

RUSS ARMY DEMOBILIZING---PEACE CONFERENCE ON

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BOMBER WM. HEATHER OF 1ST BATTALION SAYS BORDEN WOULD LET RETURNED MEN GO TO ----- AGAIN IF RETURNED TO POWER

Returned Hero Who Had to Wait Four Months for His Pay,
Reveals "Intolerable Conditions"—Cannot See How the
Soldiers Will Vote for Borden and His Clique.

WHAT A HERO WHO SHED HIS BLOOD FOR CANADA SAYS OF BORDEN CROWD

"THAT SPLENDID WEAPON THE ROSS RIFLE, THROUGH WHICH HUNDREDS OF OUR BOYS LIE BENEATH THE MUD IN FLANDERS, WE WERE GIVING THAT GUN BEFORE WE LEFT CANADA. THANKS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IT WAS SCRAPPED ALONG WITH THAT EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE KILLED A HEAVY CART HORSE."

"I CANNOT SEE WHERE ANY RIGHT-MINDED, INTELLIGENT SOLDIER, OR ANYONE ELSE, CAN VOTE FOR BORDEN AND HIS CLIQUE."

"WHAT WILL HE (BORDEN) DO FOR THOSE RETURNED MEN WHO ARE BACKING HIM UP NOW? LET THEM GO TO ----- AFTER ELECTION."

"I ALSO BACK UP THE STATEMENT THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MEN AND OFFICERS WHO WANT TO GO OVER, AND THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHERS WHO SHOULD GO BUT HAVE LANDED SOFT JOBS THROUGH INFLUENCE. MANY ARE ABSOLUTELY NO USE IN THE ARMY EXCEPT TO DRAW THEIR SALARIES."

"NEARLY ALL THE RETURNED SOLDIERS ARE GROUNING ABOUT ONE THING OR ANOTHER. WE NEVER GET A SQUARE DEAL OR ANYTHING. WHEN I CAME BACK I HAD TO WAIT FOUR MONTHS BEFORE I GOT ONE CENT OF PAY. I HAD TO BORROW MONEY TO KEEP MY WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN ALIVE."

—From the letter of Bomber William Heather, 1st Battalion, who was shot through the arm and lung, and whose both ear drums are perforated.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I am writing you a few words, to let the wives of soldiers and everybody that has sons or brothers overseas know why they should not vote for Borden and his clique. Let me explain at once that the man in France is treated, in most respects, O. K., but it is after he has done his bit and has become a casualty, unemployed for six months or more, that he gets it "rubbed in." Some of the boys get so d---d sick of it that they volunteer to go back again or else they start "hooking" to forget their troubles. Here is where the soft-job staff officer starts in and starts "rubbing it in" with interest. A man may have a good clean sheet when he leaves France, but you may be sure that before he leaves England either for France or Canada he has a different looking one. Ask anyone who has been in the army, and he will tell you that it is almost impossible to avoid committing what army regulations choose to term "crimes."

How Discharged Men Are Treated.

Here are some of the reasons why a man kicks and gets into trouble. First, when he is discharged from the hospital, supposed to be fit, supposed to be, next day, and have seen a few die, he is sent to some other place at any time of the night or day, on any weather, in a tent, and in any weather. He is not expected at his destination, at least that is what he is told when he arrives and is placed under arrest and at night has to sleep on a bench with a couple of blankets and no blankets and no artificial heat. The food, well, I hate to mention it. It recalls painful memories, anyway.

You don't get enough of it to feed a rabbit and I don't think of the mess, but I eat it, especially the dinner. Most of us were sick even when we smelled it. Even the cooks who were supposed to be about it, I know men who never had a bite of food in our messroom. They would take their portion of food, walk straight to the waste pail and dump it in there, then go out to a restaurant and buy a decent meal for six months, and then come home for money with which to buy food. I wouldn't give to a dog the stuff that we were given. I had to write home for food after what we had been through for our King and country. Those words are not said in a brag, but I dare not complain or you are taken before the O. C. for making a frivolous complaint.

The Grack in Soldiers' Clothes. We believe we were getting robbed right and left in different ways. I guess red clothing statement also we had to sign so often. I've signed a dozen or more. Here's the story. When a man lands in hospital his clothes, in most cases, are taken away from him, and after a week or two a man comes around, generally a civvie, to take your measurements, and in a day or so you get a new outfit minus the underclothing. If it is summer, you are told you will get this when you need it.

Last winter two chums and I decided we needed the underwear, so we asked for it at the quartermaster's store. He looked up our clothing statement, and said we had had an issue of underclothing. We denied it, of course, and he showed us our signature on a little red slip. The underclothing had been added to the remaining items being printed. (I guess it was only a mistake, but it happened to me and a couple of my chums).

Sent Out to Carry Coal. After coming out of the hospital, we were categorized as C.111 by a medical board and handed over to an Army Service Corps officer the next day. We were then taken out in the pouring rain to strike cars of coal at a siding, although we had been out of hospital only four days, and two of the men needed sticks to aid them in walking. We had to carry coal to our billets a quarter of a mile away up a hill. Before we left those billets we had to pay 6d each for coal and laundry which we never got. I will tell you something of that game, as it is a favorite game of some of us. Continued on Page Fifteen.



BOMBER WILLIAM HEATHER.

HUN BATTLESHIP WAS TORPEDOED

Wein, Big Austrian Warship,
Sent Down on Sunday
Night.

London, Dec. 12.—The Austrian battleship *Wein* was torpedoed and sunk Sunday night, according to a Vienna official statement received in Amsterdam and forwarded by the Central News.

The battleship *Wein* displaced 5,512 tons, and was laid down in 1902. She had a complement of 441 men. Her largest guns were four 9.4-inch and six 5.9-inch, and she had four torpedo tubes above the water.

RUSS FORCES DEMOBILIZING, PEACE NEGOTIATIONS OPEN; ROMANIA SIGNS ARMISTICE

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—The semi-official German news agency says demobilization of the Russian forces already has begun, and that peace negotiations, restricted to the Russian front, have been authorized.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—The news agency's dispatch says that Gen. Ochebachoff has been appointed commander-in-chief "with the assistance of the allies (Teutonic?)" and that he has been authorized to open peace negotiations with Germany.

ROMANIA SIGNS ARMISTICE. Jassy, Rumania, Monday, Dec. 10.—Official announcement was made today of the signing of an armistice in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 p.m. yesterday until further notice.

The Family Circle

BOURASSA
BLONDIN
LAVERGNE
BORDEN
SEVIGNY
NANTEL

HUNDREDS BLIND, MANY ORPHANED, FROM EXPLOSION

Between 300 and 500 Will
Be Totally Blind At
Halifax.

KNOWN DEAD TOTALS 800

Two Thousand Houses Have
Been Completely or Partially
Destroyed.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—There will be from 300 to 500 people totally or partially blind, and 200 orphans as a result of the Mont Blanc explosion, it was learned today from Canadian and United States workers who have made investigations of the deaths, maiming and injured here. The known dead total 800, and it is estimated that from 400 to 1,000 still lie beneath the debris of shattered or burned houses.

Whole Families Gone. The trouble with the figures issued in the past few days has been that identification of one body would be counted several times. The relief workers are careful to explain that their figures are not final, and to explain that it will probably be impossible to arrive at definite totals, because in many cases whole families are gone and nobody remains to report their loss. The missing list, very formidable in the days immediately succeeding the disaster, is being steadily reduced as relatives are reunited and the refugees who left the city return.

The Property Damage. On a property damage it is reported that 500 houses have been totally destroyed, 500 rendered uninhabitable, and the rest damaged.

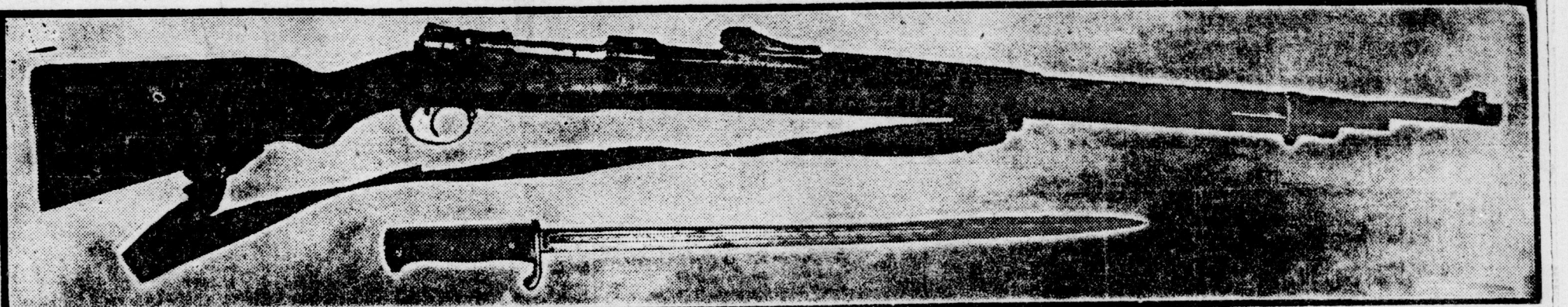
SEVEN KILLED ON NOBLE. Halifax, Dec. 12.—Seven men were killed aboard the Canadian training ship *Noble*, which was lying near the munition steamer *Mont Blanc* at the time of the explosion Thursday, according to a statement today by Leading Seaman Hensler. Five others from the warship who had pulled up alongside the *Mont Blanc* were killed, he said, and one at a nearby pier.

Upper deck of the *Noble*, he said, was a mass of ruins, but there was prompt relief for the wounded. The *Noble's* after cable parted and she went adrift, but the crew soon had her back at her moorings.

MORE HELP REQUIRED.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—So great is the task facing the Halifax rehabilitation committee that Robert Dexter of the local charity organization wired today for more help, stating that he would remain in the stricken city for some time. A public fund will be raised for the support of these workers in order that the expense entailed will not fall upon the American Red Cross.

This German Rifle Saved the Life of Sergt. Jimmy Murray, D.C.M., After He Had Thrown Away the Ross Rifle the Borden Government Demanded He Should Use.



Of all the tragic happenings since war began, there is no blacker page in Canada's history, no story so great with the force of the Borden Government's criminal stupidity as that of the Ross rifle. It cost the lives of thousands of Canadians, according to men who have returned to tell the story, and it was used in six battles by the Canadian forces—several of them after Gen. Alderson had condemned the arm in the strongest terms, and the Government had refused to cancel the contract with the rifle factory.

And no story of the Ross rifle tragedy is more thrilling than that of Sergt. James Murray, D.C.M., son of Scott Murray of King street, who recently was sent back to the front after serving 22 months in the front line trenches with the 1st Battalion. In the second battle of Ypres, April, 1915, Sergt. Murray was fighting for his life with his Canadian comrades. The Germans were pouring over upon the gallant lads of the Maple Leaf in hordes. As everyone who knows him will be sure, Sergt. Murray was doing his bit. Then came the most horrible thing that can happen a soldier, HIS ROSS RIFLE JAMMED. He stamped upon the bolt, but he could not budge it. He went mad with rage, as his fellow-fighters around him did. Then Sergt. Murray snatched a German rifle from a dead Prussian, together with the ammunition, and it was with the kaiser's weapon and cartridges that this London lad saved his life and the lives of other Canadians. He and his comrades cursed the Ross rifle and the government that clung to it on that day. After the battle Sergt. Murray secured a Lee-Enfield and sent the German rifle home to his family as a memento of his most memorable battle.

What Mrs. (Capt.) Hallam Told the Women of London Last Night

"My husband and his three brothers have given their lives fighting for freedom and democracy in Flanders. I have given my all. As they have given their lives fearlessly in Flanders, so I propose to fight fearlessly for freedom and democracy here. That is why I am supporting the Labor-Liberal candidate, George S. Gibbons, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier in this election."

ALLIES REMAIN UNFLINCHING IN WAR PURPOSE

Asquith Says No Turning Back
Until Triumph Is Complete.

London, Dec. 12.—The ungrudging sacrifices made by the British people, the former Premier Asquith declared in an address at Birmingham yesterday, proved that the ancient and ingrained spirit of the British people had not been supplanted by luxury or staid and withered by dogma.

"We look to the future," he said, "with the assured and ever-growing belief that both in the council chamber of peace and in the ordering of our own household, a new era liberty and justice will be opened."

Indorses Wilson. The former premier said that he had had a large part in Great Britain's entering into the war, and he unhesitatingly believed it had been worth while, if the war ends in a peace of security and permanency. He indorsed President Wilson's latest words as expressing clearly the intentions and desires of the Allies. Adverse criticism of the recent letter of the Marquis of Lansdowne, he added, was caused by reading into it meanings and intentions which the letter did not intend to convey.

Enemy Misinformed. Mr. Asquith said there was abundant evidence that the enemy peoples are misinformed of the Allies' objects, which are not to annihilate the German people, but to destroy the military domination of Prussia. He said that Germany must learn that the enthronement of force is bad business.

"An enemy misconception," he continued, "is that the Allies, especially Great Britain, are aiming at the destruction for their own political and economic objects of what vaguely is called the freedom of the seas. This is not so. It is a misconception which can only be used to indicate some new limitation in war-time upon belligerent rights of the power which happens to have command of the sea. No corresponding limitation has been suggested for land warfare, where existing conventions have been in this conflict systematically violated by the enemy."

Allies Unflinching. "The Allies are still unflinching in their purpose to use all legitimate methods, economic and military, to secure a lasting and fruitful peace, which the world needs. The Allies' position is stated with perfect lucidity by President Wilson in his recent address, and as he well and wisely said, to base peace on generosity and justice, and to the exclusion of selfish claims to advantage, even on the part of the victors."

BOCHES FEELING OUT THE FRENCH LINE

Germans Reported Actions
Northeast of Rheims.

Paris, Dec. 12.—German parties felt out the French lines at points northwest of Rheims last night, according to today's war official announcement. No activity of importance elsewhere is reported, although there was artillery fighting of some liveliness in the Verdun region, where also a German raid was attempted. The text of the statement reads:

"Northwest of Rheims several enemy attempts on our small posts were repulsed by our fire. There was some lively artillery activity on both banks of the Meuse (Verdun region) North of Hill 344, an enemy raiding party was driven off.

The night was calm everywhere else."

ALLENBY ENTERS HOLY CITY IN HUMBLE WAY

London, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons that Gen. Allenby, the British commander in Palestine, entered Jerusalem on foot on Tuesday.

Guards have been placed around the holy places, the premier said. The Moslems of Omar have been placed under Mohammedan control.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT MUNITIONS PLANT

New York, Dec. 12.—An explosion and fire at the Newcast plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation caused only comparatively slight damage, it was stated at the New York office of the fire department today. It was an explosion of one section of a small shell-loading shed.

SOLDIERS VOTE IN SECRET; OTHER STATEMENTS UNTRUE

Attempts Being Made To Intimidate Returned Men Into
Supporting Borden.

Attempts are being made to intimidate returned soldiers and others into voting for the Government on the ground that the vote they register is not secret and that the Government will know how every man votes.

This is the grossest kind of election trickery. The soldier's ballot like every other ballot, is a secret ballot. The ballot is placed in an envelope by the soldier and his name is placed on the outside. But when the time for counting these ballots arrives, the envelopes are turned face down and, in the presence of the scrutineers of both parties, the ballot is counted.

BYNG'S BATTERY SLAMS CONVOYS AROUND CAMBRAI

Good Deal of Troop Move-
ments Reported Behind
German Lines.

ENEMY'S AIRMEN ACTIVE

German Fliers Trying to Blind
Scout Work of British
Aviators.

London, Dec. 12.—Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.—Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphs that during the last 24 hours the Germans have shown a certain amount of activity behind their lines. Throughout yesterday there was a good deal of movement, columns of troops being frequently seen on the march, and there were frequent comings and goings of transport convoys, which were often caught under the fire of our batteries. Enemy airmen were particularly active over some sectors of the front, between Cherisy in the north and Hagricourt in the south, partly, no doubt, with the object of denying observation to our aviators.

Artillery Busy. Hostile artillery has been more than usually busy during the past 24 hours, especially in the neighborhood east of Maroilles, Villers, Gouzeaucourt, Trescault, upon the Canal Du Nord and as far north as Fampoux and Monchy. The only German infantry aggression reached was a raid attempted against our position north of Priel Farm shortly after dark last night, which was beaten off by heavy rifle and machine gun fire. We recovered the front line between Maroilles and the Canal Du Nord and abandoned by us during the retirement before the first onslaught of the enemy in his recent counter-offensive. A good deal of bombing was carried out in daylight yesterday, our machines dropping many bombs on ground targets. The weather has turned bitterly cold.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last were: Highest, 15; lowest, 1 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 10 above; lowest, 5 below.

George S. Gibbons, the Labor-Liberal candidate in London, has come out definitely with a platform of equal pensions to officers and men. He is supported by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the return of a Liberal Government would mean that this promise to the returned men would be kept to the letter. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has also come out with a pledge to take the Patriotic Fund out of the hands of charity, and to administer it upon an official basis.

REFUSAL TO REPORT MAY CAUSE STRIKE OF COAST LABORITES

Unions Aroused Over Sentencing of Engineer to Prison.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 12.—Ballots are being prepared for a referendum calling for a strike of labor unions in British Columbia as a protest against the action taken by the Government in sentencing Duncan Kerr, an engineer, to prison for his refusal to report for military service.

V. R. Midgley, business agent for the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, is preparing the ballots.

TRIBUTE TO BOWELL.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Flags are at half-mast on all the public buildings, Rideau Club, etc. in Ottawa, out of respect to the memory of the late Sir Mackenzie Bowell. The governor-general will be represented at the funeral by Gen. Monck.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD.

Forecasts.

Today—Fresh to strong southeast to southwest winds; rising temperature today, light snow by night.

Thursday—Fresh to strong west to northwest winds and decidedly cold again.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 46 Cloudy

Calgary 9 Clear

Winnipeg 9 Clear

Port Arthur 6 Cloudy

Perry Sound 0 Cloudy

Port Stanley 15 Cloudy

Buffalo 16 Clear

Toronto 17 Snow

Kingston 8 Fair

Ottawa 3 Fair

Montreal 2 Fair

Quebec 0 Clear

Falton Point 8 Fair

Alnus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

Except for light snow in northern Alberta and Northern Ontario, the weather has been fair and decidedly cold over the Dominion. A shallow disturbance is centred off the South Atlantic coast and another is moving eastward across Lake Superior.

THE BORDEN GOVT. IS MAKING A POLITICAL FOOTBALL OF ITS SO-CALLED CONSCRIPTION BILL

Quebec has been exempted to the extent of 98 per cent and no military appeals have been entered. Today thousands of telegrams are being sent out to farmers telling them that their sons need not serve.

THE PEOPLE OF CITIES AND TOWNS REMAIN TO BE CALLED TO SERVICE, AND THE FARMERS KNOW THAT THEY ARE BEING TRICKED IN AN ATTEMPT TO WIN AN ELECTION BY EVERY MEANS KNOWN TO THE CRAFTY ROGERS AND HIS HORDE OF BIG-MONEY BACKERS.

"Older than the Dominion of Canada"

Your Child's Needs

In after years your child's welfare will demand, among other advantages, a good education.

The money for this can be obtained by regular deposits in the Huron & Erie Savings Department.

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TELEGRAMS SENT TO 1,400 FARMERS HERE, PROMISING TO GIVE EXEMPTIONS TO ALL

Government Tries Desperate Means To Get Votes.

MONEY IS USED FREELY

Telegraph Companies Deluged With Messages on Behalf of Borden.

It has happened. The Borden Government, driven to desperation by the fearful drift of public sentiment against it, has started to appease the farmers.

Capt. Hazzlewood, Toronto, a Government representative, has dispatched no less than 1,400 telegrams. The Advertiser was informed today, to farmers and farmers' sons in this district, telling them that, although they have been drafted for service, an honorable discharge will be given them.

These telegrams have been forwarded to all parts of Military District No. 1, and the telegraph companies are handling bundles of these telegrams. The personal message is thought strong enough to get the farmer, and make him change his mind.

Every Trick is Ready. Let every farmer look out for his telegram. Conscripted is apparently the tool of the Government candidate. When he says, "go to war, young men," when he says, "stay home, they stay," conscription is the private preserve of the Bordenites.

Watch for more telegrams. The Government has the habit now, and farmers will be deluged with them from now until election day. Save them up.

HERE FROM GUELPH.—A detachment of ten men has arrived in the city from the 4th Depot Battery at Guelph, and they will be attached to the 3rd Battery at Carling Heights "camp" until they leave for the east with the next draft.

WHEN TONGUE IS COATED

your liver is torpid and is affecting your stomach and bowels. To rouse your liver, take the little, purely vegetable and in-all-ways satisfactory Hood's Pills. They relieve biliousness, constipation, all liver ills. Do not irritate nor grip. Price 25c, of druggists or C. I. Hood Company, Lowell, Mass.

ARE YOU BUYING FURS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

Before buying elsewhere come in and get our prices. Our furs are the best that money and skill can produce.

B. SHAPIRO
Successors Western Fur Company,
241 Dundas, Open Evenings, Opposite Armories.

CASSELLMAN'S CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Ladies' Cosy Slippers For Christmas Comfort

A present that will be appreciated.

CASSELLMAN BROS.

171 DUNDAS STREET.

BETWEEN THE ELECTION ACTS

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association which stopped voluntary enlistment has come out for Borden. Nothing quite so faithful as a dog.

Sir Robert Borden will probably announce this week that only servant girls and widows will be taken to war. All the rest will be exempted.

The Bordenites are offering 12 a day, and more to taxi drivers and the rest to work their machines on election day. No money behind that outfit.

Winnipeg only turned out a few thousand in support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Think of all the money, all the rich men, and all the influence being turned out to defeat a lone man. The result will not be funny to them.

You noticed what the fuel controller is doing to the city of London? You know what Food Controller Bill Hanna has not been doing for the people of Canada for the past year? For you like that to continue, vote for Borden and Bill Hanna and C. A. Magrath, and keep it up.

Hon. Tom Crothers' supporters in West Elgin are in an awful panic, and are doing all they can to stem the overwhelming weight of public sentiment against him. The laborious minister of labor will be left home to continue his laborious efforts without receiving largess from the public treasury.

Reports from the West say that "Little Arthur" Sifton, brother of Sir Clifford Sifton, is in for a first-class beating on December 17. Good-bye, L'il Atha, nobody's mad.

Sir Sam Hughes, Sham Shoss, "Lustful Binoculars, Rotten Ross Rifles, Heavy Horses, Purring Profiters, Grasping Graters, Infamous Iniquities, Foppish Favoritism, these are the creations of the Borden Government. Do you like them? Keep on voting for the Borden gang.

Joe Atkinson and G. Fred Pearson say the soldiers overseas are going against Borden. They have every reason to do so, and they will show what they think of the Bordenites who have grafted on them when they vote.

Look out for Borden money. The profiteers are not going to give up without a struggle. They have gold to toss to the birds. They are not going to lose the opportunity of making odious money by putting the "Borden Government" in the hands of the people.

Look out for it. If some philanthropic gentleman hands you a few dollars to vote for the Borden Government, take the coin, but the kiddies a present, and then vote Gibbons. It's your money, only it is coming back in a rotten way.

One enumerator, a conscientious chap, put a traveler's name on his list, as the man owned property and was entitled to vote. Several gentlemen saw his name there. The lists were taken to the Borden headquarters here, and the traveler's name mysteriously disappeared between the time the lists were taken to headquarters and posted up for scrutiny. Several gentlemen can swear to this. The machine figured that this traveler would be out of the city and could not appeal to get his name on. Of course, he was a Liberal.

The Borden crowd are in a panic. The farmers have been promised exemptions in naming tribunals, and now skilled mechanics are to be exempted. It's a lovely conscription act. If the Government has to make a change every time somebody tells it to, and yet, and yet, the Government says it is sincere.

The Huns have a trick which our political Prussians were not slow to adopt. It has been their custom whenever possible to advance to children behind a shield of women and children whom they would drive before them. In the present campaign the Tories have adopted as a shield a number of journalistic old women and political cripples.

FORMER LONDONERS SAFE.—Armourer-Sergeant A. J. Croft of Halifax, formerly of London, and his family have come safely through the catastrophe in that city, according to a message from Sergeant Croft, received by Robert Fraser, 237 Waterloo street, today.

BOARD WILL SUE CITY FOR MONEY TO PAY ACCOUNTS

Mayor Refuses To Sign Checks For Smallpox Expenses.

SOLICITORS INSTRUCTED

If Council Will Find Money, Mayor Says He Will Sign.

The board of health, at the last meeting of the year, held yesterday afternoon, instructed C. Somerville, mayor, and Jeffrey Hale to secure the services of Ivey & Ivey to issue a writ against the city for a sum sufficient to pay the accounts of the board.

This is the result of the dispute over the accounts due to the outbreak of smallpox some months ago. There was no appropriation for this disease, and accounts amounting to about \$750 accumulated. The council ordered them paid, but did not specify from what fund the money was to come.

Mayor Stevenson has refused to sign any checks for the accounts, and they are unpaid. John W. Cunliffe, a returned soldier, was paid \$24 for his work in connection with this, but his was the only account paid.

"Cunliffe's account has been paid," said the mayor when the matter had been brought up. "As instructed at a special meeting, Mr. Hale and myself have secured C. H. Ivey to take our case," declared C. R. Somerville, the chairman. "If it is our wish, he will take immediate steps to issue a writ against the city to compel the payment of the accounts of this board. We are acting under advice from the attorney-general's department, and our ground is clear. Further steps will be taken also to collect the accounts passed today."

No Money Available. "You provide the money, and I will pay the accounts," answered the mayor. "I have no money to pay them with."

"I have been given the money for a smallpox outbreak, we would have had plenty to meet this indebtedness," continued Mr. Somerville. "I had \$1,500 last year, and we did not spend a cent. If that had been left to us, we would have had plenty and to spare. We have got to get the money to pay our legitimate accounts."

"We the council to find the money, and I will pay it," continued the mayor. "I will not let the city \$100 for lawyer's fees at once," declared Mr. Somerville. "I have no desire to have the city pay this but we must pay our debts."

"I will get \$10 for every one spent in that way," retorted the mayor. "If you had no money, where did you get the \$200 for the Halifax relief fund?" asked Mr. Somerville.

"That is not to be paid until next year," answered the mayor. "Let this go to next year, the same as that of the money in the meantime," declared Mr. Somerville. "You can be generous, but not just."

said E. H. Russell. "There are some people who are but petty taxshirts." It was decided to secure Ivey & Ivey to issue the writ. It was then decided to have the provincial board start an investigation. An officer will be asked to come here at once.

Has No Authority. The question of the authority over them. "I am glad," said Mr. Somerville. "We want no responsibility in connection with them. Much money is being wasted." The secretary will prepare the annual statement of the board's activities, this to be submitted to the council.

Dr. J. W. S. McLaughlin of the provincial health department, stated that returned soldiers were being trained as sanitary inspectors, and asked the board to keep an opening for such a man. This will be kept in mind, although there is no need of an inspector now.

During the month of November, 184 cases of infectious disease were discovered, of which 100 were measles, 15 chickenpox, 22 diphtheria, 25 sore throat, 1 German measles, 6 scarlet fever, 3 tuberculosis, whooping cough, and one cerebro spinal meningitis. There were six deaths, 2 from diphtheria, and 4 from tuberculosis.

There were 182 reported cases of tuberculosis, of which 117 were old cases, 7 were incipient, 8 moderately advanced, 7 were being treated at the dispensary, and 3 were found to be not tuberculous. There were 4 deaths. If the board had a field man regularly employed, it was said, the outbreaks would have been kept down. The majority of cases of measles were in the Lorne Avenue school district.

Health Inspector Lutman made 256 inspections. Dr. Tumbin stated that the dairies were in fair shape. The question of a sewer system for Chelsea Green was referred to next year's council.

LANCER-CORP. JACK IRWIN ESCAPES UNINJURED

London Boy Goes Through Halifax Disaster Without Scratch.

Lancer-Corp. Jack Irwin, a survivor of the Halifax explosion, who wired his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, 144 Fullarton street, Tuesday that he had escaped unhurt. Corp. Irwin enlisted here with the A. M. C., and saw three years service in France before being transferred to a hospital ship, upon which he has been employed for some months. In his telegram he says that help is urgently needed by the stricken city.

ATTLEBORO, MASS., LOSES BUSINESS AREA BY FIRE

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 12.—Fire swept through the business centre of this city early today, causing damage estimated by the police at approximately \$500,000. Four buildings were destroyed and several others damaged. The fire was finally checked, by the combined efforts of the local department and apparatus from several other cities.

QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

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

Question—1. If a married man enlists voluntarily with the Forestry Corps, and is killed in action while at that work, will his wife and children receive a pension? If so, how much, and when would they receive it?

2. Two young men were killed in action two weeks ago. Will their widowed mother receive a pension? They were her sole support.

ANXIOUS SUBSCRIBER. Answer—1. His wife would receive \$40 per month, plus \$8 per month for each child, as soon as notice was received of his death.

2. She will receive it, on submitting proof that they were her sole support. She should communicate with the assistant adjutant-general of Military District No. 1, Wolseley Barracks, London, Ont.

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2. No. Some cases cannot be decided off hand, and require consideration or investigation. **3.** When after getting an exemption from a local tribunal, he gets word that the military representative has appealed his case, and higher authority has been asked to decide, can the man appeal again in turn?

4. Yes. The military representative, like the man claiming exemption, has ten days within which he can appeal. As soon as it is possible to arrange a date for the hearing of the appeal, the deputy registrar will notify the man concerned, telling him that his case has been appealed, and when and where it will be heard. The man can then prepare himself for the appeal, and attend when it comes up just as he did at the local tribunal.

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2. I got my exemption from the tribunal. Would I have the privilege of signing up with whatever corps I wished?

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2. If you have got your exemption you will not be called. However, you may sign up with any corps to which your medical officer has recommended you, provided that the corps chosen is in need of men, and is allowed to recruit.

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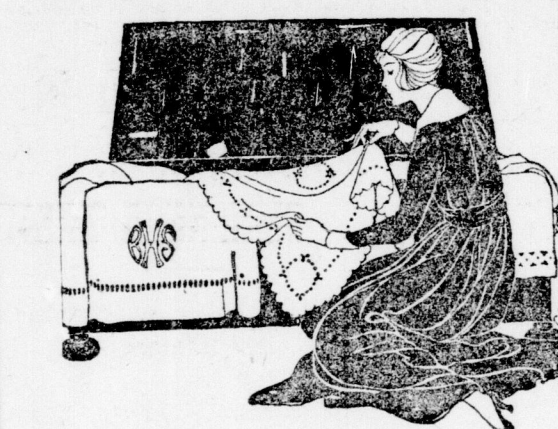
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SIX OF COMPOSITE BATTALION KILLED IN HALIFAX BLAST

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Tory Post Vigorously Attacks
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EXPRESS URGES POLLING

Declares Premier Would Be
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"The Daily Express features in its biggest type what it describes as 'Lloyd George's danger.' It represents the premier's position as threatened by the growing strength of his enemies in the House of Commons, adding: 'Parliament is weary and worn out, and the last rays of the pacifist character have dropped away. The war has driven a plowed dyke across all the old boundaries and cut them down. New furrows of public opinion and policy. The pacifists seem to be growing in numbers, but the war has driven the loyalty of the Liberal Lloyd-Georgettes. It only requires an occasion and an old parliamentarian to throw down the gauntlet.'"

An Election is Urged.
The Express urges a speedy appeal to the country. It exhorts the premier to realize his time, to come forward and lead the masses against the pacifists and inefficients. It expresses confidence that he would be victorious, obtaining a decisive mandate and a long period of unquestioned power.

In this connection it is worthy of note that the Tory Post and the Radical Daily News have both attacked Lloyd George last week on the occasion of the anniversary of his premiership for entering upon it and containing the elements of permanent power.

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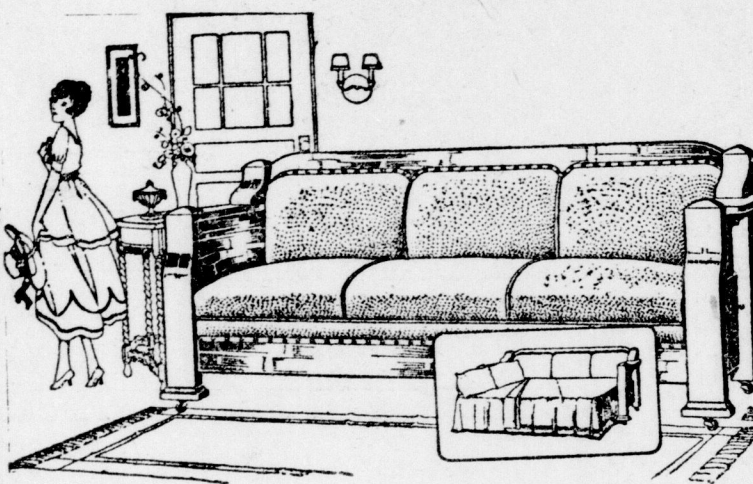
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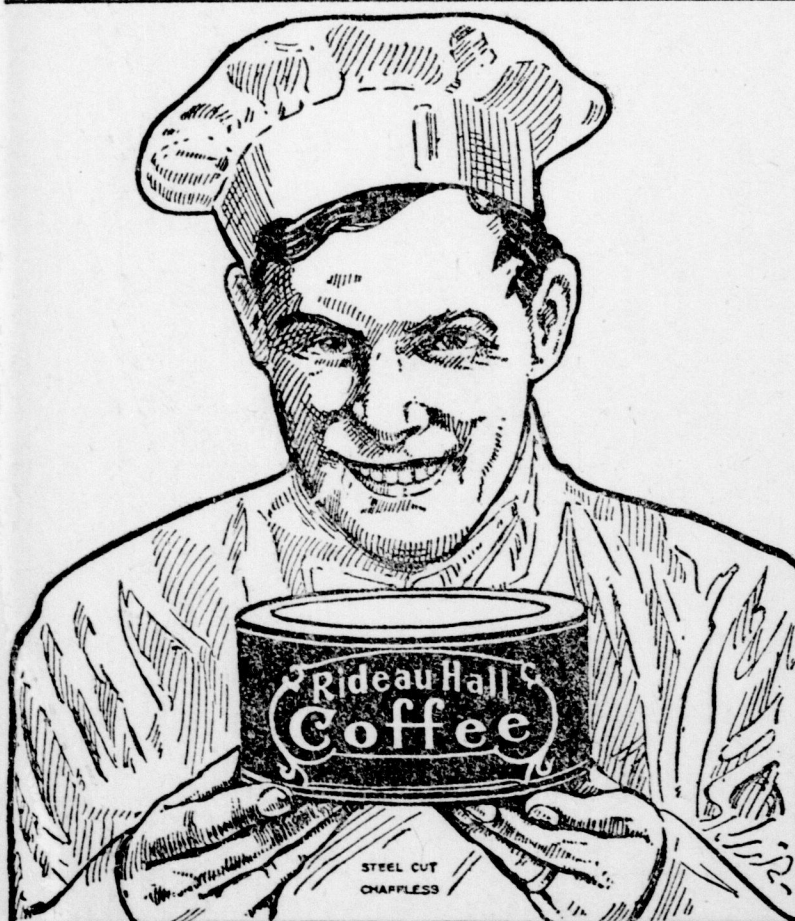
And as all the Wood People admired pink eyes and handled her white toes, the little White Widow, Mrs. Peggy, counted her beautiful white Porcupine, and looked into her blind quills, those sharp white spears, as

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sharp as needles, all were amazed at her beauty and courage. And as everybody wondered at such a remarkable creature, Mr. Porcupine said, "My sister Peggy is a wonder. She is the only white member of our race I ever heard of in all the country. And we are all very proud of her. She is very gentle and kind, and will harm no one if she is treated kindly. But if any of you should be mean to her I advise you to keep away from her white spears."

Jimmy Coon said, "Mr. Porcupine, I saw her the other night, and her eyes looked right at Mr. Wolf and Mr. Red Fox, and she started to attack them. And they were both almost scared to death!"

"Now see here, Jimmy Coon," grunted Mr. Porcupine. "I've heard all about your stories about my dear sister Peggy. You said she was bigger than Mr. Black Bear! You see, Jimmy, you were all three scared into fits. My sister is an Albinist! Her eyes are a beautiful pink. She's as gentle as a nice kitten. And you all see that my sister is not half as big as I am!"

And Teddy Possum stuck out his chest and strutted around with his bloody handkerchief around his sore forehead.

And as all went home, everybody rubbed it into Jimmy Coon, and Jimmy felt very sheepish because he had been so scared by a ghost, and had said it was as big as Mr. Black Bear. And Mr. Porcupine met Mr. Wolf and Mr. Red Fox that day. You know they are afraid of Mr. Porcupine because of his sharp quills.

And Mr. Porcupine said, "Good morning, gentlemen. I hear that brave hunters are afraid of my little sister. Mrs. Peggy Porcupine, the little White Widow, who has come to visit me. She is blind and stone deaf, and she won't hurt you! Now I hope that you two great and brave hunters will not be afraid to pass our house. She will not bite you, for she is blind and could not find you! I hope you will come and see my little sister."

And Mr. Wolf and Mr. Red Fox both remembered all of a sudden that they had an engagement to go hunting, and they started on the run to keep their appointment elsewhere.

Tomorrow—A Great Surprise For Jimmy Coon.

A Page of Interest to Women SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Readers are invited to phone all news of this kind to the society editor. Phone 3670.

Mrs. Moore of Toledo, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Crooks, 724 King street.

On Saturday, December 2, a quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Pte. and Mrs. Burk, St. George street, when Miss Waverly Pettit of this city was united in marriage to Pte. E. C. Saunders, Rev. H. H. Bingham officiating. The young couple will reside in this city.

Rev. D. C. McGregor has returned from St. Thomas, where he conducted services in the Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mrs. D. Pickering of Forest avenue, St. Thomas, is spending a week with her son, Ross Pickering, of this city.

One of the most successful concerts of the season given on Monday evening under the auspices of the board of

managers of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. An exceptionally fine program was carried through. Those taking part in the program were: Joseph Roman, who brought the houses down with his impersonations of the performers in a country concert; Mrs. Ed Wyatt rendered several numbers in her usual charming voice; Miss Kathleen England, one of London's youngest soloists, delighted the audience with several selections; Mr. Webster, Mr. Balentine, Oliver Sinclair, Agnes England and Mr. Steer were all warmly applauded. Claude White presided.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wolf have left for the eastern states, where they will spend a month's holiday.

Arthur Learn of this city is visiting in Kitchener.

Mrs. F. W. Hall of Chatham, who has been spending a few days in the city, has returned home.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

Duty Too High.

Sunflower is a kindly one, but I am advised that the customs duty would be heavy, even if they accepted the article, which is doubtful, owing to its perishable nature. Better to send a money order instead, though I know it will give neither you nor the lady in question the same pleasure that the gift itself would.

Cured the Freckles.

Dear Miss Grey, I saw where I could be of use by copying out the song, "My Mother Still Pays for You, Jack," for "El Dorado." Hope I am not too late. I must congratulate you on her knowledge of house-keeping. I agree with her that the most of them never saw a pig on foot.

I also saw where someone was asking for a receipt to remove freckles. I have also had my time with them, and this is the best remedy I ever found.

At night before going to bed take sweet milk and heat it and apply to the face as hot as you can stand it. Give face a good washing and let it stay on until morning, then wash with warm water. After I applied the milk I always rubbed it in to the skin with my hands until my face felt dry. I hope all who try have good success.

Have anyone the words of "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight." I would like to get them. Must like, alas, alas, the W. F. B. CAPITOLA.

Anna—What a perfect budget of usefulness you are. "El Dorado" forgot to send a stamp before, but will maybe do so now. I'm sure if those troubled with freckles try your method with benefit, they will move you a sweeping vote of thanks.

The poem you ask for is rather long to print, but maybe some one will send in a copy. I shall let you know.

A Good-Fellow Club.

Dear Miss Grey, I see where "El Dorado" asks for two poems. I can supply her with one. "The Face on the Barroom Floor." Inclosed you will find the same.

I also wish to say I have received a couple of beautiful letters from my lovely "A. B. C." of the 18th. I also sent him a Christmas box of "cats" and several magazines.

Now since our rush is over on the overseas boxes, how many of our readers are joining the Good-Fellow Club? There are a lot of kiddies whose fathers have died for King and country who need a Christmas. I have joined, and have two kiddies to take care of the same two I had last year.

I saw in one of the papers where somebody asked about the soldiers getting all the dainties they can eat. I may say for me I get them to do in the hospitals, but not on the firing line. I may say that in sending boxes to France, there is a can of boiled dinner put in, that's what goes good after coming out of the battlefield. I sent some over, and I got word back that the best meal they had had in their lives—at least, it tasted like that to them. They heat it right in the cans on the stoves they carry. I remain, ROXANA.

Ann—Will "El Dorado" send a stamp for Roxana's poem so kindly copied? I do not think there is exactly a Good-Fellow's Club in this city, but I am looking, at least, but still there are great plans afoot to provide a bright Christmas for the soldier-kiddies whose dad dies are overseas. Your city's plan sounds very attractive.

And "Hollydinner"—I must confess, "Roxana," I hadn't heard of it in the can form. Does one buy it at the grocery like the canned soups?

WHO WILL HELP HALIFAX? The telegram from Red Cross headquarters calling upon all workers in this vicinity to assist Halifax in their dire need, has met with a brilliant response. The work has been divided among the several Red Cross branches in the city, and the public has been asked to give second-hand clothing. Everything must be sent in by Friday evening, so it was impossible to notify

the many Red Cross circles in the various towns and villages and surrounding country. But when we recall that a carload of Red Cross supplies, ready for shipment overseas, was given over to the Halifax sufferers, it is easy to understand how everyone in Military District No. 1 can help, for that carload is a little more, so that the overseas work will not suffer.

So the city of London has undertaken to help relieve the immediate needs of Halifax, but the whole Red Cross force of Western Ontario will be required to fill up what may be lacking in our regular work because of this emergency.

Set to Victory Loan Building. The headquarters for the Halifax relief work is the Victory Loan building on Dundas street, opposite Smallman & Ingram's. Everyone who has second-hand clothing to spare warm and in good repair will please send it to these rooms. Of course, only warm winter clothing will be useful. It must be sent in before Friday evening, and the rooms

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seems to bring the suffering of the people of Belgium and France nearer than it has been at any time during the war. We can realize more clearly now something of the horror of the war, in a town that has been shelled by the enemy. And this realization will surely make us more eager than ever for work, and more anxious to do all in our power for the men who every day are living through a Halifax catastrophe.

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When things look blue,
As they sometimes do;
When you hit Fate's line and you can't break through;
When the dark is deep
Where the shadows creep,
And ghosts of trouble break up your sleep—
How would you like to trade your hand,
Facing the German host,
With the fellow out there in No Man's Land,
Hooked to the Listening Post?
How would you like to trade your job,
Swapping it, wrench for wrench,
With the fellow feeling the big guns' throbs
Out in the first line trench?
When things get tough,
Where the break is rough,
And you slip and skid as they call your bluff;
When you're out of gear
Where the world looks drear
And you curse your luck with a sigh or tear—
How would you like to make a trade,
Swapping your troubles dire
With the fellow storming a barricade,
Baked with machine gun fire?
How would you like to trade your turn,
Making an even swap,
With the fellow watching the rockets burn
At the last call—"Over the Top?"

Each entry is entitled to his opinion, but those who believe that Joe Stecher or Earl Craddock is as good as Frank Gotch used to be can absorb a terrific argument from those who saw Gotch at his best. If the title of world's greatest wrestler ever belonged to any one man, the name is Gotch.

Gotch was a master marvel. He had the needed bulk, weighing around 220 pounds. He was blessed with unusual physical strength. He was as quick as a streak of pink lightning. He had abnormal stamina and courage, and he was crafty beyond words. Beyond all this he knew every angle of his profession, every trick of the trade. And he had no compunction about inflicting punishment. When a man as powerful as Hackenschmidt, the Russian Bear, was unable to break through Gotch's defence there is very little that can be added in the way of direct testimony.

"Victory is ours," chants the Kaiser, which reminds us of ancient managers of Cincinnati and St. Louis claiming the pennant between December and April. But always after May first—

SO CHEER UP—

In spite of war there's still the light
Of sun by day and stars by night;
In spite of war and all its woes,
There's still a dream of peace to know
For those who stay—and those who go.
In spite of war's embittered brow
The old world rolls along, somehow.

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Newark	187	85	63	3	99	20	4355	1926
Buffalo	151	88	64	1	118	22	4029	1961
Rochester	152	82	62	2	107	15	4175	2073
Baltimore	151	88	62	1	88	19	4116	1838
Providence	153	90	61	2	96	15	4127	1963
Montreal	151	85	64	1	104	2	4137	1963
Richmond	148	84	64	1	219	1	2876	246

minis: Dye, 24 mins. Stops—Dunnegan, Ryan, 8. Offsides—Detroit 11, Toronto 7, Penalty—Spring, Second period: Goals—Arthur, 4 mins. Stops—Dunnegan, Ryan, 18. Offsides—Detroit 9, Toronto 11. Penalties—Arthur, 4 mins. Referee—Furnick, Brandon. Time of period—25 mins.

DETROIT AGAIN TRIMS LASALLE

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—The De La Salle of Toronto narrowly escaped a shut-out at the hands of Manager Brown's tough hockey septet in the second game of the series at the Arena tonight. As it was, the score ended 2 to 1, with the Canadians where they were last night on the insignificant end.

The game throughout was fast and furious. Detroit, by making a couple of shifts in its line-up, managed to replace Hield at centre, and Arthur replacing Hield at centre, had the victory guessing for a while, but beyond a little "stage fright" they came back strongly enough to hold Detroit's scoring privileges down to the three for Toronto, were the particular bright stars of the evening.

Summary: Detroit: De La Salle, Ryan, Pietsch (cap), Defence—Spring, Johnston, Defence—Sheldan (cap), Holman, Rover, Ingoldby, Arthur, Centre—Dye, Ives, Roberts, Wing—Waldron, Shaw. Final score—Detroit 3, Toronto 1. First period: Goals—Johnston, 1 min; Johnson,

WINDSOR CURLERS ELECT OFFICERS

WINDSOR, Dec. 11.—The following officers and committees have been chosen by the Windsor Curling Club for the ensuing year: Directors—James Anderson, A. R. Bartlett, G. D. Wickett, John A. McKay, P. S. Evans. Management Committee—J. L. L'Heureux, F. Howell, H. A. Webster, F. W. Barclay, E. Lyons, C. Christman. Officers—J. L'Heureux, president; F. Howell, vice-president; H. A. Webster, secretary-treasurer. Ice Committee—E. Lyons, F. Barclay, D. H. Bedford. Games Committee—F. Howell, E. Lyons (chairman), C. Christman. Entertainment Committee—J. Stewart, F. L. Howell (chairman), H. A. Webster. Honorary Skips—W. C. Kennedy, C. R. Emery, A. Gow, A. D. Rowley, G. Pacaud, A. R. Bartlett, J. F. Smith and J. M. McKay.

MILITARY MAY ENTER SENIOR O. H. A. SQUAD

Letter Received From Secretary Hewitt, Suggesting That London Join With Kitchener, Sarnia, Preston, Hamilton in Senior Group for District—Meeting Today.

Secretary W. A. Hewitt of the O. H. A. has written to Secretary Dawson of the Military Y. M. C. A. at Queen's Park, suggesting that the units in training here enter a team in the Senior O. H. A. series in place of the intermediate squad they propose to put in. Secretary Hewitt suggests that, with Kitchener, Sarnia, Preston and Hamilton out with seniors, London should come in and complete a nice string. The suggestion has been very favorably received, and will be considered at a meeting of the executive of the Inter-Unit League to be held at 2:30 this afternoon.

Mr. Dawson is enthusiastic over the idea. He believes that he has the making of a fast collection of puck-chasers in camp and is keen to enter them in the big series.

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International Defers Action Regarding Suspending Operations Next Year.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Although the International Baseball League as owners deferred definite action as to whether they would suspend operations for 1918 at their meeting today, only two of them, Preston and Hamilton, declared their willingness to continue. The Rochester and Richmond representatives wanted to quit at once, while President's Price of Newark and the chairman of Montreal announced that they would abide by the will of the majority. The forfeiture of the Buffalo franchise prevented any vote on the matter from that section, and was decided to take final action at the next meeting, which will be held here February 12.

Retrenchment in expenditures after the first thing considered after the meeting convened, and President E. C. Barrow was the one to suffer. His salary of \$7,500 a year was reduced to \$2,500.

INGERSOLL ENTERS JUNIOR TEAM IN O. H. A. ROUN

INGERSOLL, Dec. 11.—Those interested in hockey who last year composed the executive of the Junior and intermediate leagues tonight and decided to mediate the entering of a team into the Junior O. H. A. series. The club has already been forwarded, and Ingessoll is grouped with London, the big four in days gone by, but being long-standing rivalry has not only been a guarantee of good hockey but paying crowds. The club officers were elected: Honorary president, O. C. L. Wilson, A. Coulter, B. H. Hutt, E. Wilson, Thomas Waterhouse, Mayor J. V. Buchanan, Dr. R. A. Williams, president, S. A. Gibson, vice-president, James Grievie, first vice-president, Irvine Butler; second vice-president, Wm. Gemmell; secretary-treasurer, T. N. Dunn; executive committee, the above officers and George F. James, Ross Mayberry, C. A. George, P. J. Murray, J. T. Fitzgerald, manager, Dr. J. G. Murray. The opening practice will be held Thursday night.

OTHER SPORT ON PAGE 15.

Application Is Formally Made by London "Kids" to CHICAGO CUBS

Workout Will Be Held as Soon as Ice Permits at Curling Club on Lyle Street.

Formal applications for admission to the Junior O. H. A. series by the London team was made this morning by mail by Manager A. T. Taylor. Mr. Taylor has completed arrangements with the London Curling Club for the use of their rink for training purposes and for games. Games will be staged on Friday nights as things stand at present, this being the only night that the curlers could offer to the team. The curlers are now making ice at their club, and as soon as conditions permit, the "Kids" will be out for a workout. Men who would like to play on the team should see Mr. Taylor.

SPORT NOTES

The local hockey situation changed almost over night. When it looked as if London would be left off the O.H.A. map this winter, suddenly there developed a number of changes of London being there with a junior squad, and either an intermediate or senior team from the soldiers.

Secretary Hewitt suggests that the Inter-Unit League put in a senior team to be grouped with the Toronto Denials, Kitchener, Sarnia, Preston and Hamilton. The idea was received enthusiastically by the boys in khaki.

Red and black, the colors of the Hamilton Club, under which the London juniors will suspend their London juniors this winter.

The Westminster Rink will be the scene of the Methodist Church League games on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Two games are to be put on each night from 6 to 7 and from 7 to 8 o'clock.

The London "Kids" and the Inter-Unit League will play at the London Curling Club rink. The soldiers expect to have open-air rinks, where they may practice during the winter months and during the summer months.

The curlers are happy now that the "stagnant" are sliding again. The Thistles copied the honor of the "spike" this morning. The Thistles will hold bonspiel on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Benson of Belleville thinks he has a pretty smooth green trotter in his hands, by Blunary, that promises to step lively on the frozen tracks across the line this winter.

The Preston hockey team is working on the ice now, and shows good form. All of last season's men, as well as some promising new material, is out.

The Leafs were formally presented with the International Hockey pennant at the meeting of the International Hockey club members in New York city the other day.

Rumors are floating around to the effect that the Barrow circuit may drop two cities next season and play only one. Montreal and Richmond, two of the worst stops on the tour, are named as likely to be let out.

Jersey City and Syracuse are said to be anxious to obtain franchises in the International. If Montreal and Richmond are dropped, and the league is still to play eight cities, these two places might easily be taken on. Both are good ball towns.

The Boston Sox seem to have lost their punch completely. During the past season they were shut out 22 times, which is twice more than the St. Louis Browns or the Brooklyn National club.

New York Tribune: Anybody who may have thought that Leo Lajoie was ready for the undertaker when the major leagues passed him up has another guess coming. If he doesn't think other guest coming. He doesn't think so, he may be convinced by glancing at the official batting averages of the International League for the season of 1917, as released by President Edward G. Barrow. The king of second sack-out, who for a generation vied with Honus Wagner for premier major honors, virtually led the Barrow circuit in batting last season. In 151 games he averaged for the fine percentage of .386. Jas. T. Sutherland, Kingston, life member and chairman of sub-committee, J. Ross Robertson, president, Sheriff J. F. Faxon, White, first vice-president, R. J. Glover, Peterboro; second vice-president, A. E. Copeland, Midland; collector, C. A. Douglas, Waterloo; treasurer, Dwight J. Turner, Nelson; secretary, W. A. Hewitt, Toronto; executive committee, Frank Disette, Toronto; Frank Hyde, Woodstock; W. A. Fry, Dunnville; Geo. Davison, Sarnia; Geo. B. McKay, Kingston; Robert Parker, Hamilton.

The first meeting of the new executive committee of the O. H. A. will be held at the Telegram office Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Clubs will be grouped at this meeting, and all entries of clubs must be in by Thursday.

LONDON CURLERS TO OPEN THEIR SEASON

The London Curling Club will open their season tonight at their Lyle street rink, when their first practice will be put on. It is expected that a good crowd of curlers will be out to play. Curling will commence about 3 o'clock, and the draw will be made shortly after 7 o'clock.

GROVER ALEXANDER SOLD BY PHILLIES TO CHICAGO CUBS

Biggest Baseball Deal of Season Picked Off in New York on Tuesday.

COST OVER \$50,000

Catcher Killifer Also Goes to Chicago, While Prendergast and Dillhoefer Go to Phillies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The biggest baseball deal in some seasons was completed here today, when the Philadelphia National League club sold Pitcher Grover Alexander and Catcher William Killifer to the Chicago Nationals for a cash consideration of \$50,000, and the two Chicago players who will wear Philadelphia uniforms next season are Pitcher Prendergast and Catcher Dillhoefer.

SARNIA TEAM HAS WORKOUTS

SARNIA, Dec. 11.—The Sarnia hockey squad is getting lots of practice these days, getting into shape in order to carry off the O.H.A. championship. Sarnia's arena has about three inches of ice, and the boys are nearly every night getting practice.

Halifax is Destitute! Will You Not Help?

You've read all the harrowing details about the Halifax catastrophe—you know the need—now ACT!

Tomorrow the city will be canvassed for the purpose of raising funds to help the sufferers—you will have the privilege of contributing to this most worthy cause.

Show your sympathy for these needy ones in a substantial manner and

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FOUR BIG BUILDINGS IN REGINA THROGGED TO HEAR SIR WILFRID

Saskatchewan People In Thousands Acclaim Liberal Chieftain—Three Churches and City Hall Filled to Overflowing.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Regina, Sask., Dec. 11.—It took four of the largest halls in the city of Regina to house the thousands who wanted to hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier explain his policy of winning the war here tonight. The Metropolitan Methodist Church, the city hall, the Westminster Church and the First Baptist Church, were all crowded to their fullest capacity, and though the Winnipeg meeting of Monday was a success for the Liberal chief it was eclipsed fourfold by the meeting in this capital city of Saskatchewan.

LIBERAL WAR POLICY.

Many people wanted to know what Sir Wilfrid felt regarding the reinforcement of our soldiers at the front, and he based his main speech upon his war policy, which, he said, would produce better results not only in Quebec, which he admitted was behind in recruiting, but also in the other provinces, than could be obtained by methods of coercion and the blunders of administration which have marked the recruiting campaign of the Borden Government.

NOT TOO LATE.

"To those who say it is too late to get recruits from the Province of Quebec," Sir Wilfrid declared, "I say it is not too late, and I will repeat it elsewhere, that it is possible yet to have all the soldiers we want from the Province of Quebec, and I make bold to undertake it if the time comes for me to do so." He said he would not consider it judicious, if he was prime minister of Canada, to appoint as chief recruiting officer for the Province of Quebec a man who, although possessing many excellent qualities, was not even able to appeal to prospective recruits in their own language. He said if he had been in office such recruiting methods would not have been adopted.

SAME OLD GOVERNMENT.

Sir Wilfrid described the Union Government as "the same old Conservative party with some veneer upon it." He said it had no right to claim a monopoly of patriotic sentiment, and he declared solemnly that his object was just as much to win the war as his opponent.

Dealing with economic questions, he said: "In my judgment the revenue could be raised by direct taxation, and above all things by taxing the profits." (Cheers.) He showed that the money produced by the tariff in Canada was only about a small rivulet into the public treasury in comparison to the large stream of millions which went into the pockets of the profiteer and privileged classes.

As To Quebec.

Sir Wilfrid devoted the large part of his address to the situation in Quebec, admitting to his own personal regret, coming from Quebec as he himself did, that in proportion to its numbers it had not produced the same recruiting results as the other provinces of Confederation. He proved that the Nationalists, assisted and financed by Tory money, had spread the doctrine through Quebec that under no circumstances Canada should participate in the wars of the Empire and that the Borden Government itself had produced the sentiment against recruiting by its Nationalist alliance now injurious to recruiting in that province. He explained that no man in Canada had done more to defeat the Liberal party in 1911 than Henri Bourassa, and that there was no man whom the Tories owed more gratitude to than him because he was a man who had placed them in power.

In war to finish, he declared with vehemence, "neither Mr. Bourassa or anyone else will ever dominate Laurier. Mr. Bourassa has his views, but his views are not mine. I am in this war to a finish. Mr. Bourassa is against me upon this. I am for the Empire and the Nationalists are with you." I answer the Nationalists are the same as we were and I am the same as I was in 1911.

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as a traitor to my race and religion. Today I am a traitor to Canada and the Empire. One is as true as the other," said Sir Wilfrid, and the crowd laughed approval.

Same Old Party Veneer.

"Dealing with the Union Government, Sir Wilfrid said that it was the "same old Conservative party with some veneer upon it."

"I do not object to them saying they are 'Unionists,' but I do strenuously object to their filching the title 'win the war.' I also want to win the war. To win this war it is not an easy matter. We need the soldiers. It is true, but behind the soldiers we need the widows and orphans, not by the cold charity of the patriotic fund, but by the Government."

Dealing with the conscription problem, Sir Wilfrid said that England had defeated the greatest colossus of all, Napoleon, with voluntary enlistment. He charged the Borden Government with being responsible for Quebec failing to send its men and said that not a single Conservative minister, with the exception of the late Mr. Casgrain, had ever made a recruiting speech in Quebec while on the other hand, he said, he himself and other Liberals had done so.

Continuing the speaker drew applause when he said: "Above all of party or creed I am a Canadian." "If Canada wants to succeed we must have unity of all races," he said. "We must make people who come to us study the public questions of Canada. The election in 1911 was won by appeals to passion and prejudice. Tonight I am appealing to reason and sentiment."

In concluding his speech, Sir Wilfrid told the people that Monday would be a verdict day. He said: "I do not care personally for the result. I care because I believe the principles I advocate are the best. What ever the electors decide my conduct will be the same. If I win, I will not be elated; if I lose I will not be disheartened. I will be proud to fight as a private in the grand army of freedom."

UNION GOVERNMENT

MAKE-BELIEVE ONE,

SAYS LOMER GOUIN

Quebec Premier Charges That

Borden Is Trying To Steal

Elections.

NO DOMINATION PLANNED

Points Out That His Province

Could Not Control Next

Parliament.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 11.—It has been

made public on the authority of

Premier Borden that on November 26

the latter wrote to W. S. West, secretary

of the local Conservative Association,

asking them to lobby and effectively

support E. W. Nesbitt, who was nominated

by the Union Government, and

describing Mr. Nesbitt's conduct

in regard to the military service act,

as "a traitor to the Union Government as

"all that could be desired."

No reply was received to this letter,

but was followed by a second. As

this also was not acknowledged, the

premier authorized the publication of

his original letter. The situation here

is peculiar. Col. Sutherland, who is

opposing Mr. Nesbitt, was nominated

by the Great War Veterans' Association,

whose action was endorsed by the

executive of the Conservative Association.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 11.—The city of

Montreal will subscribe \$50,000 for the

relief of the stricken citizens of Hal-

ifax, but the money will not be forth-

coming until after January 1, as the

city must first obtain special legisla-

tion at Quebec, because, under the

city's charter, money thus voted can

only be available when the budget as

a whole is passed by the council.

CHINAMAN ASPHYXIATED.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Joe Chew, a

Chinese man, was found dead, and a

companion, in a critical condi-

tion from lightning gas poisoning

from a gas stove this morning.

CHINA PROTESTS TO JAPAN.

PEKING, Dec. 11.—The Chinese Gov-

ernment has protested to Japan in a

white paper the Japanese establish-

ment of civil administration in Shan-

gung territory outside of Tsingtau.

The postponement of a settlement of

this question until after the war is

being sought by the Japanese authori-

ties.

TORONTO VOTES \$100,000.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The city council

today passed a resolution of sym-

pathy with the city of Halifax, and

the unfortunate sufferers there, and

voted \$100,000 towards their relief.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Inquiry into the

charges made respecting the exemp-

tion tribunal at Baie St. Paul, Quebec,

was continued by Hon. Justice Duff in

camera this afternoon. The case was

adjourned till tomorrow.



THE WEST

CAPITALISTS CONTROL WHOSE MONEY IS

BORDEN GOVERNMENT PLEWS SPENDING

BOTH BODY AND SOUL IN KENT CAMPAIGN?

Present Election Fight Is Borden Making Joke of the

People Against Interests. Exemption Boards To

Get Votes.

FINER RALLY AT CHESLEY

Hall Not Big Enough to Hold

the Crowds for

Truax.

CHESLEY, Dec. 11.—Despite the

storm which raged last night the local

hall was not big enough to accommo-

date the crowd which gathered to hear

Mr. Truax discuss the election issues,

and scores were turned away. Dr. Mair

was chairman, and with him on the

platform were Mayor Halliday, William

MacDonald, M. P., S. R. Harvey, J. J.

Campbell, George Purdy, F. R. R. R.

Gardner of Elderslie and Mr. R. R. R.

Brant. Most of those on the

platform have been members of the

front, and in his opinion correct, he

would have no hesitation in voting for

it. E. Truax stated that in so far as

the conscription act said that 100,000

men should be raised, he would sup-

port the measure, which was now law.

Further than that he wished to be free

to use his own judgment as to the most

expedient means of supporting the

war, and if necessary, to give mater-

ial aid to the Allies.

Scored Crooked Deals.

Mr. Truax dealt with the C. N. R. bill

and the franchise act, both of which

he was opposed, and said that the

Government secure for another five

years. These measures, he declared,

were purely for the benefit of the

princes, and he said that the

Government was doing so for the

CAN ALL THESE BE WRONG?

This is the question the Union Government asks the people in its advertising, and it names the former Liberal leaders like Hon. N. W. Rowell and the former Liberal papers which are supporting Union Government---and themselves. Can all these be wrong? And the answer is:



They Can Be, and They Are Wrong!

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to condemn a Special Election Act as the work of "assassins" and then join hands with the guilty ones and participate in its workings.
to accuse the Borden Government of giving soldiers paper boots and faulty equipment and then to unite with those who betrayed our boys.
to expose the rascality in connection with the Wesley Allison Swindle and then to link themselves with the men responsible for the steal.
to charge the Government with paying millions for a bankrupt railway and then to line up behind the favored financial powers.
to decry Quebec Nationalism and its treachery to Canada and then to enter the Government that made Nationalism its ally in evil work.
to point the finger of guilt at the Gov't responsible for keeping Quebec out of the war and then join in the movement to exempt it further.
to denounce the historic misuse of the flag by the Conservative leaders as an election scheme and then to stoop to the same ignoble and unpatriotic action

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A WORD TO THE SOLDIERS

Government candidates all over the Dominion are seeking the soldiers' support—in fact, demanding their votes—on the presumption that Canada's soldiers are under an obligation to the Government. The very reverse is the truth of the case—it is the Government that is under obligation to the soldiers. If anyone more than another ought to have the freedom to vote as he pleases it ought to be the soldier. So don't let anyone intimidate you into voting for a Government which made fish of one and flesh of another and only showed regard for the private when an election was in sight. Vote for your own and your fellow-soldiers' own interests. Vote for equal pensions and a square deal; and for a united, not a divided nation, behind the war. You have fought Prussianism in Europe; help in the fight against Borden's attempt to transplant it here!

AND

A WORD TO THE WOMEN

You are asked by the Government to forget all about the grafting and profiteering by its friends in order to "win the war." This is your first vote in a Dominion Election. Show the Government that it cannot blind you to the facts by pretending to monopolize loyalty. Show it that you do not consider it had the interests of the soldiers or their relatives at heart when it squandered millions on Camp Borden and kept the private's pay at \$1.10, when it exempted the wealth of its friends and bosses and acted niggardly over the Separation Allowances, when it put rifles in the hands of the men—rifles that jammed, and had more concern for the contractors' pockets than for the lives of your relatives! Vote for the change of Government that will Stop Profits in order to carry on the war as if Canada meant it.

VOTE FOR GIBBONS AND GOOD GOVERNMENT

NO MORE TROOPS ARE TO BE SENT TO HALIFAX; NO ACCOMMODATION

Food Situation Is Well in Hand—No Menace of Hunger.

IDENTIFYING THE DEAD
Investigation Commencing To-day Promises To Be Illuminating.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The militia department has received a telegram from Major-Gen. T. Benson, commanding officer at Halifax, requesting that no more troops be dispatched to Halifax, as more than half the barracks accommodation has been destroyed.

transportation problem acute, but the relief workers refused to be baffled, and by midnight everybody was housed in premises that will at least protect them from wind, snow, rain or frost that seem to be alternating here.

During the night the temperature fell to nearly zero, but reports from the refugees' homes indicated that nobody was suffering.

Food Problem Settled.

The organization of food and clothes supplies for the refugees seemed to be running very smoothly today, with the regulations against undesirable visitors being applied rigorously. The question of the food supply, which threatened to become serious, has been solved.

The arrest of the Germans went on yesterday and last night.

The investigation into the collision between the Inco and Mont Blanc, which will be conducted by the board appointed by the Dominion Government, will commence tomorrow.

Mass funerals will be held daily for some weeks in the local cemeteries.

The heavy frost, which succeeded the snowstorm yesterday, yet further retarded the digging of the large number of graves required.

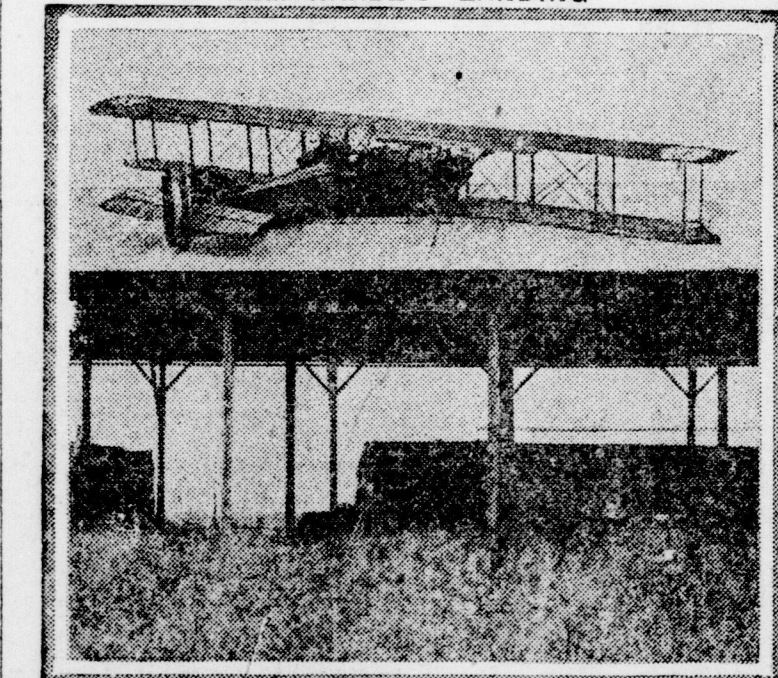
Better Handling of Bodies.

Order was introduced into the chaotic method of handling bodies that was unavoidable in the first days after the disaster. H. W. Stone and A. H. Schlotter of Toronto have been placed in charge. Careful lists are being prepared of all unidentified bodies, while the claimed remains are all being suitably prepared for burial.

Next to the loss of life and the homelessness of the people, an out-of-control fact is the property loss, and this includes the damage to the drydock, where 120 of 233 workmen were killed. It will be months before the drydock can again be in commission, a most serious thing for the port. The basin and caisson are intact, but everything else is gone.

Those who are officially working at Richmond and enduring frightful sights have their feelings further harrowed by the appearance of half-frantic relatives, indifferent to personal danger, seeking, with tear-blinded eyes, for some slight trace of their missing relatives, turning over with trembling hands the mass of brick and wood that once meant home to them. Many

A REMARKABLE LANDING



A French war plane which landed uninjured on the roof of a shed on the flying field. The motor stopped while the airplane was almost a thousand feet in the air. The pilot tried to glide to the field below. He miscalculated and landed on the shed roof.

return to this occupation again and again, alternating it with weary rounds of the hospitals and morgues, unable to rest or give up the search so long as there is no certainty. Lists of out-of-town hospitals and shelters are eagerly scanned as they come in, and if the looked-for name is not there the round of ruins, hospitals and morgues begins again.

FLAG OF BRITAIN IS HOISTED OVER MOSQUE OF OMAR, HOLY CITY

French and Italian Flags Are Unfurled to Breeze.

SACRED PLACE IS FREE
Sheiks and Patriarchs Greet General Allenby and the Allied Officers.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The British flag was raised in formal state over Jerusalem today.

Gen. Allenby, commander of the victorious British columns, announced his plans in messages received here early today.

He entered the city and was greeted by sheiks at the Mosque of Omar and by patriarchs of the Eastern Latin churches. To them and to the populace he read a long prepared proclamation promising them freedom and security under Christian rule. The flag was then formally raised over the city.

At the same time the French and Italian consulates and merchants raised the flags of their own nationalities.

The Mosque of Omar.

The beautiful Mosque of Omar has a meaning within and above its beauty that no other edifice can claim. It is the shelter or inclosure of the great altar of the world.

Away back in the childhood of the world Abraham climbed these heights, yet untouched by man, and laid his son Isaac there for an offering to the Lord, who had chosen the place.

trial was over it became the "Mount of the Lord," and the Messiah was there promised.

Later the great plague that fell upon Israel was stayed at this spot—"the threshing floor of Omar," as it is called—and here David saw the great angel stand between heaven and earth, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. And another altar was built by David, upon which the Lord sent holy fire.

A few years later Solomon laid the foundation of the Lord's house around the rock altar, and the great altar of the temple was built above the sacred spot.

Site of Crusader Church.

After the glory of the temple had passed a church was built by the Crusaders here, and then Caliph Ab El Melek (1200 years ago) built a mosque upon the spot, and left the naked top of the holy mountain bare, as devout Mussulmans believe that Mohammed ascended to heaven from it.

This rock, 56 feet long by 42 feet wide, is surrounded by a richly wrought railing, and is directly under a noble dome. The gorgeous surroundings of tiles, wrought marble, mosaics and jewels like glass, is only the setting of that wonderful stone, the hoary brow of Mount Moriah, where it broke through the tesselated pavement.

Here Jesus and Mary stood on that first peaceful visit of the lad who was to be the Lamb of God, the Saviour of men.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

DRESDEN, Dec. 10.—Word has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John White, con. 5, Camden, that Trooper Elmer White was wounded and missing. He enlisted at Winnipeg with the 10th Garry Horse.

James Ellis, con. 3, Dawn, has received word that Lance-Corp. James Ellis of Windsor, who went overseas with the 9th Battalion, was killed on October 22. He had been in the trenches over a year.

Sydney Markham, a returned soldier, who is mail carrier on route No. 1, from Dresden, was surprised recently by a gift of a handsome fur coat and cap from the farmers along his route.

HYDRO TROUBLES ARE CAUSING ANNOYANCE IN GUELPH FACTORIES

Many Firms May Have to Install Auxiliary Plants.

GUELPH, Dec. 11.—Guelph's power troubles are many, and large users of power are in a quandary how to protect themselves from the unreliability of hydro. There was no power from 4:30 on Monday until nearly midnight, and the munition factories had to close down. There was more trouble today. The trouble is due to overloading the line, and considerable indignation is felt at the failure of the commission to secure the necessary power. There have been two transformers put out of business here in a short time and were the local sub-station not linked up with Preston there would not be sufficient power to keep factories going. Many local power users are seriously considering the installation of auxiliary plants.

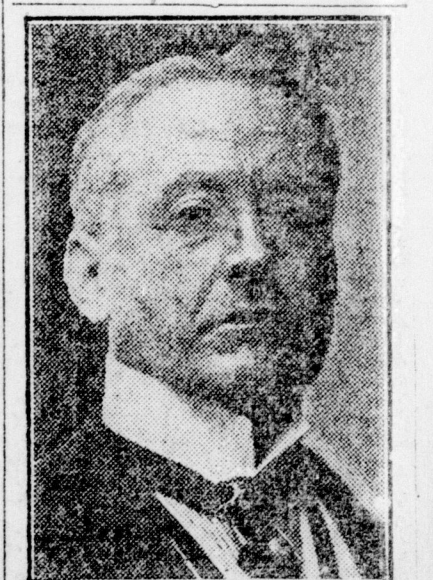
Comes From Hespeler.

Roy Chesterman, who was found dead in a Lansdown avenue, Toronto, house, was employed for a time at the Home-wood Sanatorium here. His home is said to be near Hespeler.

According to instructions received by the light and heat commission from the hydro commission, Guelph and Guelph Radial Railway will have a Christmas present in the form of a fat check.

The instructions came today in time for the regular meeting of the commission, and with an order to pay to the city of Guelph \$2,834.61, and the radial city of Guelph \$2,834.61, and the radial

charges for lighting for 1915 and 1916. The commission did not deliberately try to overcharge the city and railway, but, according to a new act which became effective on January 1, 1916, they have to supply these bodies with power at cost, and now, according to the provincial auditors, there is the above amount due, as shown by the surplus on the hydro books. According to Secretary Hock, Guelph is the cheapest lighted city in Ontario, being at the rate of 55 cents per capita, as against 75 in most cities.



MR. ARTHUR POLLON, well known English naval expert and naval editor of "Land and Water," who came to this continent to deliver a series of lectures, but whose services were requisitioned in Washington as an advisor.

Helpless Halifax Appeals for Aid!

The suffering thousands of homeless unfortunates in our neighboring city are calling on us for food, for clothing, for shelter and protection from the cold, biting, wintry winds.

London needs no urging in a case like this. Our fair city is noted in every corner of the Empire for its generosity — is lauded for its loyal, loving, great-hearted benevolence. We're glad to help our sister city in the hour of her great need and distress.

The Relief Campaign Tomorrow Is Your Chance To Give

London's big one-day whirlwind campaign tomorrow for the relief of Halifax must not fail. It's everybody's campaign, where everybody gives, boosts and works. The fund welcomes the pennies of the school children and the fat checks of the capitalists. The pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, halves and dollars of everybody are needed.

Remember, we're happy, comfortable, prosperous and looking forward to a merry Christmas in just a few days. Think of

the plight of the Halifax unfortunates, and while the Christmas "giving spirit" is in the air give generously to this worthy cause.

A canvass of the city will be made tomorrow. You've been thinking that you'd like to do something to help relieve this great suffering—you can TOMORROW.

Should the canvassers miss you, leave your subscription at the Grand Trunk of C. P. R. ticket offices, the Bank of British North America, or at Headquarters, 150 Dundas street.

Local Headquarters Halifax Relief Committee, 150 Dundas Street

AVIATRIX SETS NEW RECORD IN FLYING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11. — Miss Katherine Stinson, Texas aviator, who started from San Diego at 7:31 today in a non-stop flight to San Francisco, reached her destination at 4:25 p.m. today. She was the first person to pilot an aeroplane over the Tehuachap Mountains on a non-stop flight. The distance between San Diego and San Francisco on an air line is 461 miles.

OWEN SOUND SENDS \$1,000 TO HALIFAX

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 11.—The council last night granted \$1,000 for aid for the Halifax sufferers. The mayor is writing to find out whether money or things manufactured here will be the most acceptable. A campaign to raise \$15,000 for the V.M.C.A. here was begun today. Citizens are contributing generously.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

Hurry, Mother! Remove poisons from little stomach, liver, bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once if bilious or constipated.



Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad, has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative," they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other and with contempt.

FARMERS HANDED "PHONY" CARDS FOR EXEMPTION

Another Desperate Attempt to Catch Votes for "Unionists."

UNADULTERATED "DODGE"

Cards Have Absolutely No Value and Are Designed to "Hoodwink."

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTAWA, Dec. 11.—Another desperate attempt is being made to capture votes for the Unionist Government. A large number of farmers have been held for military service by exemption cards in spite of the fact that they would be exempted. This action was resented by the farmers, and the Government feared a large agricultural vote would be cast against them. During the past few days agents have been distributing to farmers held for service cards which declare that the holder is exempt from military duty.

It now develops that this is an election trick pure and simple. The cards are of no value. They are issued without authority, and are merely designed to catch votes. The authority for the statement that the cards have no meaning is the deputy minister of justice.

In a formal opinion he says: "I have the honor to advise that no direction or instructions, other than those issued to every tribunal in Canada, of any kind, have been given by the department of justice or the military service council, to any person or persons in Stratford, on any subject connected with the exemption of farmers' sons, or any other class of persons, or with regard to any individual. Yours truly, G. L. NEWCOMBE, "Deputy Minister of Justice."

FINE RALLY FOR JAMES ROSS HELD AT DORCHESTER

DORCHESTER, Dec. 11.—A splendid rally in the interests of James Ross, Liberal candidate in East Middlesex, was held here this evening, and was attended by electors from all over the district. A number of ladies were also out, and took keen interest in the discussion of the issues. Mr. Ross made a straight win-the-war appeal. He has a son at the front, and is solidly behind Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his fight for the people. A rousing address was made by Dr. Percy Bagnart, who scored the profiteers and the weakness of the Borden Government. R. G. Fisher of London went after the franchise act, declaring it an outrage to treat the women of Canada, who have worked so untiringly for all Red Cross and patriotic causes, as if they were imbeciles and incapable of voting. Mr. McKinnon discussed the issues of the campaign in general. Alfred George was chairman.

CALL IS SUSTAINED. CLINTON, Dec. 11.—At the regular meeting of Huron Presbytery today the call of Rev. Mr. McIntosh of Nairn to succeed Rev. Hall Woods at Brucefield, was sustained. The congregation was unanimous in its choice.

EFFORT TO CALL OFF COL. McLAREN FOR TORY IS THWARTED



Lieut.-Col. McLaren, Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Dec. 11.—An effort made today by independent electors to eliminate one of two Unionist candidates in West Hamilton failed.

T. J. Stewart, who has Premier Borden's endorsement, refused to waive it in entering into any arbitration.

Lieut.-Col. McLaren, soldier-Unionist candidate, offered to retire within one month after the war is over for any civilian acceptable to Sir Robert Borden. No headway was made, and it looks now as if Stewart and McLaren will fight it out at the polls, with W. R. Rolfe, Labor leader, as the third man.

OIL VESSEL, ABLAZE, IS BEACHED BY CREW CLOSE TO DARTMOUTH

Citizens of Stricken Town Are Given Another Nerve Test.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 11.—More quiet, but effective, heroism was displayed by a number of Dartmouth citizens last night, when a vessel, carrying a deck load of oil and a cargo, it is said, of munitions, with a fire on board, was brought close to the town, or what is left of it—by its crew and deserted.

Relief workers from Dartmouth tonight reported that the ship, which apparently had come in from the sea, came in close to shore and the crew were seen to be coming ashore. Smoke was pouring from her. A number of Dartmouth citizens at once formed a fire-fighting force, went aboard, and put out the flames. The crew did not go back to the vessel today, and were housed in the already terribly congested relief shelter at Dartmouth. The crews of French munitions vessels are reported to have objected to entering Halifax harbor.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE DROPS HIS CAMPAIGN RESULT OF DISASTER

G. H. Vernon of Colchester, Wants Relief Work Unhindered.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 11.—G. H. Vernon, Liberal candidate in Colchester, N. S., and opponent of Hon. F. B. McCurdy, has retired from the election fight. He says, in a letter to the electors that he is withdrawing because he is anxious that the good work being done by the people to relieve the suffering and stricken humanity of Halifax may go on uninterrupted.

Hundreds of injured Halifax refugees are being cared for in Truro, the county town of Colchester.

Sir Robert Borden is touring King's County, Nova Scotia, where he was nominated by the Unionist organization. He was prevented from speaking in Berwick last night by the storm. Sir Robert will not speak in Montreal tomorrow night.

LARGEST GERMAN PLANT FOR MAKING MUNITIONS IS BLOWN INTO SPACE

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Germany suffered a disaster comparable with a very serious military defeat in the expedition last month, which destroyed the Griesheim chemical works near Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the largest munitions factories in the world, according to a statement issued today by the press bureau. It is said to be impossible to reconstruct the works during the war.

BURIED AT CARLISLE.

ATLANTA, Dec. 11.—The funeral of John Edgar Darling, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Darling of McGillivray Township, was held this afternoon at Carlisle Cemetery. He was 12 years old and died on Sunday after a long illness.

VINOL REMOVES THE CAUSE OF CHRONIC COUGHS

A Constitutional Remedy That We Guarantee

Lagrange, N. C.—"For years I suffered with a chronic cough, so I could not sleep nights and continued to lose flesh. My druggist asked me to try Vinol. It cured my cough. I can sleep nights and have gained twelve pounds. Vinol is the best tonic and tissue builder I have ever taken."—W. D. Ren. Lagrange, N. C. We guarantee Vinol for chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis. Not a patent medicine. Formula on every bottle. Your money back if it fails. Taylor Drug Company, London, Ontario, at the best druggist's in all Ontario towns.

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USE GAS!

The price of artificial gas for the city of London is the same as in Hamilton—90 cents per thousand cubic feet. The only place in Ontario where gas is cheaper is in Toronto, a city of 350,000 population, where the price is 80 cents. The price in Ottawa is \$1.12. The other prices are as follows: Barrie, \$1.50; Kitchener, \$1.15; Belleville, \$1.50; Brockville, \$1; Deseronto, \$1.50; Guelph, \$1.15; Cobourg, \$1.50; Napanee, \$1.50; Oshawa, \$1.50; Peterboro, \$1.40; Port Hope, \$1.50; Kingston, \$1.20; Owen Sound, \$1; St. Catharines, \$1; St. Thomas, \$1.20; Stratford, \$1.20; Cornwall, \$1, and Waterloo, \$1.40. Having regard to the consumption, artificial gas is cheaper in London than in any other place in the Province of Ontario.

CITY GAS COMPANY

PANAMA DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

PANAMA, Dec. 11.—Panama declared war on Austria yesterday. The Government, in co-operation with the canal zone authorities, is interned Austrians. The zone has now been declared a neutral zone, in accordance with President Wilson's order.

EIGHT UNIONS PLEDGE TO REFORM STRIKES

WILL NOT Retain United States Shipbuilding Plans.

NEWARK, Dec. 11.—Eight labor union executives of local building trades issued a statement here today, in which they said they would recommend to the Building Trades Council that there be no strikes on government shipbuilding work during the war, in view of the facts they learned at conferences with officials in Wash-

BAZAAR FOR HALIFAX.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—All gate receipts collected tomorrow at "Hero Land," the great war relief bazaar here, will be turned over to the Halifax relief fund. It was announced here today. In addition a majority of more than one hundred committees having booths at the bazaar will give their net receipts for the day.

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