiary, prison attendants announced today. Mrs. Van de Genachte, who has lived in Astoria during her husband's incarceration, met him at the gate. "We are going to get a new start and love one another all over again," Van de Genachte said after being released.

### FAIRBANKS STARS IN "ROBIN HOOD"

Popular Actor Again Appears in Thrilling Film at Loew's.

"Robin Hood," undoubtedly one of the best pictures Douglas Fairbanks has ever starred in, is the feature offering at Loew's for the first half of the week. The picture has played in London before, but not at the popular prices that prevail at Loew's, and is a movie treat that should not be missed, even in the rush of Christmas shopping.

"Doug" is always good, but in this tale of the twelfth century in which he depicts Robin Hood, during the outlawry of the forests, he surpasses all previous screen efforts in a story that you will remember for a long time to come.

Supporting Fairbanks are Wallace Beery, Enid Bennett as Lady Marian, Alan Hale and other screen stars. Owing to the length of the picture the afternoon show starts at 1:15 and dispenses with the usual comedy film. The Pathé news this week is exceptionally good.

### ELABORATE MUSIC IN "BETHLEHEM"

Play Given at Patricia Theatre Proves Delightful—Acting Is Good.

"Bethlehem," as it was presented last night in the Patricia Theatre, with its elaborate setting of church music, was one of the most unusual and attractive stage productions which London has seen. A Christmas service conducted by the Rev. G. O. Lightbourne, and choral music, directed by Captain H. H. Dickinson, formed an effective background for the whimsical little nativity play from the pen of Nora Holland, directed by J. Stanley Meredith.

The music composed by F. L. Willgoose, formerly of this city, had been arranged for the R. C. R.'s orchestra by Mr. Harrison, who was also the musical director of the production. Beautiful in its lightness and its fanciful passages, this music added greatly to the effect of the little Christmas drama.

Miss Edith Vann Stars. The play itself was centered about the figure of the Madonna, played by Miss Edith Vann, whose lovely singing voice was heard in the ballad of the Madonna. Walter Holt was an effective Joseph. It was the three shepherds, however, who stood out as dramatic characters in the production. Dr. Logan Towers, as Mac, the feeble old shepherd, was seen in some very excellent character work.

Rev. G. O. Warner and Ed. Webster were also effective shepherds. Mr. Warner seemed to feel the atmosphere of the piece in a high degree, and to put it across the footlights to his audience, while Mr. Webster's singing voice as it led the shepherds from the stage into the pit of the theatre, added much to the effectiveness of the production.

Opening Scene Effective. The opening scene of the drama in which Opolo, Pan, Pallas and Diana are found in the midst of a company of dryads was the most effective scene of all. The costumes were picturesque, Major J. W. Bradshaw appearing as a most convincing Apollo, Kenneth March as Pan, F. P. Betts as Pallas and Mrs. R. Hague as Diana. The Dryads, in Grecian costumes of pale shades, appeared as light-footed, dancing maidens. Miss Jennie Fidler, Miss Mary Boucher and Miss Katharyn Dickinson took the speaking parts, while the dancing dryads were directed by Miss Edith Wynne-Pryce.

The angel who appeared to the shepherds as they watched their flocks on the plain of Bethlehem was impersonated by Mr. Bartlett. Miss Caroline Farncombe assisted in the production, the stage settings of which were simply yet effectively done.

The play was given under the auspices of the Women's association of St. Paul's cathedral.

### EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN DISSOLVED

Cabinet Decides On Action—Election Within Sixty Days.

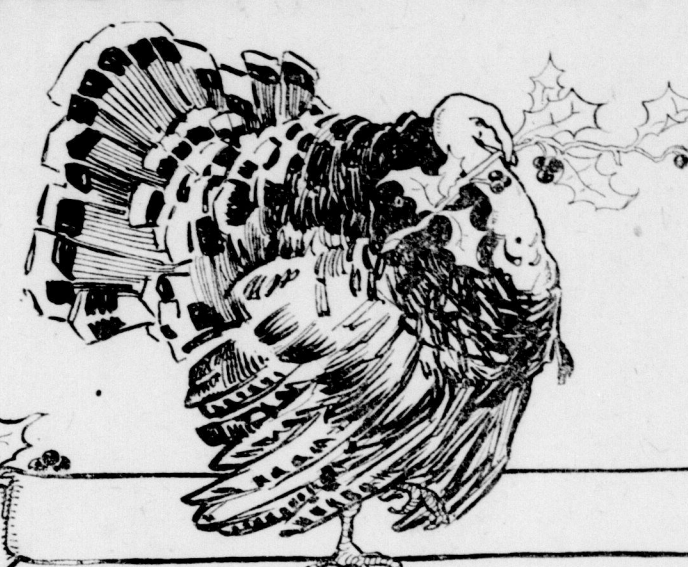
Associated Press Despatch. Cairo, Dec. 22.—The cabinet definitely decided this evening to dissolve parliament. King Fuad's decree to that effect will be published tomorrow. The elections, it is expected, will be held within 60 days of the decree, and the new parliament will meet ten days after the elections.

### Man Likes Jail For Christmas

Special to The Advertiser. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—"Paddy" Navan, star boarder of the Ottawa jail, will spend his fifteenth Christmas in the cells. "Paddy" was arraigned before Magistrate Hopewell in police court this morning on a charge of vagrancy, and it marked his 99th appearance in court. "I would like to go to jail for Christmas," said Navan to the magistrate, "as I have a liking for the cells on Christmas as a fellow gets a good dinner that day." Magistrate Hopewell deliberated and proved to be a good Santa Claus, as he sentenced Navan to one month, while "Paddy" went off whistling.

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### FORMER POLICEMEN HELD BANK ROBBERY SUSPECTS

Associated Press Despatch. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—Clarence H. (Dick) Shively, former Seattle policeman, and three companions were arrested today on Canadian extradition warrants in Montevideo and Seattle, as suspects in a \$40,000 robbery of the Royal Bank at Nanaimo, B. C., December 12. Three others were being sought tonight.

### MODENA REPORTS SHOCK.

Associated Press Despatch. Modena, Italy, Dec. 22.—An earth shock lasting five seconds was observed at 7:52 o'clock this morning.

### WOMAN "LIFER" FEARED IN INSURANCE BENEFIT

Toronto Firm Takes Precautions To Safeguard Interests of Children.

Canadian Press Despatch. Regina, Dec. 22.—A Saskatchewan legal firm, acting for a firm of Toronto lawyers, has been given permission by Mr. Justice Taylor to serve papers upon Mrs. Atrina Trach at present serving life imprisonment for the murder of her husband, Jack Trach, by feeding him gopher poison at Fish Creek on October 9, 1923.

### ALIEN SMUGGLING LAID TO M. C. R. BRAKEMAN

Douglas Finlayson of Fort Erie Is Arrested in Black Rock Yards.

Associated Press Despatch. Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Douglas Finlayson, of Fort Erie, a brakeman employed by the Michigan Central Railroad, was arrested today by immigration inspectors, charged with smuggling aliens into the United States.

### WEDDINGS

BEAUL-PELKY. Special to The Advertiser. Bothwell, Dec. 22.—A quiet wedding took place at the Presbyterian manse when William John Beaul of Euphemia township, and Miss Evelyn Winifred Pelky of Delhi, were united in marriage by Rev. Montague Bell. The bride and groom were attended by Hubert and Miss Ida Bandal. Mr. and Mrs. Beaul will reside in Euphemia township.

### PULLMAN HARBKIRK.

Seaford, Dec. 22.—A quiet wedding took place at the Presbyterian manse recently, when Elva Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Harb Kirk, was united in marriage to John Pullman of Seaford. Rev. Dr. Larkin officiated.

### NAMING OF DEAUCESE AS HOUSE CLERK IS SEEN

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The appointment of Arthur Deaucese, K. C., assistant clerk of the House of Commons, to the position of clerk of the house, will, it is expected, be announced shortly. W. B. Northup, the present clerk, is retiring from the position.

### LEATHER GOODS Buy From Darch

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WOMEN and THE HOME

BYRON SOLDIERS MARK CHRISTMAS

Are Guests of Red Cross Society at Dinner and Tree Last Night.

It is with feelings of pleasurable excitement that the soldier patients at the Byron sanatorium look forward to the annual Christmas dinner and tree.

The dining-room had been made gay with tinsel, Christmas bells, cedar and holly through the kindness of the Red Cross society.

Rev. R. D. Mess, chaplain, presided over the dinner, while the superintendents of the hospital, Dr. Frank Prutton and Miss Anne Forest, were also present.

The Tree Follows. Following dinner, the men repaired to the auditorium, where a great tree, heavily with gifts and bright decorations, held the central position.

Today is the big Christmas day for the children of the preventorium. For Dec. 25 will be spent at home.

Following a sumptuous Christmas dinner at 5 o'clock, the children will go to the auditorium, where the wonderful tree in all its brilliant lights and tinsel will be found.

Tomorrow night is the distribution of the Christmas tree for the civilian patients, when gifts from the ladies' auxiliary to the London Health Association and other organizations and citizens will be given.

Next DuCharme of the University of Western Ontario, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. George Foy of Chatham are spending Christmas with Mrs. Foy's mother, Mrs. Ed. Chaffin, 919 Colborne street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walsh and baby, Doreen, Emery street, will be Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caven in St. Thomas.

Miss Marion Jones of Tecumseh, Mich., will be a holiday guest with Miss Katherine Reason at "Cloverlea," Richmond street north.



daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnston, Colborne street, who will be the hostess of a dance at the Hunt club on Jan. 12.

Social and Personal

Miss Helena Frank will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Thompson, in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffrey and family are guests with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Deol, St. James street.

Miss Marion Diprose of Toronto is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Nelson George, Dufferin avenue.

Mrs. Draper of this city will be a Christmas guest with Mr. W. G. C. Rogers and Miss Rogers in St. Thomas.

Mr. Robert Currie of the University of Western Ontario is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents in Ridgeway.

Week-end guests with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore of Lambeth are Miss Lucille Hayman and Miss Ellen Gallagher of London.

The university of Western Ontario Alumnae is arranging a Christmas luncheon to be held at the De Luxe cafe on Tuesday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newton of Wharncliffe road north, are spending Christmas and the new year with Mrs. R. B. Thompson, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. St. Thomas Smith and son, George M. Dingman, are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents in Stratford.

HOLD CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CRECHE CHILDREN

Committee Entertains Mothers at Afternoon Tea—Santa Claus Present.

A peep into the day nursery on King street yesterday afternoon would have found forty bright pairs of eyes all turned wonderingly at a great, sparkling Christmas tree.

It was the occasion of the annual Christmas tree and mothers' tea. Mrs. J. Karm, president of the association, had charge, assisted by Mrs. A. T. Edwards, Miss Darcy, Miss Ethel Miller, Mrs. Beckman, Miss Lydia Young and Mrs. Turner.

The mothers of the children were special guests of the afternoon, and tea was served in their honor.

Mr. Robert Hanna of department of public speaking, Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., is spending Christmas in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Colgan and their small daughter, Rosemary of Ardview place, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ernest Cortese and his harpers.

Miss Babe Penfound of Windsor is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Penfound, Albeny apartments, Richmond street.

Miss Helen Uren of Toronto university is a holiday guest with her parents, Rev. H. R. Uren and Mrs. Uren, at the Colborne street Methodist parsonage.

Mr. James Gorwell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Finch, Huron street, has returned to her home in Windsor accompanied by Miss E. Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hambly and Miss Helen, Fall Mall street, will spend Christmas with the former's daughter, Mrs. Mooney and Rev. Victor Mooney, at Chalmers church manse, in Woodstock.

Mr. J. D. Mills, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Stirling is joining his wife in this city for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Russell and their small daughter, Margaret, of Cobalt, will spend the remainder of the winter in London.

Miss Dora Clark was happily surprised at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke, Ward street recently, when a number of friends met there and showered her with gifts.

WEDDINGS

MILBURN-BELL. The home of Mrs. Walter Bell, Oxford street, was fragrant with Christmas flowers, this afternoon for the marriage of her daughter, Dr. Helen Bell, to Clement Milburn of Shelburne.

The bride who was given in marriage by her mother was lovely in her wedding gown of ivory crepe satin, appliqued with ivory velvet flowers.

Following the ceremony a reception and wedding breakfast was held, only the immediate relatives and friends of the family being present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Meara was happily surprised last night when the executive of the Sacred Heart mothers' unit gathered at her home.

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Parasols. A Thoughtful Gift. Parasols, of silk and wool, assorted handles. Specially priced at \$2.00 and \$3.95. Gloves. A Gift That Is Sure To Please. Ladies' and Misses' Kid Walking Gloves (brown only), fleece lined, one dome, sizes 6 to 8. Special \$2.89.

Hosiery. Buy the Best. "Gordon H 300" Pure Silk Hose, full fashioned, black, brown, silver, pearl, beige, mode, fawn and dawn. Price, a pair \$3.50. Winsome Maid Bitez Double Hose, silk with lisle inside, gray, black and log cabin, sizes 8 1/2 to 10. \$2.50.

Bloomers. Bloomers of wool, also lisle, black, green, mauve, sand, copen, tan, navy, brown, maize, flesh and cream; regular \$2.00 and \$2.50. Priced for Christmas week \$1.69.

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Club News. LITTLEWOOD SCHOOL CONCERT. The concert given by the pupils of Littlewood public school was greatly enjoyed by a large audience who thronged to the school for the concert.

WEDDINGS. MILBURN-BELL. The home of Mrs. Walter Bell, Oxford street, was fragrant with Christmas flowers, this afternoon for the marriage of her daughter, Dr. Helen Bell, to Clement Milburn of Shelburne.



# WOMEN and THE HOME

## DARKENED WINDOWS

By CORNELIA KANE RATHBONE.

### INSTALLMENT 20.

The attitude of defiance she had assumed—head high, hand outstretched, was magnificent. Graham could not repress a thrill of admiration. Her fury had suddenly given place to an almost terrifying intensity of calm. She had become a creature of frozen fire. Graham knew not why, found himself holding his breath.

Her next words, however, gave no hint of inner agitation. "I am curious to know how you traced those rings to me," she said.

"By a very simple process of deduction, Miss Hurst, and a little luck." Flint's manner was now almost confidential. "I learned that Mr. Tessier owned certain rings owned by your father. I knew that he was absolutely unconscious where it was a matter of collecting, and never asked uncomfortable questions. Who, I asked myself, would a person apply to first, if he wanted to sell a stolen ring? Why, naturally, to Mr. Tessier. So we put one of our people in his house to watch anyone who had confidential dealings with him. Miss Meecham appeared and seemed to fill the bill. We followed her trail and it led us—here, very simple, you see."

Estelle turned a withering glance on her old governess. "Fungler!" she sneered.

"Not a bit of it. You were the bungler, Miss Hurst. Flint intercepted quickly. You shouldn't have left a green sapphire from your dress in the ring way. That told the story. Green sapphires make pretty little clues, my dear lady, either dropped in ring trays or on gentlemen's coat cuffs."

The girl could not repress a start. Graham thought that Flint could not have noticed it, for he left the subject drop abruptly.

"Tell me something more about the evening, won't you," he said, with a gentleness which surprised Graham. "You were to dine with Mrs. Jack Preston, weren't you? But Mrs. Preston says you never came. How was that?"

Estelle watched him intently through narrowed eyelids. It was plain that she picked her words with care as she answered.

"I went to another friend's, a friend whom father disliked. He had forbidden me to go there. I was not a child, to be told I might or I might not. But to avoid trouble I said I was going to Mrs. Preston's house."

"Why did you come home so early?"

"I said I was ill. I came to get the rings. Father wouldn't give them to me, so when I had a chance I took them."

"You must have had easier chances

"As he didn't come," ended Flint placidly. "You surely came here. Is there anything else you can think of to add to your account?"

Estelle shook her head. If looks could kill, Flint was a dead man. "Meechie," she said, "get my bag ready, will you, and call a taxi? There is no use of my staying on in this hole now."

Miss Meecham fluttered obediently out of the room.

"I suppose you have no objections to my going home," Estelle remarked, with an insolent glance toward Flint.

"None at all," he answered pleasantly.

"I thought, perhaps, that after so many questions, you might be thinking of arresting me."

"Not just yet, anyway," smiled Flint. "Then I am free to go where I please."

"Perfectly free, Miss Hurst."

She nodded indifferently to Graham, and without another word left the room. When a little later the two men left themselves quietly out of the house, the taxi was already at the door, glancing back as they went slowly down the street, they saw Estelle come down the steps, followed by Miss Meecham carrying the bag.

"There is nothing like a woman for keeping you guessing," exclaimed Flint. "I wonder why they'll be so. They all seem to be chasing a lover, or a husband for the profit. Most of them will be to save their skin, and those who won't, they'll be to save somebody else's."

"You think Miss Hurst has been lying, then?"

"Do I think? Why, her whole yarn was a lie. Do you suppose, for one thing, that any sane woman would leave a dinner party (if she was at a dinner party—I'm not sure about that) and go home and steal some rings that she could have helped herself to any hour of the twenty-four? Do you believe for a minute that there wasn't a man with her in the library? Do you believe that her quarrel with her father was over Miss Smith and not the 'damn German'? Well, she hasn't a speaking acquaintance with the truth, that young lady."

"But what was her object in telling you all those lies?" persisted Graham.

"You know as much about it as I do," Flint laughed. "You guess, and I'll guess, and we'll write down our guesses, and by and by we'll see which of us guessed right."

"You are a very tantalizing person, Flint," growled Graham. "At least, tell me how you knew Miss Hurst was in that house?"

"I didn't."

"But you asked for her at the door?"

"Well, you can call it inference, or you can call it guesswork."

Graham heard no more, for at that moment the taxi bearing Estelle Hurst homeward dashed by. As it passed she glanced out at the two men with a look of such concentrated fury and hate that for an instant they stood still with one accord, gazing after the vanishing cab. Miss Meecham, on the steps of her shabby rooming-house, gazed after it too, wringing her hands.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

## Dorothy Dix

### Shall She Give Up a College Education to Marry a Piker?

Dear Miss Dix—I am a girl, 15 years old, and in high school. I have been going with a young man over a year. He is 20, and at work, but makes only \$9 a week, with no prospects of doing any better. He has been on the same job for four or five years and does not get any promotion. My mother and father both say I am too young to have a regular beau, and try to get us to have other friends and forget each other, but he won't talk about it. My parents want me to get a good education and have made many sacrifices for me to study music ever since I was a small girl. I am almost ready for college now, and am so worried I felt I wanted to write to you for advice, and see if you feel as mother does. My sweetheart is so jealous that when I notice any other boy he puts for the longest time, and mother says it will be worse than that if I marry a jealous-hearted man.

BLUE GIRL.

Answer: Why, dear little Blue Girl, of course, your mother is right about any man. You are too young to be bothering your little head about the real problems of life, and, believe me, a husband is just about the biggest proposition anybody ever tackles. It is a woman-sized job, and not for girls in their teens.

Of course, Blue Girl, you think you are very, very certain that you know your own mind, and that you are in love for keeps, and that you will never care for any other man as you do for this boy, but you are mistaken about that. You are at the formative time of life when your ideals and your tastes change every day.

You remember how crazy you were five years ago about dolls and hair ribbons, and how you simply couldn't get enough of their chatter? Make you tick to think of them now, doesn't it? Well, in the next five years your tastes are going to change even more rapidly than they did in the last five, and when you are older you will look back at this love affair and laugh to think that you could ever have taken it seriously.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am 18 years of age, and am engaged to be married, but I am afraid to take the final step, as I hear so much of divorce and marital unhappiness that it makes me hesitate to take the risk. I know that marriage is largely a matter of chance and that few are happy.

Answer: If you have found a hard-working, home-loving, moral young man, don't be afraid to marry him because other marriages have gone upon the rocks.

A marriage with that kind of a man isn't a gamble. It is a dead-sure thing, if you are willing to do your part. As for the danger, is there anything in life that is worth having that hasn't some element of risk in it?

Whether a marriage turns out well, or badly, is not a matter of luck. It is a matter of pluck. It is a matter of good, hard horse sense; of two people starting out with the grim determination that they are going to make a success of it. If you make up your mind that you are going to make the best of it, instead of the worst of it, that you are going to laugh over hardships, instead of whine over them, and that you are going to put as much energy and ambition into the career of a wife as you would into being a grand opera singer, why, there won't be any chance about the way your marriage turns out.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I have met a young man, and though I had selected for me, but after a short while I heard nothing else from him. I have found his name in the telephone book, and have been tempted to call him up just to hear his voice again. Perhaps he still does think of me, but thinks that I have forgotten him, and have others to take his place. Would you call him up? That is something I have never made a practice of doing but I know lots of girls who do, and get away with it.

Answer: Why don't you give a little party and invite the young man to it? That won't be quite so obvious, and it would give you your chance to get in your fine work. Here's wishing you luck in the chase.

DOROTHY DIX.

### CANADIAN PACIFIC SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS.

The special train service arranged for Christmas will provide patrons an opportunity to leave Toronto, afternoon prior to Christmas, and return on Christmas day at a later departure time.

On Dec. 24, a special train will leave Parkdale at 5:15 p.m. for London, making all intermediate stops, and will carry through coaches to St. Thomas.

On Dec. 25, special train will leave London at 8:00 p.m.; St. Thomas, 7:35 p.m.; Woodstock, 8:49 p.m.; Galt, 9:49 p.m., making all other stops, due Toronto Union 11:30 p.m. Inform your friends of this improved service, and advise them to travel Canadian Pacific—Adv.

## The Otter Family Decide To Leave Laughing Brook As Food Is Scarce

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Rough Brother North Wind and Jack Frost had been down from the Far North for some time now. The pond of Paddy the Beaver, the Smiling Pool and the Laughing Brook, excooting where it ran swiftly, were covered with ice. The Green Meadows and the Green Forest and the Old Pasture were deep with snow. Only those who, like Johnny Chuck and Nimble Heels the Jumping Mouse and Striped Chipmunk and Bobby Coon, were asleep in their snug homes, or like Paddy the Beaver and Jerry Muskrat, had plenty to eat close by their houses, had nothing to worry about. Those who had to hunt for their food were having a hard time of it. They always do in winter.

Little Joe Otter and his family had little cause for worry. They knew they live on fish. But now they were having to work before to get enough to eat. You see they had been fishing so long in the Smiling Pool and along the Laughing Brook that fish were becoming scarce. It was the morning after the coasting party that Little Joe and Mrs. Otter went without breakfast for the two young Otters.

"My dear," said Little Joe, "this is the poorest fishing I have ever known. So much of the Laughing Brook is frozen over that only a few pieces said Little Joe.



"Is it far from here?" asked Mrs. Otter.

are left in which we can fish. And we have already caught most of the fish in those places. We have got to do something about it."

"I've been thinking that very thing," replied Mrs. Otter. "Shall we take the youngsters down to the Big River?"

"I know of another brook, a bigger brook than this which has deep spring holes in it and many places where the water is swift and does not freeze. We might go there first, frozen over that only a few pieces said Little Joe.

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## DRESS By MARY MARSHALL

There's a New Peter Pan Collar That Has Come to Rival the One First Made Famous by Maude Adams.

When Maude Adams first played Peter Pan she, aided by her costume designer, somehow attached the name of Barrie's hero upon a type of collar so firmly and thoroughly that though in the years following there may have been women who did not know quite whether Peter Pan was the name of a race horse or a fairy story, they did know just what you meant by the Peter Pan collar. It was as widely known—here and in France—as that collar named for the juvenile hero of a comic strip—Buster Brown.

Now back comes Peter Pan the play—and back comes a new kind of collar! The new collar already has met with that sort of flattering success that begets imitation. It is round, like its predecessor, but is jagged at the edges as if it were made of a straight piece of cloth, slashed to fit the flare of the shoulders.

The collar is only one of the accessories in the costume of the new Peter Pan that seems to have inspired makers of women's and children's clothes. Ever on the alert to the trend of current events or popular taste, they take inspiration from Peter Pan—the little boy who didn't want to grow up—as eagerly as they did from poor old Tutankhamen a year and more ago. Apparently this Peter Pan revival is meeting with more widespread popularity than any style suggestions taken from the mummified Egyptian king.

In some of the stores collar and cuff sets of the new Peter Pan style are sold separately. The cuffs are notched like the collar, and the sets are made of white satin, and sometimes from sheer cotton or linen. What is usually known as the Peter Pan tunic has likewise been revived. This, too, is sometimes jagged at the hem. The essential thing is that it laps up the front like the leather-jerkin of one of Robin Hood's men. It is sometimes in felle, sometimes in velvet. Most practical of all is a sweater—of knitted wool—with a long slash at the front which laps together like a boy's high shoe. This is worn with the Peter Pan collar set—with or without the cuffs. The collar is worn on the underbust beneath the sweater.

Then there is the Peter Pan hat—a jaunty little bit of felt, that usually is trimmed with a pheasant feather.

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## WISE AND OTHERWISE

TO STUFF THE TURKEY. Christmas turkey without the stuffing would be like Hamlet without the Hamlet left out—or crullers without the holes.

It seems to be the opinion of gourmets that the stuffing should never be of strong flavor to detract from the characteristic flavor of the turkey itself. For that reason some people do not especially recommend a system of chestnut stuffing. These mixtures are good enough in themselves, but not so entirely appropriate for no other reason than that its brilliant, stimulating color lends such a cheering bit of decoration to the Christmas board.

Here is a simple way to make it. For one quart of cranberries you should allow a pound of sugar—that is two cups. Pick the cranberries over very carefully and put them in a steamer over the fire with a pint of water and cook slowly for an hour. Stir occasionally, taking care that the fire is slow enough to prevent the strong flavor to detract from the characteristic flavor of the turkey itself. For that reason some people do not especially recommend a system of chestnut stuffing. These mixtures are good enough in themselves, but not so entirely appropriate



Peter Pan sports costume. There is a jerkin sweater with a Peter Pan collar, and a hat of felt with a pheasant feather.



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**Where Will the Members Come From?**

The U. F. O. elected Mr. Amos as president, and his declaration was quite distinct that the U. F. O. was to remain in politics as an active force, and he gave no indication of his intention to allow it to assume any other name than that of the U. F. O.

Where does that leave the Progressive party which Mr. Drury seeks to create? If the U. F. O. is to remain in politics as the U. F. O., where is Mr. Drury to secure the material from which to fashion his Progressive party? Mr. Morrison sits tight in the saddle, and it is an assured fact that he will take no part in seeking to make real good Drury Progressives out of the members of the U. F. O., nor is he going to weaken his position by pointing to Mr. Drury as the man of the hour. He did not do so when Mr. Drury was premier of the province, when his assistance was needed, and when it would have helped materially, nor is Mr. Morrison going to take that step now.

W. R. Amos, president of the U. F. O., spoke so plainly on the matter that his meaning could not be mistaken. He referred to "the embarrassing and somewhat anomalous position in which the executive have been placed by the recent action of some of its members in their attendance at the convention which launched the Progressive party." Instead of breaking the customary bottle of wine on the prow of the new vessel called "Progressive," President Amos was really scolding the members who had been present when the craft was spreading her sails for a trial voyage on political waters in Ontario.

The situation leaves Mr. Drury in a peculiar position, one that does not even give him the strength of following the Ontario following the election of 1919. Then he had the backing of men who had already been elected under the efforts of the U. F. O., and it seemed for a time as though there were a dual leadership—Mr. Drury heading up that part of the farmer movement that sought to give political expression to its ideals, and Mr. Morrison looking after the U. F. O., as it sought to put its aims into operation for better business methods in buying things the farmers needed and in selling the produce of their farms.

But that association did not exist in actual fact, and when the time came to go to the people it was found that Mr. Morrison was the man to whom Mr. Drury had to go. There are plenty of members of the U. F. O. all over this section of the province who believed that Mr. Drury was wrong in dipping his flag to Secretary Morrison.

Today where does Mr. Drury stand? The officials of the U. F. O. favor staying in politics and keeping the party a strict farmer movement. Mr. Drury, with the assistance and sanction of others connected with the U. F. O., has launched his Progressive party, on which the heads of the U. F. O. frown. It is a reversal to the old Drury-Morrison controversy, a position that does not make for progress in any particular direction. The position, previously outlined, of Mr. Drury leading the political forces and Mr. Morrison attending to farmers' business, would be a desirable solution, but it is not to be that way because Mr. Morrison will not have it.

It was expected that the Toronto convention would have cleared this matter up and given some degree of finality to the situation, but it did not do so, nor is there anything on the surface to indicate that it will be done. If Mr. Drury cannot have the U. F. O. as the backbone of his Progressive party, then one thing is plain—there can be no Progressive party.

**The Critics Are Answered.**

The Canadian National Railways has leased the Hotel Scribe in Paris for 45 years at a figure that makes 5 per cent on the investment, and gives the railway all necessary office room in the heart of Paris rent free.

Canadian National loans have been placed at 4½ per cent, so an earning of 5 per cent on the Paris building represents a fractional gain, as well as the added feature of free rent, estimated for the 45-year lease to be worth \$600,000.

It will be interesting to see how critics of the National Railways will get around this development. They anticipated a heavy loss on the transaction, and had shaped their shafts accordingly and used them freely.

Some of the questioners had even asked when Sir Henry Thornton became an expert on Paris real estate. The deal just closed furnishes the answer that he seems to know how to swing a big deal and come out on top.

**Getting the Facts.**

London teacher was discussing the war of 1812 with his class, and stated what is a historic fact, that had it not been for effective measures taken then Canada would have been annexed to United States.

The day's lesson spread outside the school, but it grew from the acorn to the mighty oak in remarkably short time, and the teacher was reported as having said that Canada's destiny was in annexation to United States.

Some of the parents interested in the school had the good sense to go direct to the teacher to find out what had taken place, and in this way put an end to a rumor that had it been allowed to throw its seed to the wind of talk, would have done an injustice to the teacher.

Another one—High Constable Wharton says

he has heard many rumors about quantities of liquor being taken to some of the country dances in this district. The information was very vague and general. The constable decided to see for himself, so dropped in at a community dance at Melbourne the other night.

The constable says all the people there had a good time, but there was no liquor. When an officer of High Constable Wharton's standing and experience says there was no liquor it is sufficient evidence, because people have come to the point where they accept his word as final.

Yet how often the rumor spreaders get away with their statements tending to show that it is almost impossible to have a dance or a social gathering without a number of persons sneaking around furnishing drinks.

Chances are that many of the rumors and loose talk we hear get their start in the same way, and they keep on growing because no person takes the trouble to find out whether they are made of home spun or cheese cloth.

**Now Let's All Go Out and Sing!**

The following is one of the hymns to be used at the community singing in Victoria park on Christmas eve. Members of various organizations in the city, including many of the choirs, have signified their intention of being present.

Oh come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
Oh come ye, oh come ye  
To Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;  
Chorus:  
Oh come, let us adore him,  
Oh come, let us adore him,  
Oh come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens  
Of heav'n above:  
Glory to God  
In the highest;  
Chorus.

Such fine old songs as "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night, Holy Night," are on the program. It is a worthwhile effort to renew this fine old custom of singing hymns and carols out in the open on Christmas eve. Citizens can very well assemble at 7:30 on Wednesday evening for this well-conceived function, and do so without interfering with other plans.

**Note and Comment.**

It's easy to tell a "creation." It costs from \$20 up, while a hat can be had for \$4.98.

New York is to have a building 88 stories high, one that will make the Woolworth building look like a drive shed.

Children of four public schools had 1,197 teeth fixed in December, enabling them of course to bite off more in the way of home work.

Londoners who invested money in a music publishing house that went broke are certain that company originated that old ballad, "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

One London man spoke of a competitor as follows: "We have been in the same line of business for 20 years in this city, and in all that time I have never known him to take an unfair advantage." A higher compliment could hardly be paid.

Home Bank trial continually brings out the point that some scheming officials wanted to get the positions held by others in the institution. There was a rush for the easy chair beside the parlor register, while the dishes were left piled up in the sink.

The London fire department handled the fire on Saturday at Orth's, Limited, in quick style. It was necessary to use a great deal of water, yet in some of the premises the salvaging work was well done in short order to keep water from doing unnecessary damage. Dr. Baker proved himself able to act bravely and quickly when occasion demanded, and his work in helping rescue a family shut off by the fire was highly commendable.

**Eatin' Turkey**

I met Ned Whiskers luggin' home a turkey hen upon his arm, you'd think Ned had been out all night and stole the bird from off a farm. But knowin' Ned as how I do I let him have his little say, he couldn't go without that bird and feel like it was Christmas day.

Says I to Ned that may be so, but on this turkey I ain't strong, because from what I've seed before the bloomin' things they last too long.

Well Ned he couldn't see as what I meant, he started in to talk some more, but I just says for him to halt for at this time I had the floor.

Says I to Ned, it's just like this, I've figured this out long ago, that turkey eatin' at our house is too infernal tame and slow.

The first day out I 'low it's good, the dressin' and the gravy too, a-handin' out the legs and chest 'and thinkin' now the thing is through. I don't mind servin' fussy folks, some wantin' dark and others white, if when that one big show was off the turkey he got out of sight.

But now, says I, the next day come they cart the carcass in again, I try to cut down to the bone and feed scraps to our workin' men. This thing it riles my tempers too, these pickin's for the second day, it makes me think bad, wicked things and utter words I shouldn't say.

Now, Ned, says I, that's bad enough, but on the third day in we troop to find we're livin' for that day on what they call their turkey soup. They couldn't carve him down no more, yet fearin' some would waste or spoil, they stick some rice and onions in and put the whole thing on to boil.

Now listen, Ned, says I again, when still the fourth day she draws nigh, they cart the turkey out some more, and call the mixture giblet pie. You've seen and et so much of it before them four long days it through, you wish the turkey and his friends was campin' off in Timbuctoo.

So when Ned left I says to him when your first turkey meal is up, you grab the carcass in your fist and whistle for your neighbor's pup—ARK.

**Rarebits By Rex**

A DOG'S LIFE.

Sometimes I think I would prefer To be a strayed or stolen cur,  
A barking, snorting, sniveling hound,  
With none to order me around,  
Than be a man of toil and care  
With all the ills that flesh is heir,  
For when you come to think of it  
A dog has every benefit,  
He sniffs 'mong roses and climatis  
And gets his board and lodging gratis;  
No family feud or wifely whim  
Was ever known to worry him.

If I were made a dog I could Do just exactly as I would;  
If men condemned my joys and sins  
I'd bite them on their tender shins;  
I'd gnaw good bones and hunt the rat  
And chase the neighbor's old tom-cat.  
That's why, when narrow demagogues  
Say: "So-and-So's gone to the dogs,"  
I am inclined, as you may know,  
To envy Mr. So-and-So.

It is better to rub a man the wrong way than a porcupine.

The Chicago News has offered a prize for popular fiction. The most popular fiction was known as: "I will be detained at the office tonight, darling."

A Hamilton man ran over a rattlesnake in his fiver. The snake evidently heard the car coming and thought it was another rattler.

'Tis better to have loved and bossed.

EPITAPH.  
We gave the boss a turkey for Christmas.  
She's going to cook it for us.

Styles change. Twenty years ago the most useful wedding present was a cook book. Now it's a can opener.

Storm windows are good things. They help make the neighbors think you don't quarrel with your wife.

Although Shakespeare has been dead for centuries lots of amateur actors are murdering him.

People who boast of their kind natures are often the same people that let the cat stand outside Christmas Day with icicles on his whiskers.

The reason radicals are so disliked is that they tell the truth too often.

Patrick Henry said: "Give me liberty or give me death." And now when we enter a magazine store we say: "Give me Liberty or give me Life."

A certain religious sect says the world is coming to an end in 1925. We hope it happens later than May so as to give us time to put in our sweet peas.

**Editorial Opinion**

**PRISON VS. FREE LABOR.**  
(From the Kincaid Reporter)

MISS AGNES MACPHAIL, M.P., will bring forward a motion in the House of Commons "declaring that it is advisable to provide sufficient productive employment in penitentiaries to keep the inmates employed, and that a share of the proceeds go to provide for dependents and in the case of no dependents, be held in trust until release of the convict in question." We wonder if Miss MacPhail would like cheap prison labor to enter into competition with the efforts of our honest workmen, who are finding it hard enough to get work without the above menace. We cannot agree with the egg hatched in this fertile brain of Canada's only lady M.P. We have sympathy for the convict, but we have more sympathy for the man who keeps out of prison and tries to earn an honest living. If the convict's family is left without means the community has to see to it that they are taken care of. This falls on every citizen. That being the case, why introduce cheap prison labor to compete in a market that is already overmanned? We feel certain that the government of the day will not for a moment entertain such a nonsensical idea. Canadian standards of living must be lowered by having to compete with prison labor.

**SHARING THE KINDNESS.**  
(Christian Science Monitor)

SO long as zoological gardens constitute a feature of many cities, every encouragement should be given to the efforts made to render conditions for the animals more natural and satisfying. Hence the assurance that the authorities of the London zoo are planning to install an open-air inclosure for the baboons there is cause for real congratulation. Accommodation for fifty of these beasts is being provided and they will have warmed shelves both indoors and outdoors. Certainly if animals are to be kept penned up in abnormal surroundings at all, they are entitled to the best that can be given them by their captors. As to those warmed shelves, however, one may be excused for suggesting that a little of the same consideration for comfort might to advantage be incorporated by the builders of houses in Britain for the satisfaction of their human owners.

**CHRISTMAS.**  
(Goblin, Toronto)

TURKEY, poor-relation, evergreens, tissue paper, plum pudding, snow, new neckties, church bells, children, punch bowls, toys, dancing, log fires, visitors, headaches, tin horns, nuts and raisins, holly, Santa Claus, babies, tinzel, candy, cards, sleighs, checks, cranberry sauce, uncles, grapefruit, cocktails, the radio, cigars, striped peppermint canes, anecdotes, Epsom salts.

The Ottawa Journal had a headline "Perfect Scores from Many Pens," and we thought it referred to some good copy—but it was eggs!—Kingston Standard.

The Ontario government won't go bankrupt paying the bounty on the wolf hides brought in at the Sault as a result of the great drive.—St. Catharines Standard.

Though it is leap year, marriages in New York are 2,000 under last year. Evidently the men have learned to say "No."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**DUNDEE BY-ELECTION IS WON BY LABORITES**

T. Johnson Polls More Than Twice As Many Votes As Opponent.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 22.—T. Johnson, Laborite, was today elected to Parliament over the Liberal candidate, E. D. Simon, Johnson receiving 22,873 votes and Simon 10,234. The bye-election was rendered necessary by the recent death of Edmund Dene Morel, the Labor member. Today's contest was a straight fight between the Laborites and Liberals.

**River Smashes Its Ice Record**

St. Lawrence Frozen From Montreal To Three Rivers.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Constituting what is believed to be an unprecedented event, the St. Lawrence river was today reported to be solidly frozen from Montreal to Three Rivers. This has never occurred in the month of December in recent years, it was pointed out by local harbor officials. Below Three Rivers and on to Quebec, however, the river is still navigable.

**RATTAN CHAIRS PRESENTED AT CONCERT IN THORNDALE**

Thorndale, Dec. 22.—The Anglican church held their annual Sunday school entertainment and Christmas tree in Hardings hall on Friday evening. An excellent program was rendered, consisting of boys' gun drill, young ladies' fan drill, girls' fairy drill, boys' manners drill, small children's good-night song, pantomimes, "Gipsy's Warning" and "Holy Night," a play entitled "Dr. Cureall," a dialogue by women's guild small girls, a violin solo by John Colbert, vocal solo by Miss L. McFadden and recitations by the children. Santa Claus distributed presents from the tree. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the presentation of three handsome rattan chairs to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMartin and family and Mrs. R. Lee, who have recently moved from the village to their farm, Logan road, West Nisour. Bert Farlan and Rev. A. C. Cummer made the presentation. Mr. McMartin replied and heartily thanked the people of the church for their remembrance.

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C. H. BEARD, Manager.



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Only the choicest of dishes grace this festive table. 'Tis the best dinner and the best day of the year, with the best of good friends gathered round. Isn't it fitting that Neal's—the best of all bread—should add its own particular touch of quality to the menu?

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# Cupid in Tennis Match; Flapper Policeman; World's Worst Cellar



Mme. Hanna Hontby, noted Hungarian footlight star, has won continental fame by her beauty and a handsome movie contract to appear on the screen



Dan Cupid won a love match recently when the former Miss Lesue Bancroft, one of America's foremost tennis players, became the bride of Charles F. Aeschliman, a Swiss Davis Cup player



Mrs. Julia P. Lombard, socially prominent in New York, brought down this deer, weighing 150 pounds, with the first shot, at Wonalancet, N.H., where she is raising a new breed of dogs for racing purposes



It is said that Anatasie Veregin, niece of the late Peter Veregin, former leader of the Doukhobors in Canada, has ambitions to succeed to her uncle's place



The first beauty contest to be held at sea was won by Mrs. W. P. Runyon, of New York, who was voted the prettiest woman on board the ship by passengers and crew



Babe Ruth takes his batting practice during the winter with an axe and a pile of wood on his farm at Sudbury, Mass



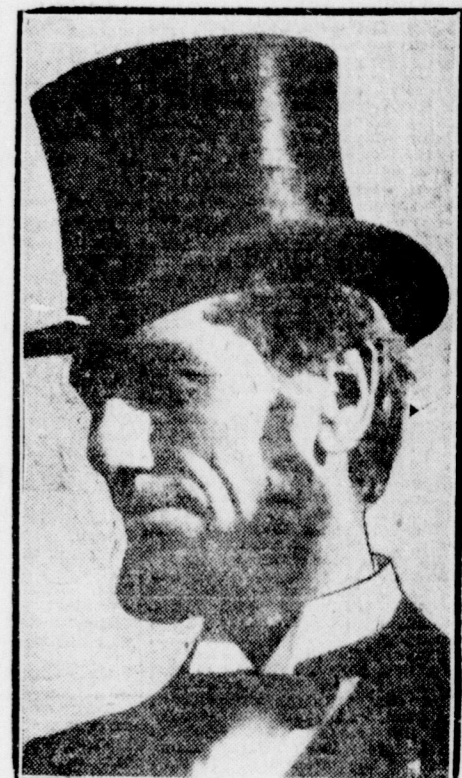
This new Poirer model has sleeves inspired by the old stocking mits, worn at will to show the shoulder and upper arm



Cardinal Archbishop Schulte is shown at the dedication of one huge new bell for the cathedral at Cologne



This is called the "worst cellar" in the world. It is located in the Federal Building, New York, and contains 5,000 bottles of alleged whiskey, which in the past three weeks has caused ten deaths, twenty cases of blindness and a number of other casualties



Judge Bull, one of the delegates from Nevada, now touring California, boosting a big highway exposition to be held at Reno in 1926, claims to be a living image of Abraham Lincoln



Communists attempted to attack Premier Herriot France when he visited Roubaix some days ago. The trouble hunters found plenty of trouble when the police and detectives got busy. One of the 142 who were seized is shown being taken in



The most popular "beauty" at Columbia University is Homer D. Eddins, who plays the leading role in the annual show. He "makes-up" beautifully



The body of Samuel Gompers, late head of the American Federation of Labor, was taken to Washington, where it was placed on view for six hours before being moved to Sleepy Hollow for burial



Francis Wood, aged 80, recently started from Bath to London, England, pushing his kit in a child's push-cart, from there to Paris by airplane and on to Ypres by foot, to be back in London by Christmas



Dr. and Mrs. Sun Yat Sen were recent visitors at Tokio before attending the meeting of the Big Four at Peking, China. He is the foremost leader of the Chinese Republican movement and a graduate of an American college



John E. Parker, police official of Gloucester, Mass., had been bothered with the activities of bootleggers in his district; so, to catch them, dressed up as a young lady and joined their "ring"



Senor Ignacio Zuloaga, Spanish painter extraordinary, arrived in New York recently to view some famous paintings on this continent and also to exhibit more



Pancho Villa, holder of the world's lightweight title, was photographed with two of his young admirers at Manila in the Philippine Islands, on his first visit home since he won his title







# St. Marys S.P.A. Junior Champions Again :- St. Patricks Win At Boston 10-1

## TORONTO JUNIOR SIX RETAINS S.P.A. CUP

St. Marys Beat Aura Lee 3-2 in Final For Trophy.

EVEN ALL THROUGH

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 22.—St. Marys will hold the S.P.A. trophy for another year. The team that right tonight when they defeated the powerful Aura Lee team in the final by 3 to 2. This year gave everything they had but they could never get into the lead. But they gave the champions the battle of their lives and right until the final whistle the result was in doubt. It was a thrilling engagement with neither team able to break a first period 2 to 2 deadlock until Bill Moss' wicked shot won the game three minutes before the finish.

### Battling Siki In Jail Again

Associated Press Despatch. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—"Battling" Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, was in jail here last night after a disturbance in a fashionable suburban restaurant here. Upon being informed that the restaurant was exclusively for white persons, Siki and his party were said to have protested vigorously. A charge of drunk and disorderly conduct was placed against the Senegalese and he spent the night in the city jail.

### Ty Cobb; Remaker of Baseball

### Ye Old Days

Ty Longs For Them For "The Old Gang"

CHAPTER I.

Frequent comparisons are made between Cobb and other great players of past and present. They all fall short of Cobb, chiefly because they lack his competitive spirit. There probably never lived another man in sports who had it as highly developed as Cobb. They fall short of him, too, because they lack his magic brain. No two men are alike, nor any two people of either sex. There are, therefore, no two brains exactly alike. The brain of Cobb happens to be the singular exception—a brain so made that it gives more rapid action to thought than the brain of any other player. It is a machine of rare intelligence and superior cunning. This brain of Cobb's is judged by comparison. Cobb is the greatest ball player of all time by comparison. Other men have had as much mechanical skill and some had more, but none of them ever put it to the extraordinary use that Cobb did. None ever thought so rapidly nor acted so quickly.

### E. Sage's Quartet Takes Bonspiel

London Curling Club Begins Season's Activities.

The London curling club opened its season's curling last night with a successful bonspiel. The ice was in excellent condition and forty-eight curlers had a most enjoyable time. The test of skill consisted of one game of fourteen ends, and E. Sage's rink was the winner with a score of twenty-nine.

The following is the score of the various skips:

H. Harry ..... 17 R. Lashbrook ..... 14  
F. Trout ..... 14 H. White ..... 13  
P. Mackay ..... 14 H. McKenney ..... 13  
J. Banks ..... 13 J. W. Griffith ..... 12  
A. Wainless ..... 11 R. Brooks ..... 10  
E. Sage ..... 9 W. Wallister ..... 9

Another bonspiel will be held this evening, beginning at 7:15 o'clock. Special prizes will be offered.

**BOAT POSTPONED.**  
New Orleans, Dec. 22.—The ten-round bout of Mike McTigue, a young light heavyweight, and Young Marullo, scheduled for tonight, was postponed until Jan. 15, because of indolent weather.

**ESKIMOS SIGN HOLMES.**  
Edmonton, Dec. 22.—Billy Holmes, star Brandon amateur forward, has been signed by Kenny McKenzie for the Eskimos, and was used in tonight's game against Regina.



JUNIOR S. P. A. CHAMPIONS FOR SEASON. Game for the junior S. P. A. trophy last night. Above are St. Marys players: Top row, left to right—Bill Stewart, center; Harry Moore, left; defense; William "Whitey" Fields, right; Joe Primeau, left wing; Bottom row—"Kenny" Kane, center; Wally Holden, sub, left wing; Bill Moss, right wing; Eddie Baker, goalkeeper.

With a reorganized team, the St. Marys Junior O. H. A. club, led by Manager Frank Selke, has jumped into the spotlight by beating the strong Aura Lee sextet in the final game for the junior S. P. A. trophy last night. Above are St. Marys players: Top row, left to right—Bill Stewart, center; Harry Moore, left; defense; William "Whitey" Fields, right; Joe Primeau, left wing; Bottom row—"Kenny" Kane, center; Wally Holden, sub, left wing; Bill Moss, right wing; Eddie Baker, goalkeeper.

never brilliant; reliable, but never daring. He was conventional and strictly orthodox. But Lajoie and Wagner were also thoroughly orthodox. They did the conventional a great deal better than others.

**The Great Anson.**  
Adrian C. Anson, powerful hitter, intelligent first baseman, was of the Crawford type. He lacked the finish, the gloss, the polish of Lajoie. He, like Wagner, depended upon physical power. He was not exceptional in mechanical skill.

The players that climbed to fame in Cobb's own league during his sweep of conquering seasons were George Slesler, Tris Speaker, Eddie Collins, Joe Jackson and Babe Ruth. There were others who went a distance up the ladder, but in the end they held the players named here foremost and the outstanding player of the group is, of course, Ruth.

Since Ruth became the master slugger of the baseball ages, much time has been spent comparing him with Cobb and not far behind him in batting. Also, he was an exceedingly intelligent player, but he did not compare with Cobb as a base runner.

Collins, while excellent in all departments and the best second baseman his league showed, fell short of Cobb on attack. Jackson was a great hitter and nothing else.

**CHAPTER II.**  
No player ever had more trials and tribulations in trying to break into the major leagues than Ty Cobb. He was harassed on all sides. Veterans of the rough and tumble school, the men that know how to give and take, were the kind that he went up against. He was sensitive, hot-tempered, sharp-tongued; he was the type of player that invited "riding" and the boys were accommodating—they "rode" Cobb. They would steal his shoes and part of his uniform. They even made kindling wood out of his pet bats. They would knock him out of the clubhouse after a game so that he could not get in to take a shower. When he did get in they made him stand aside and wait until all had their baths.

They had not won any pennants

## IRISH OVERWHELM LOWLY BEANEATERS

Babe Dye Stars, Notching Five of Winners' Ten Goals.

STANDING. W. L. T. F. A. Canadiens ..... 6 1 0 31 12  
Hamilton ..... 5 1 0 29 14  
Montreal ..... 3 4 0 14 16  
St. Pat's ..... 3 4 0 28 32  
Ottawa ..... 2 2 1 21 20  
Boston ..... 1 6 0 14 43

Associated Press Despatch. Boston, Dec. 22.—St. Patricks overwhelmed the lowly Bruins of Boston before a small attendance at the arena tonight, 19 to 6, in a hard-fought game. The score well indicated the relative strength of the teams, but, despite their showing, the Bruins revealed greater possibilities than on any previous appearance here, their supporters believe.

"Babe" Dye of St. Patricks was the star of the night, notching five of his team's goals. "Big" Jackson was responsible for Boston's single tally.

The new acquisitions to the Bruins, Stuart Jackson and Carroll, performed creditably, but Carson Cooper and Herberts, both star players, were sadly missed.

First period—St. Pat's, Dye, 4-2; St. Pat's, Dye, 5-3; St. Pat's, Dye, 6-3; 4. Boston, Jackson, 7-4; 5. St. Pat's, Dye, 19-6.

Second period—St. Pat's, Dye, 3-0; 7. St. Pat's, Dye, 8-2; 8. St. Pat's, McCaffery, 19-7.

Third period—St. Pat's, Fisher, 8-5; 10. St. Pat's, Adams, 9-11; 11. St. Pat's, Dye, 19-16.

Referee—Dr. O'Leary. Ottawa.

They were a rip-roaring and tearing lot. Lord, if I could only get about six players like those of the old days when we had a fighting team.

The attitude that Cobb first encountered when he reported to the Detroit management had its beneficial results. Cobb at that time made up his mind that if ever he got an opportunity he would lend a helping hand to a recruit. He would do all he could for them. He would see that other recruits did not undergo the same humiliation, torture, embarrassment and mental agony that he did.

Cobb kept his promise. He has always helped the recruit. Any time he got the opportunity he gave helpful advice to youngsters breaking into the big leagues, or trying to. He never failed to encourage them; to give them hints on batting, fielding; he told them how they could improve themselves.

**If They Took It.**  
Any recruit who took Cobb's advice and followed it sincerely was certain to continue getting it, particularly if he showed any improvement.

"I am getting old," said Cobb a few years ago. "I'm getting to that stage where if I ever do get the bench for me, the old legs and arms don't respond the way they used to. We all reach that stage sooner or later. I'm near it now."

"I used to get a great deal of pleasure out of doing things myself. Now I get my pleasure out of getting others to do them. There is more satisfaction, I find, in seeing a recruit develop under the advice and training you give him than in accomplishing something yourself. At least I'm getting more pleasure out of it than I used to get out of my batting and base-running and fielding. Doing things through others holds a far richer reward."

There is one thing at which Cobb them because they wouldn't let you.

## JUNIOR CITY LEAGUE OPENS FRIDAY NIGHT

Shelby Mayor's Luck Returns

Associated Press Despatch. Shelby, Mont., Dec. 22.—Jim Johnson, the smiling mayor of Shelby, who promoted one of the sporting world's biggest financial boosts, the Dempsey-Gilbois fight, is in a fair way to stage a financial comeback.

Recently an oil syndicate of which he is the head brought in a well for an initial production of 5,000 barrels daily. The black crude gushed from the well and gave the Derrick an oily bath for twenty minutes before it could be brought under control.

The same smile with which Mayor Johnson greeted fight managers and sport writers in July of last year when they wanted to know where the "next hundred thousand dollars" was coming from to assure the big fight has never dimmed.

He appeared, his friends say, but today it appeared a bit more genuine.

The mayor, with the same, easy, breezy style that is typical of the real westerner, had little time for comment, but admitted that the limousine future he hoped for before the Dempsey-Gilbois fiasco seemed a bit nearer realization.

Orioles and Hawks To Mingle After the Senior Game.

### FOUR TEAMS IN

The London junior city league opens its schedule Friday night after the Stratford-London game at the arena.

The league has four teams this year, and in view of their persistent efforts to keep going, despite many obstacles, the fans who attend the senior and junior O. H. A. games are likely to stay over and give the youngsters encouragement.

This league represents London's future greatness in hockey, and now that the city has taken the jump to senior ranks, it is all the more imperative that this source of development be nursed along and encouraged in every way possible.

The reduction of the league from six to four teams should serve to make it all the faster this season.

The schedule is as follows: Jan. 2—Orioles vs. Hawks. Jan. 2—East End vs. Young Britons. Jan. 3—Young Britons vs. Orioles. Jan. 4—Hawks vs. East End. Jan. 12—East End vs. Orioles. Jan. 15—Young Britons vs. Hawks. Jan. 19—Hawks vs. Orioles. Jan. 21—Young Britons vs. East End. Jan. 22—Orioles vs. Young Britons. Jan. 26—East End vs. Hawks. Jan. 30—Orioles vs. East End. Feb. 2—Hawks vs. Young Britons.

## BOXER KNOCKED DUMB, NEW NERVE IS FOUND

Unusual Occurrence in French Ring Interests Scientists.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 24.—The plea of enthusiastic boxing fans "Knock him speechless," was literally complied with during a bout between two lumbering heavyweights. They had been mauling and pulling each other through round after round when one accidentally caught the other one on the point of the chin with a wild swing.

The one on the receiving end of the swing went down like a log. He was revived after a few minutes, but was amazed to find that he could not articulate a single word. Realizing that he had gone completely dumb he fell off into a swoon.

It was four days before the defeated boxer recovered his speech. Doctors attached to the French boxing federation declared that his jaw was not dislocated, but that the blow affected a nerve hitherto unknown to science. They are making a further study of the case.

draws the line and that is having a recruit dispute him. As soon as one of his pupils questions his opinion on anything concerning baseball, Cobb immediately resigns as instructor.

His word and his opinion must be final and beyond question or argument as far as the recruit is concerned.

**Tomorrow: Chapter LII.—His richer reward.**

**OTHER SPORT ON PAGE 15.**

## JEFFERSON PARK RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 6 furlongs: See It Through, 118 (Smith), 3 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won. Winsome Lady, 105 (Shanks), 4 to 5, 1 to 5, second.

VALDING, 108 (Fields), 8 to 5, third. Time—1:17 1/5. Good Morning, Koella, Buck Jones, Kenesaw, Wadd, Jack Paine II, also ran.

SECOND RACE, 5 furlongs: Judge Bruce, 115 (Mouton), 15 to 1, 6 to 1, 3 to 1, won. Isaman, 107 (Swanson), 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second.

Wild Goose, 112 (Weiner), 1 to 2, third. Time—1:05. Eventide, Gee, Sea Wolf, Proceeds, Royal Dick, Black Ruler, Charles Henry, Boots and Shoes also ran.

THIRD RACE, mile and eighth: Peace Pal, 107 (Swanson), 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, won. David Harum, 112 (Scoble), 6 to 5, 1 to 2, second.

Zanzibar, 108 (Roehm), 8 to 5, third. Time—1:58 1/5. Gen. Frank Monroe, Warren Lynch, Whirling Dan, May Girl also ran.

FOURTH RACE, 8 furlongs: Huon, Pine, 106 (Swanson), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5, won. Leatherwood, 113 (Sharpe), 7 to 5, 1 to 4, second.

Prince Regent, 109 (Thurber), 7 to 5, third. Time—1:45 1/5. Julia M., Jolly, Pete the Scribe also ran.

FIFTH RACE, 1 mile: Elector, 112 (Mergler), 3 to 5, 1 to 4, won. The Badger, 103 (McTague), 7 to 5, 1 to 2, second.

Lauder, 108 (McDermodt), 3 to 5, third. Time—1:41 2/5. Pedagogue, Priglitful, St. Charles also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and sixteenth: Mado, 106 (Stevens), 3 to 2, 1 to 3, out, won.

John Finn, 106 (McCoy), out, third. Time—1:49 1/5. Edward Gray also ran.

SEVENTH RACE, mile and sixteenth: Johnny Jewell, 109 (Harvey), 4 to 1, 6 to 5, out, won.

Snow Maiden, 111 (Weiner), 2 to 5, out, second. Battle Shot, 103 (Swanson), out, third. Time—1:50. Bench Manager also ran.

# SALE at OPPOSITE

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<b>SHIRTS</b> Values to \$4.00 \$1.89	<b>GLOVES</b> Values Up To \$2.50 98c	<b>HATS</b> Values To \$6.00 \$3.48	<b>SWEATERS VESTS, for</b> ..... \$3.95	<b>UNDERWEAR</b> Including best in world, \$2.95	<b>WOOL MUFFLERS</b> Values To \$3.00 59c, 2 for \$1.00	<b>SOCKS</b> Values To \$2.00 89c, 3 for \$2.50
<b>SHIRTS</b> Values to \$6.00 \$2.95	<b>SOCKS</b> Values Up To 75c 37c, 3 for \$1.00	<b>HATS</b> Values To \$5.00 \$1.95	<b>HANDKERCHIEFS</b> ..... 29c, 4 for \$1.00	<b>UNDERWEAR</b> Values To \$3.50 \$1.79, 2 for \$3.50	<b>BATHROBES AND HOUSE COATS</b> \$4.95	<b>BRACES</b> 34c
<b>TIES</b> Values to 75c 29c, 4 for \$1.00	<b>GLOVES</b> Values Up To \$4.00 \$1.95	<b>CAPS</b> Values To \$2.00— 98c	<b>HANDKERCHIEFS, SILK, at</b> ..... 95c, 2 for \$1.50	<b>PENMAN'S PURE WOOL TWO-PIECE UNDERWEAR</b> Fleece Lined, 79c Garment, \$1.50	<b>SCARFS</b> Values To \$12.00 \$2.49	<b>BRACES</b> Values To \$1.00 79c
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			<b>GARTERS AND ARM BANDS, at</b> ..... 14c	<b>STETSON HATS, CHRISTIES AND BROCKS,</b> \$4.75		

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Director Believed Home Bank Was in Good Financial Condition.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 22.—D. L. McCarthy, K.C., crown prosecutor in the trial of R. P. Gough, vice-president and director of the defunct Home Bank, charged with making and approving false statements of the bank's affairs to the department of finance at Ottawa, continued today, taking him through the proceedings of every meeting of the directors of the bank he attended from 1916 on. At the adjournment this afternoon he had reached May 31, 1917, which was the annual meeting for the fiscal year. Mr. Gough admitted that the three biggest loans in 1918 "would wreck the bank if they were not worked out." His opinion in 1917 was that these loans would be worked out. The company of over \$2,000,000, the Front loan of over \$2,000,000, and the New Orleans railway of \$1,000,000. The three loans made up more than half of the total amount of the money lent by the bank in 1917.

Mr. Gough said he knew no interest was being paid on the big Front loan, but he was given to understand that not only was interest being paid on the Front loan but that the principal was being reduced. In 1917 he had moved that a dividend of seven per cent be paid. "What reason had you for raising the dividend?" asked McCarthy. "I had faith in the reports submitted," said Mr. Gough. "I believed from the reports that we could have a dividend. I am going to keep on believing in people, too."

"Am I right, then, in saying that the dividend was paid on faith?" asked Mr. McCarthy. "On faith and information," was the reply.

He had no liability report when he moved the dividend, but his information, he said, was of comparative figures, month with month and year with year.

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OZARK REGION RECOVERS AFTER STORM ISOLATION

Associated Press Despatch.  
Springfield, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Ozark region of Missouri was in communication with the outside world today after having been isolated since Thursday in the worst snow and sleet storm in history. The damage in the Springfield district will amount to more than \$2,000,000, according to newspaper estimates. J. H. Frasier, general manager of the St. Louis-San Francisco railroad, said 3,000 telephone poles were down between Springfield and St. Louis. The Bell Telephone company has approximately 3,600 poles down in and near Springfield. There was considerable damage to fruit trees.

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**The Odds Favor the Chinese Day.**  
By GENE BYRNES

Panel 1: "THERE, MY BOY—KEEP THE CHANGE—"  
Panel 2: "TANKS, MISTER—ME MUDDER'LL BE GLAD WHEN I BRING THAT BUNCH OF DOUGH HOME—"  
Panel 3: "I'LL JUST TAKE ONE OF THOSE NICE \$500 PENCILS AND HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR—"  
Panel 4: "WELL, BROTHER—YOU HAVE A COLD JOB—I'LL JUST MAKE THIS POT BOIL UP AND WARM YOUR HEART—"  
Panel 5: "MAY HEAVEN BLESS YOU—"  
Panel 6: "MERRY CHRISTMAS, BOYS—HERE'S SOMETHING SANTA CLAUS SENT TO YOU—"  
Panel 7: "I CAN STILL SEE THE LOOK OF JOY ON THE FACES OF THOSE POOR LITTLE BOYS—IT MADE ME FEEL YOUNG AGAIN JUST TO SEE THEIR HAPPY FACES—I ONLY WISH I HAD THE POWER TO BROADCAST HAPPINESS TO EVERY NEEDY PERSON WHO NEEDS A FRIEND AND ADD A NOTE OF HELPFUL SINCERITY TO HIS MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETING—"  
Signed: SIDNEY SMITH

**REG'LAR FELLERS**  
By JIMMY MURPHY

Panel 1: "I'M GONNA GET A DOG FOR CHRISTMAS!"  
Panel 2: "DOP AN ME WANTED TO GET A BULL TERRIER, Y'KNOW THEM KIND WITH THE PIN EYES WHAT CAN LICK JACK DEMPSEY? AN MOM WANTED US TO GET A CURLY DOG WITH CURLY HAIR."  
Panel 3: "WHAT KIND ARE YOU GONNA GET?" "YEAH! WHAT KIND?"  
Panel 4: "GEE WHIZ! AINT ANY OF YOU FELLERS GOT MOTHERS?"  
Signed: JIMMY MURPHY-12-23.

**TOOTS AND CASPER**  
By "Bud" FISHER

Panel 1: "PLEASE, CASPER! SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT FOR ME FOR CHRISTMAS!" "WOOF! DA"  
Panel 2: "NO, TOOTS, YOU'VE GOTTA WAIT TILL CHRISTMAS MORNING!"  
Panel 3: "GO WAY, TOOTS! I'VE GOT SOMETHING NICE FOR YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT TILL CHRISTMAS!" "ARFF!" "DAY!"  
Panel 4: "DONT MAKE ME WAIT! PLEASE! SHOW IT TO ME!"  
Panel 5: "WELL ALL RIGHT! HERE'S YOUR PRESENT! TAKE IT!" "OH! A DIAMOND RING! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! YOU'RE A DARLING!"  
Panel 6: "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING GLOOMY ABOUT?" "GEE! I ALMOST WISH YOU HADNT GIVEN IT TO ME TILL CHRISTMAS! I CANT BEAR TO THINK THAT THERE'LL BE NOTHING IN MY STOCKING ON CHRISTMAS MORNING!"  
Signed: JIMMY MURPHY-12-23.

**MUTT AND JEFF**  
By "Bud" FISHER

Panel 1: "MONSIEUR MUTT, I AM INDEED HAPPY TO SEE YOU! I WANT YOU TO TRANSLATE A BIT OF FRENCH FOR ME."  
Panel 2: "HOW COME?" "I WAS STANDING IN PLACE DE LOPERA WHEN A STUNNING FRENCH GIRL PASSED! I FELT DEVLISH SO I SMILED AT HER!" "THEN WHAT?" "SHE SAID SOMETHING IN FRENCH AND I WROTE IT DOWN RIGHT AWAY SO YOU COULD TRANSLATE IT FOR ME! HERE, TELL ME WHAT THE FEAR DAME SAID!" "SLIP ME!"  
Panel 3: "VOUS CROTEAU CHIEN! THAT MEANS—YOU DIRTY DOG!"  
Panel 4: "HER SHAP JUDGMENT IN SIZING YOU UP WAS UNCANNY IN ITS CORRECTNESS!"  
Signed: JIMMY MURPHY-12-23.

RIDDELL NAMED LEAGUE ADVISOR

Stratford Man Appointed To Represent Canada at Geneva.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—W. A. Riddell, former deputy minister of labor for Ontario, has been appointed Dominion of Canada advisory officer for league of nations purposes at Geneva. The post is a new one, and, in creating it, Canada, it is announced, is following the example of some fifteen states, including Japan, China and Brazil, who have found it necessary to appoint officers to reside permanently in Geneva, accredited to the league.

Mr. Riddell, who now occupies the position of chief of the agricultural service in the international labor office of the league, will continue to reside in Geneva, and will be accredited to the league and the international labor organization, and to keep the government informed as to any phase of the activities of these bodies which may be of interest to Canada and to act as may be determined, as government delegate or substitute. It is expected this arrangement will make Canadian participation in the work of the league

Dead Man Wins Lottery Prize

Special to The Advertiser.  
Madrid, Dec. 22.—First prize of more than \$2,000,000 in the great Spanish Christmas lottery was won this year by a dead man. When the numbers were drawn today it was discovered that the holder of the lucky ticket for the first prize—the "zorro"—was a Socialist named Quintana, a resident of Madrid, who expired a month ago. The prize of 15,000,000 pesetas will go to his family.

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PREMIER KING TO VISIT QUEBEC NEXT MONTH

Great Interest Being Manifested Over Forthcoming Trip of Leader.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Quebec, Dec. 22.—Great interest is being manifested in the forthcoming visit of the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, who will visit Quebec January 15, accompanied by a number of his cabinet ministers.

The prime minister will address two meetings here. He will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given by prominent members of the Liberal party, with Hon. P. J. Paradis, chief Liberal organizer, presiding over the function.

The following morning the premier will attend a reception in his honor which will take place at the court-house, with Chief Justice Sir Francis Levesque presiding. This will be attended by all the members of the Quebec bar association.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. King will be present at a luncheon given by the Quebec Canadian club. In the evening, January 18, there will be a grand Liberal rally under the leadership of Louis Letourneau, M.L.A.

The party will leave Quebec directly after this meeting.

Angered Spaniards Seek Duel With Ibanez To Avenge Insult

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Dec. 22.—Viscount d'Esta, former Spanish minister of war, has arrived in Paris for the expressed purpose of obtaining an apology or satisfaction from Vicente Ibanez, the author of a manifesto which the statesman considers an insulting reference regarding him in the writer's manifesto against King Alfonso and the military dictatorship.

The viscount plans to publish an article in Le Figaro, calling upon Ibanez to make a retraction. In the event the author declines to do so, the viscount's friends say he is prepared to publicly challenge Ibanez to a duel.

The portion of the manifesto to which the viscount particularly objects, states: "A letter is alleged to have been written by King Alfonso to General Silvestre, commanding the troops in Morocco, saying: 'Do as I tell you. Don't mind the minister of war; he is an imbecile!'"

Ibanez' attacks are said to have stirred much resentment in Spain. It is expected that the writer will find himself the recipient of many challenges to the field of honor.

MANITOBA TREASURER ACCEPTS NEW POST

Winnipeg Electric Makes Successful Bid For Services of Hon. F. M. Black.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Hon. F. M. Black, provincial treasurer of Manitoba, has resigned his portfolio in the Bracken cabinet to become vice-president in charge of the finances of the Winnipeg Electric Company, it is announced this afternoon. Mr. Black, before entering the government, was treasurer of the United Grain Growers' association.

A statement issued by the Winnipeg Electric said that in consequence of the growth and development of the company and its subsidiaries, it had been considered advisable to have as person of broad financial experience, who could devote all his time to that

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branch, and with this object in view the position of vice-president in charge of finances had been created, and offered to and accepted by Mr. Black.

**STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.**  
Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Celtic, from New York.  
New York, Dec. 22.—La Savoie, from Havre.  
London, Dec. 22.—Minnewaska, from New York.

Wednesday's Silent Stations.  
WDAF, WMAA, CKAC, CPFC.

Notes—These programs compiled from official advance schedules noted as subject to change without notice.

RADIO TOMORROW'S LIST

- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.  
(Eastern Standard Time.)  
WEAF, NEW YORK—492.  
6 p.m.—WPAF quartet.  
7 p.m.—Midweek service.  
7:30 p.m.—St. James' boy choir; Walter brass quartet; Hawaiian ensemble; Aida brass quartet.  
WNYC, NEW YORK—508.  
8:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve program.  
WJZ, NEW YORK—505.  
3 p.m.—Trinity service.  
4 p.m.—Christmas program.  
4:30 p.m.—Levitov's orchestra.  
8 p.m.—Wall Street Journal review.  
8:10 p.m.—N. Y. U. air concert.  
8:30 p.m.—Christmas program.  
10:30 p.m.—Wynne's orchestra.  
11:30 p.m.—Program from WJY.  
WGBS, NEW YORK—316.  
6 p.m.—Children's period.  
6:30 p.m.—Entertainment.  
WHN, NEW YORK—360.  
6:30 p.m.—Dinner concert.  
7:30 p.m.—Musical program.  
WAHG, RICHMOND HILL—316.  
7:30 p.m.—Four hour musical program, Brooklyn High.  
WOR, NEWARK—405.  
6:30 p.m.—Harry Cox's orchestra.  
6:55 p.m.—Daily sports resume.  
7 p.m.—Ingram's orchestra.  
8:45 p.m.—Grace church choir.  
9:30 p.m.—Caruso's studio ensemble.  
10:15 p.m.—Grace church choir.  
10:45 p.m.—Photograph trio.  
WIP, PHILADELPHIA—509.  
3 p.m.—Matinee recital.  
4:10 p.m.—Christmas recital.  
6:30 p.m.—Christmas program.  
7 p.m.—Uncle Wip's stories.  
WFI, PHILADELPHIA—395.  
9:30 p.m.—S. & C. Christmas chorus.  
3:45 p.m.—Joint recital.  
6:30 p.m.—Meyer Davis orchestra.  
7 p.m.—Sunday film stories.  
WOO, PHILADELPHIA—509.  
6 p.m.—Civic choir singing.  
7:30 p.m.—Catholic orchestra.  
8:15 p.m.—University of Pennsylvania Christmas program.  
9:15 p.m.—W. J. orchestra; Lewis J. Howell, baritone; Margaret Lieberbach, soprano.  
Wm.—Nobis Nobile club.  
WDAF, PHILADELPHIA—395.  
4:30 p.m.—Studio artists' recital.  
7:30 p.m.—Children's program.  
8 p.m.—Current events talk.  
8:15 p.m.—Kentner's orchestra.  
10 p.m.—Aradiah orchestra.  
WCAE, PITTSBURGH—462.  
6:30 p.m.—William Penn orchestra.  
7:30 p.m.—The Radio Club.  
7:45 p.m.—Special features.  
8:30 p.m.—Nixie's orchestra.  
KDKA, PITTSBURGH—326.  
6:15 p.m.—Scalzo's orchestra.  
7:15 p.m.—Stockman market report.  
7:30 p.m.—Children's period.  
8 p.m.—Dickens' "Christmas Carol."  
8:30 p.m.—KDKA symphonic trio.  
11 p.m.—Christmas service.  
12 p.m.—Christmas chimes.  
WGAP, WASHINGTON—469.  
8:30 p.m.—Musical program.  
8:30 p.m.—Christmas Carol.  
9:30 p.m.—Christmas concert.  
10:30 p.m.—Festival chimes.  
11 p.m.—"Santa, 'Christ Child."  
12 p.m.—Midnight Mass.  
WRC, WASHINGTON—469.  
3 p.m.—Trinity services (WJZ).  
WGV, SCHENECTADY—300.  
3 p.m.—Trinity services (WJZ).  
6:30 p.m.—Santa's fine talk.  
WBZ, SPRINGFIELD—37.  
6 p.m.—Philharmonic trio.  
7 p.m.—Market's stories.  
8:30 p.m.—Radio club ensemble.  
8:30 p.m.—Christmas carols.  
11 p.m.—Eaton's orchestra.  
WEEI, BOSTON—303.  
6:30 p.m.—Eisenberg's orchestra.  
7 p.m.—Big 10 orchestra.  
7:45 p.m.—Glee club concert.  
8:15 p.m.—Methodist church choir.  
9:30 p.m.—Boston club choir.  
11 p.m.—Del Castillo, organist.  
11:30 p.m.—Lark quartet.  
WTAM, CLEVELAND—390.  
6 p.m.—Lombardi's orchestra.  
8 p.m.—Concert program.  
WJAK, CLEVELAND—390.  
7 p.m.—Christmas carols, St. Cecilia club of Akron.  
WWJ, DETROIT—517.  
3 p.m.—Detroit News orchestra.  
7 p.m.—Detroit News orchestra/Charles Coates, baritone.  
10 p.m.—Goldette's orchestra.  
11 p.m.—Christmas carol service, St. Paul's Cathedral.  
CFCA, TORONTO—400.  
2:30 p.m.—Christmas carols, direct to town hall, Toronto.  
CHYC, MONTREAL—341.  
9 p.m.—Highland band.  
PWX, HAWANA—400.  
8:30 p.m.—Cuban army band.  
(Central Standard Time.)  
WMH, CINCINNATI—309.  
8 p.m.—Mary E. Noonan, pianist; Frederick Meyer, baritone; Kurt Henkel, organist; Oscar Krasche, cellist; mixed quartet.  
9 p.m.—Hub-steinberg orchestra/opera class pupils.  
9 p.m.—Eterna band.  
12 p.m.—Midnight mass.  
WLS, CHICAGO—345.  
6 p.m.—Fargo news, markets.  
6:30 p.m.—Radio news program.  
7 p.m.—Lullaby time; Lone Scouts; J. W. Harrison, baritone.  
8 p.m.—Evening farm program.  
9:15 p.m.—"A Christmas Carol."  
10 p.m.—Chicago news program.  
10:30 p.m.—Fred Sauter, violinist.  
10:40 p.m.—Food and Glenn time.  
KW-W, CHICAGO—39.  
6:35 p.m.—Children's stories.  
7 p.m.—DeLatory's orchestra.  
7:30 p.m.—Studio broadcast.  
9 p.m.—Louise Navigato, soprano; James Murray, tenor; Ned Santry, tenor.  
8:30 p.m.—Around the town.  
9:45 p.m.—Midnight service.  
WQJ, CHICAGO—448.  
7 p.m.—Williams' orchestra.  
10 p.m.—Williams' orchestra.  
WMAQ, CHICAGO—475.  
6 p.m.—Organ recital.  
6:30 p.m.—Stories for children.  
8 p.m.—Christmas carols from North-western University.  
8:30 p.m.—Christmas poems.  
9 p.m.—DeLory's "Christmas Carol," by WMAQ players.  
WGN, CHICAGO—370.  
8 p.m.—Classic hour.  
10 p.m.—Hamm's orchestra.  
10:30 p.m.—Kinball studio hour.  
10:35 p.m.—Lullaby program.  
WCCO, MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL—417.  
8:30 p.m.—Children's hour.  
8:35 p.m.—Weekly market summary.  
7 p.m.—Midweek service.  
10:45 p.m.—Christmas service.  
WLAS, LOUISVILLE—400.  
4 p.m.—Orchestra, features.  
7:30 p.m.—Children's program.  
8 p.m.—Davenport—454.  
7 p.m.—Sardeman's visit.  
8 p.m.—Children's program.  
8:30 p.m.—Pruditt's orchestra.  
KTHS, HOT SPRINGS—375.  
4 p.m.—Children's program, by Hot Springs church club.  
10:30 p.m.—Dance program.  
WOPR, WASHINGTON—476.  
7:30 p.m.—Lash and artists.  
9:30 p.m.—Texas hotel orchestra.  
12 p.m.—Midnight hour.  
(Pacific Coast Standard Time.)  
4 p.m.—St. Francis orchestra.  
KPO, SAN FRANCISCO—423.  
4:30 p.m.—Seliger's orchestra.  
5:30 p.m.—Seliger's orchestra.  
7 p.m.—Seliger's orchestra.  
8 p.m.—Carole Trinity choir.  
9 p.m.—Pruditt's orchestra.  
KJH, LOS ANGELES—395.  
6 p.m.—Hickman's orchestra.  
6:30 p.m.—Hickman's orchestra.  
8 p.m.—Christmas program.  
KFI, LOS ANGELES—469.  
6:45 p.m.—DeLory's stories.  
7:30 p.m.—Children's program.  
8 p.m.—DeLory's program.  
10 p.m.—DeLory's melody makers.  
KGV, PORTLAND—492.  
8 p.m.—String and flute quintet.  
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## BRITAIN MAY CALL DOMINION PARLEY

Proposed Conference Will Decide Empire's Attitude On Geneva Protocol.

### FACT IS FAVORED

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.  
Special Cable to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent. Copyright, London, Dec. 22.—The London Sunday newspapers state "it is confidently expected" that invitations will be called this week-end to the dominions for a special imperial conference to decide the empire's attitude to the Geneva protocol. Dominion newspapers received information last week that the protocol might come before an imperial conference, but it was impressed upon them that no statement about the invitation to the dominions would be forthcoming until the invitations had been sent. This is all the official information at present available. It is reasonable to conjecture that the invitations will not be sent until it is known they will be accepted, and possibly Ottawa has already informed Whitehall of its position.

The meeting of the league of nations council is due in March, and it would be desirable to have the British empire's decision on the protocol known before that meeting. The difficulties of getting dominion statesmen to come here at short notice are obvious. Presumably it would be considered necessary to have the premiers at the conference on a capital question like the protocol.

Premiers Bruce and Massey have both recently referred to the advantage of occasionally changing the venue of the imperial conference from London to one of the dominions. Perhaps they would favor the conference on the protocol being held in Canada. It would be an excellent education for the British diplomats to have to discuss this question in the dominion atmosphere.

When Hon. E. M. MacDonald returned from Geneva last summer he remarked that the European delegates did not understand the North American viewpoint. All evidence goes to show that the dominions are more adverse than Great Britain to the protocol.

In view of the close reticence of the British foreign office and the government spokesmen, it would not be honest to pretend to state their opinions. But it is believed in well-informed circles that the British government have come to a decision favorable to the protocol, and that, if they can carry the dominions with them, they will ratify it.

It is believed that rejection of the protocol is tantamount to an abandonment of the League of Nations and all that it involves, for the protocol, it is said, merely dots the "i's" and crosses the "t's" of the covenant.

## DETROIT BANDITS ATTACK JEWELER

Man Is Knocked Unconscious—Two Robberies Net Thieves \$20,000.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Detroit, Dec. 22.—Two jewelry stores, one of them downtown, were looted of \$20,000 in cash and diamonds today, the bandits shooting at one of the jewelers and slugging the other proprietor into unconsciousness. Harry Ehrlich, jeweler, at 2503 Woodward avenue, was beaten with a gun by one of three robbers who escaped with \$5,000 in diamonds and nearly \$1,000 in cash. The Ehrlich robbers are believed to be the same men who shot at John Schultz, proprietor of a jewelry store at 4348 Gratiot avenue, a short time before they held up the Woodward avenue store. Three youths committed both robberies. Schultz's loss was estimated to be \$10,000. This consisted mostly of diamonds.

Cracksmen smashed ten safes yesterday, obtaining \$25,430, according to a police check up today. One thousand dollars in cash, \$1,000 in negotiable tax checks and \$22,000 in non-negotiable bonds were taken from two Royal Oak city hall safes.

Five safes in the Broadway Market yielded \$8,500. Other robberies were: The Central Cigar company, 3462 Woodward avenue, \$200; Standard Oil company's station, at Boston boulevard, \$41; Linwood avenue, \$150; the same company's station at Columbus and Linwood avenues, \$80.

## ELASTIC LAW COMING FOR REFUGEE SETTLERS

New Policy For Immigrants From Northern Europe Heralded.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—That an elasticity of present immigration restrictions affecting refugees from Northern Europe will shortly be put into effect as part of the government's rigorous program for 1925, was the statement made today by the department of immigration and colonization.

The new immigration policy, having special reference to existing passport and family unit regulations, will be adopted in cases of farmers and farm laborers whose entry into Canada is believed to be in the interests of land development in the western provinces, and, incidentally, the improvement of the east. It is believed this attitude will obtain for Canada farmers and farm laborers of a highly desirable type.

## MONTREAL BANDITS GET \$1,240 IN MORNING RAID

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Dec. 22.—Two bandits entered a butcher store on St. Catharines street east, owned by Joseph Lane, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning and got away with a diamond ring and \$1,240 in cash.



# Christmas

**L**AST minute shopping! Christmas wouldn't be real without it. For true Christmas spirit continues to think of new ways and opportunities to express itself. Until the very last minute there's another card to be sent, another gift to be thought of, another parcel to deck out with scarlet ribbon and pretty seals.



### FOR WOMEN

- Chamoisette Gloves
- Artificial Silk Hose, with lace clocks
- Silk and Wool Sport Hose
- Lace and Ribbon-Trimmed Shoe Trees
- A Wide Leather Belt
- Brilliant Set Ornaments
- Prayer Books
- Cluny, Madeira and India Crochet Doilies
- Towels
- Silk Candle Shades
- Mahogany Candlesticks
- A Box of Chocolates

### FOR MEN

- Men's Hosiery
- Hickok Belt Buckles
- Neckties
- Suspenders
- Box of Handkerchiefs
- Eversharp Pencil
- Box of Stationery

### FOR BABY

- House Slippers
- Mittens
- Powder Bowls
- Brushes
- Combs
- Rattles
- Rubber Toys
- Bootees



### FOR WOMEN

- Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs
- Pullman Slippers
- French Kid Gloves
- Full-Fashioned Silk Hose
- English Silk and Wool Hose
- Prayer Books
- Embroidered Pillow Cases
- Boxed Stationery

### FOR MEN

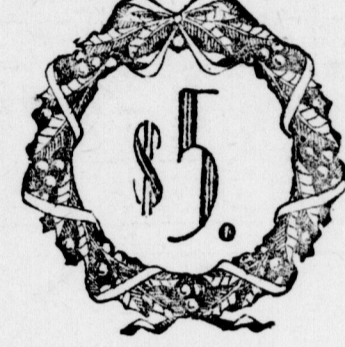
- Hickok Belts and Buckles
- Searfs
- Pyjamas
- Box of Handkerchiefs
- Neckwear
- Hosiery
- Sweaters
- Eversharp Pencils
- Fountain Pens

### FOR THE HOME

- Boudoir Lamp Stands
- Boudoir Silk Lamp Shades
- Ruffled Curtains
- Panel Curtains
- Bead Shades
- Luster Vases
- Table Mats

### FOR BABY

- Sweaters
- Dresses
- Kimonos
- Rubber Boots
- Pullovers



### FOR WOMEN

- Silk Hose, with lace clocks
- A Silk Crepe Blouse
- A String of Beads

### FOR MEN

- Men's Imported Shirts
- Welch-Margatson Pyjamas
- Silk Searfs
- Cashmere Searfs

### FOR THE HOME

- Oriental Cushion Tops
- Hearth Mats
- Novelty Bedspreads
- Table Runners
- Japanese Vases
- Batie Silk Searfs
- Velour Cushions
- A Piece of Pottery
- China or Cut Glass

### FOR BABY

- Knitted Suits
- Dresses
- Coats
- Nursery Chairs
- Walkers



### FOR WOMEN

- Under-Arm Bags
- Bronze Book Ends
- Boxed Stationery
- Luncheon Sets
- Breakfast Sets
- Damask Cloth
- Filet and Cutwork Centers

### FOR MEN

- Searfs
- Pathrobes
- Kimonos
- Hickok Belt and Buckle Sets
- English Imported Pyjamas
- Imported Underwear for men
- Imported Shirts
- Boxed Linen Handkerchiefs
- Gloves and Neckties for men in combination set

### FOR THE HOME

- Lamp Standards
- Marseilles Bedspreads
- Large Comforters
- Table Runners
- Silk Panel Curtains
- Silk Cushions
- Swiss Curtains

### FOR BABY

- Fur Robes
- Knitted Suits

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