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GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES GO TO BERLIN WITH ALLIED NOTE

IRISH PEOPLE EXPECTED TO REJECT BRITISH PREMIER'S PLAN

BRITISH CROWN GIVES INDIA LARGER DEGREE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

King George Issues Proclamation Today Announcing New Measure—Representation Long Desired by Natives Is Granted People, and Officials Are Urged To Co-operate To Insure Success of New Plan.

London, Dec. 23.—King George issued a proclamation today, announcing the new measure giving India a larger degree of self government. The proclamation characterizes the Government bill as a historic act, giving representation long desired by the natives. It calls for the determination of the people and officials to work together for the common purpose of making the new plan of Government a success.

ALLIED GOVERNMENTS FRAME AN INDICTMENT AGAINST WILHELM

London, Dec. 23.—Law officers of the crown held a consultation with French and Belgian law officers today with regard to the former German emperor. It is reported that the conferees made out a case against the former German ruler and framed an indictment.

TROTSKY PLANS BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST POLES

Chinese Troops Will Be Used in Reds' Campaign.

Geneva, Dec. 22.—Preparations for a great Bolshevik offensive against Poland next spring is planned by Leon Trotsky, soviet minister of war and marine of Russia, according to a Warsaw dispatch received by the Ukrainian news bureau here. Chinese troops who are being recruited at the rate of 8,000 per day, and trained in the soviet military school will aid in the campaign, it is said. Recent statements by Trotsky are quoted to the effect that he believes Bolsheviks to be rooted and sprouting in China, where a Bolshevik revolution is expected shortly. It is declared Trotsky intends to use Chinese in carrying out his project of an invasion of Western Europe.

CANADIAN SYSTEM OF FOOD CONTROL MAY BE ADOPTED IN U.S.

Senator Capper Will Introduce Motion in Congress.

New York, Dec. 23.—Proposed adoption of the Canadian system of food control to reach profiteers and lower the cost of living in this country, met with favor here yesterday, following an announcement that Arthur Capper, United States Senator from Kansas, intends to place the matter before Congress.

"I am inclined to favor the Canadian system," said Arthur Williams, the federal food administrator here. "But I should like to see the added provision that the margin of profit be fixed on the retailer as well as the consumer. As a matter of fact we have seen in Canada a step further in New York City, and have fixed both the gross and net profits."

Senator Capper believes that the installation of the Canadian system will furnish a powerful remedy against the increasing cost of living which he views with grave alarm.

LATEST LIST OF DEAD SHOWS TWENTY-FIVE VICTIMS OF WRECK

Body of Engineer Bagley Only One Yet To Be Recovered.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—All the missing in the wreck on the C. P. R. at Ottawa on Saturday have been accounted for, according to a dispatch to the company's office here. One body remains to be found, that of Engineer Bagley. The dispatch lists the finally been set at 25. Bodies are being taken to Ottawa and will be brought to their destinations immediately.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.
Grand—Antia Stewart in "Her Kingdom of Dreams" and "Vandeville."
Majestic—Norma Talmadge in "By Right of Purchase."
Patricia—Gladys Brockwell in "Chasing Rainbows" and "Vandeville."

OTHER EVENTS.
Armories—Meeting of city officers interested in the rehabilitation of 7th Regiment, 8 p.m.

NEW HOME RULE PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED BY BRITISH PRESS

Large Portion of Irish People Expected To Reject the Plan Outlined.

SUCCESS IS DOUBTED
London Newspapers Regard Latest Measure As Best One Presented Yet.

London, Dec. 23.—Aside from one or two irreconcilable anti-home rule journals, London newspapers this morning give, on the whole, a favorable reception to the government's new scheme for Irish self-government. None, however, expresses genuine expectation of the success of the plan.

While it is recognized that such a bill as Premier Lloyd George outlined yesterday to parliament—will be absolutely rejected by a large section of the Irish people, and regarded with suspicion and distrust by others, it is contended it deserves to be fairly considered and tried. The Daily News, perhaps the most thorough champion of home rule of the London newspapers, writes in its editorial of Premier Lloyd George and the coalition government, says: "The government bill gives Ireland a greater degree of autonomy, since it sets up an Irish parliament, and it manifestly contemplates the probability of a limited Irish parliament in the desperate situation in which Ireland now stands, this offering so far as Englishmen can judge, the best possible way out of the Irish problem, and it is honestly put forward."

Belief that the bill offers the only possible way out of the Irish problem is expressed by the Liberal Chronicle, which says, on the whole, the measure appears generous. Regarding the plan to be presented to parliament, it says: "The plan will be opposed nearly everywhere in Ireland largely because 'none of the contending factions are really willing to be fair to any of the others,' the newspaper says."

Best Scheme Presented.
"The government, the British people, and the British parliament must recognize and discount the opposition in advance. Only in such a way can any change, which is either just as workable, be achieved in Ireland."

The Daily Mail declares it to be a better scheme than any previous government has produced and an honest endeavor conceived with single aim of ministering to the good of all, and while maintaining the unity of the British Empire.

In commenting on the bill, the Morning Telegraph describes it as a "provision which will commend itself to the domineering minds everywhere as a fair and tender of self-government."

However, the extreme nationalist position the Morning Post says: "It is a bad settlement—bad for Ireland because it does not settle the Irish question, and bad for Great Britain because it weakens the United Kingdom. It is merely the climax of a policy which has been followed since 1914, and it is a policy which has no support of the Irish people, and no support of the British people."

Even the few Irish Nationalist members who have survived the prime minister's attack on the nationalist movement, the newspaper continues. "They probably had a foreboding of the future of the country, and of their own position, when they withdrew from the House, upon the first declaration of the prime minister's intention to permanently partition the country."

The Irish Times says that for many reasons, "some good, some bad, some wise, some mad," three-quarters of the Irish people will reject the bill.

"Its principle is hateful alike to the Unionists and Nationalists," the newspaper says. "Any kind of national division, and the ancestral spirit of a common patriotism cannot persist in a divided country. They knew the fantastic home rule which the government proposed for Ulster Unionists would be a resurrection on the map of Ireland, and would be ruinous to the trade and industry of the northern provinces."

We yearn for peace but in the Lloyd George offer we see no peace but the sword."

ARMED IRISHMEN SEIZE EXPLOSIVES

Lidford, County Cavan, Ireland, Dec. 23.—A band of armed men raided the railway works here today, taking the sentries by surprise. The stock of the explosive gelignite at the works was seized by the raiders.

CALL TO REV. A. D. CORNETT.
Stratford, Dec. 23.—A call to Rev. A. D. Cornett, Kingston, was unanimously passed by the congregations of Stratford and Brookside.

NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS OF UNITED FARMERS OF ONTARIO



R. W. E. BURNABY, new president of the United Farmers of Ontario. He succeeded R. H. Halbert, who goes to the House of Commons. Mr. Burnaby, a native of New Brunswick, who made a big success as insurance salesman and later as a real estate operator. He farmed 300 acres near Toronto.



W. A. AMOS, newly-elected vice-president of the United Farmers of Ontario. He is a graduate of Knox College, and was formerly a Presbyterian minister. He is now engaged in farming in Perth County, near Palmerston.

DON'T WORRY

In municipal voting you will nearly always find a lot of vital questions of a controversial kind. In London we have one this year, when voters must decide if they will pay a slight increase for daily street car ride. But what's the use of worrying? Though the company declare that they will cut down wages if they don't get higher fare. While the men say if their wage is cut no car shall touch the rail. And your hike from home to workshop will be down the long, long trail.

BRITISH OCCUPY TOWNS TO CHECK TURK MOVEMENT

Batum and Baku Taken Over by British To Prevent Caucasus Penetration.

London, Dec. 23.—British forces have occupied Batum and Baku to prevent the Turks from penetrating the Caucasus region according to a Moscow wireless dispatch.

FIFTEEN ARE KILLED WHEN FREIGHT HITS PASSENGER TRAIN

Collision Occurs Just Outside Douai On French Railroad.

Lille, France, Monday, Dec. 22.—Fifteen persons were killed and 35 injured in a rear-end collision just outside Douai, 18 miles south of here, this afternoon, when a freight train crashed into a passenger train, which was standing at the station. The engineer of the freight train, who is said to have run past a stop signal, escaped unhurt, but blew out his brains with a revolver after giving assistance to injured passengers.

The passenger train had left Lille at 1:55 o'clock, and was obliged to stop at Douai because of lack of steam, due to a poor quality of coal. The freight train plowed into the rear of the passenger train, telescoping four third-class coaches.

CAPTAIN ROSS SMITH KNIGHTED BY KING

London, Dec. 23.—Knighthood in the Order of the British Empire has been conferred by King George upon Capt. Ross Smith, the first aviator to complete an aeroplane flight from England to Australia.

MacPherson Smith, who was the observer in the recent successful flight, was accorded an identical honor.

NOVA SCOTIA EXPERIENCES BEST AGRICULTURAL YEAR IN PROVINCE'S HISTORY

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The 1919 crop report for Nova Scotia, issued by the provincial department of agriculture, states that the year is regarded as one of the best agricultural years in the history of the province.

MESABA IS STANDING BY DISABLED VESSEL

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—A wireless message received here this morning from the British steamer Mesaba stated that at 6 a.m. she was standing by the British steamer Kamarrina, which reported herself in distress off St. John's, Newfoundland, yesterday, and that she would make an effort to get a towline aboard at daylight.

CANDIDATES ARE QUALIFYING FOR THEIR ELECTION

Several Have Taken Necessary Steps Early in the Day.

MANY CONTESTS CERTAIN
All Who Are To Go On the Ballots Must Act Today.

At 2:15 today the following nominees for public offices had qualified: Mayor—H. B. Ashplant and J. M. Parsons.

Utilities Commission—L. S. Holmes, Philip Pocock and Jared Vining.

Hospital Trust—James Gray.

Board of Education—F. B. Lavender, Edwin Smith, Mrs. C. E. Tanner and J. B. Wright.

Aldermen—Dennis Flanagan, Robert Fraser, C. G. Moorhead, J. F. Thompson and Harry Wheatcroft in ward 4, G. B. Drake in ward 3, William Tite, James Cameron Wilson and William Arthur Wilson in ward 2, E. R. Seabrook and H. W. Ashley in ward 1.

One of the keenest municipal elections in many years is certain from the number of nominees for public offices who qualified at the city hall today. When a nominee takes the trouble to establish his right to be in running, it is considered practically certain that he intends to enter the contest.

Several of the candidates qualified immediately after their nomination. Others made out the necessary papers today. Nine o'clock tonight is the latest hour at which they can qualify, and it is expected that many more will do so before that time.

Mrs. Tanner Qualifies.
Mrs. C. E. Tanner made out the necessary papers today, also her husband, for the board of education. The indications are that she will be one of the leading candidates, and it is not probable that there will be a fourth woman member of the board of education next year. Three women were elected last year for a two-year term.

John M. Parsons and H. B. Ashplant have qualified for the mayoralty contest. The prospective aldermen have been drifting into the city clerk's office all day. In Ward 4, James C. Wilson, A. Wilson and William Tite have qualified. In Ward 4, Dennis Flanagan, Robert Fraser, C. G. Moorhead, Harry Wheatcroft and J. F. Thompson have all qualified their intention of running.

Three candidates have already qualified for the utilities commission, making a contest certain for this body. They are Ald. L. S. Holmes, Philip Pocock and Jared Vining.

Present indications are that James Gray will be a candidate for the board of hospital trustees, as he has qualified to run for that office. A strong effort is being made to have him accept nomination as a school trustee.

In addition to Mrs. Tanner, several other nominees have qualified for the board of education. They are Frederick Bertram Lavender, Edwin Smith and John B. Wright.

WHOLE MEAT OFFERED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR HIGH-PRICED FOWL
Five Thousand Pounds From Alaska On New York Market.

New York, Dec. 23.—A consignment of five thousand pounds of whole meat from Alaska was offered at a market on the east side last night as a substitute for expensive holiday fowl. Whole steaks brought from 20 to 25 cents a pound. Several consignments received a year ago totalled 25,000 pounds, and sold at an average of 30 cents. The principal purchasers, then, were Japanese, to whom the meat was no novelty.

Despite the fact that last week's cold has resulted in higher poultry prices, market men declare there has never been a greater demand.

Turkeys topped the list, fine Maryland birds selling at 65c to 75c a pound.

INGERSOLL MAN IS ROBBED, PEPPER IS THROWN INTO EYES

Alex. Riddle, Member of Princess Pats, Is Victim of Thugs.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ingersoll, Dec. 22.—Alexander Riddle, an original member of the Princess Patricia Regiment, was the victim of a vicious assault in a local hotel last night. Two men, unknown, threw pepper into his eyes, and when he was rendered temporarily blind, felled him with a blow and robbed him of \$20. His assailants are unknown.

MUSTAPHA KEMAL KILLED.
Rome, Dec. 23.—Mustapha Kemal, leader of the Turkish insurgents in Anatolia, and head of the Turkish national movement in Asia Minor, has been assassinated, according to a Smyrna dispatch to the Tempo.

GERMAN DELEGATION LEAVING FOR BERLIN TO CONFER WITH GOVT. REGARDING ALLIED NOTE

Kurt von Lersner Decides To Leave With All His Experts For German Capital—Exchange of Ratifications Will Not Be Possible Before New Year's, Is Now Expectation in French Official Circles.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, handed Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation, the Allied reply to the German note of December 15. Herr von Lersner told M. Dutasta that, owing to the difficulties of communication and the importance of the document, he felt obliged to consult Berlin, adding that he would leave, with all his experts, for the German capital tonight.

Herr von Lersner expressed a desire to lay emphasis on the fact that his leaving Paris at this time was in no wise a rupture of negotiations.

Secretary Dutasta, in accordance with instructions from the supreme council, accompanied the Allied note with a verbal communication in which it is understood he assured von Lersner that the Allies recognized the economic difficulties which might exist in Germany and wished to take them into account.

If proof were given that errors had been made in the estimate of floating material now in the possession of Germany, upon which the allies based their demands for reparation for the sinking of the German ships at Scapa Flow, these demands, M. Dutasta understood to have told the German plenipotentiary, would be reduced proportionately. Herr von Lersner expressed no opinion on the document presented by Secretary Dutasta.

RATIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE NEW YEAR

Paris, Dec. 23.—Exchange of ratification of the German peace treaty before the end of the year is considered in French official circles as impossible. This opinion was formed today, when the head of the German delegation here announced that he would be obliged to return to Berlin to consult with the Government on the latest Allied communication.



W. H. HARVEY, the first representative of the farmers' independent political movements to be elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature. He was recently elected by acclamation for Kincaid. Mr. Harvey is a native of Essex, Ont., and farmed 800 acres at Flexcomb, Sask.

LABOR MEN SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROV. CABINET

London Man Urges Raising of School Age to 16 Years.

LEGISLATION IS ASKED
To Fix Eight-Hour Day and 44-Hour Week in Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The annual conference between the labor men and the Ontario Government took place this morning, when, headed by President Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades Congress, the executive heads of the various labor bodies here, the new Ontario cabinet. The following ministers were present: Premier Drury, and Messrs. Doherty, Biggs, Rolfe, Nixon, Raney and Bowman. President Moore introduced the deputations and various labor leaders presented their views.

The necessity of legislation fixing the eight-hour day and 44-hour week was urged in the cabinet, and even an adjustment of the hours of farm labor was advocated in line with it.

Referring to the recent decision of the police commission that the affiliation of Toronto must not have pollution with the Trades and Labor Council, Mr. Moore protested against any legislation preventing such affiliation or association.

Wants Labor Represented.
James Barcroft said the filling of the vacancies on the workers' committee board could be safely left with the Government. Charles O'Donnell added that the more picturesquely the act, John Platt of Hamilton argued that no lenient argument was needed to show that it was common sense and fairness to have a labor man on the hydro commission. "If we make a case of it, it's up, but first give us a chance," he said.

Mr. H. Hessel of London asked that the school age be raised to 16 years. The deputation brought up the question of mothers' pensions, pointing out that the last Ontario Government had promised legislation. Tom Varley wanted increased opportunities for workers to vote, citing the case of sailors on the ships.

Other demands of the labor men were for exemption from income tax according to number of children, clear definition of lenient argument, and a 2 1/2 per cent. beer inspection of scalding, employers to supply hot water and a local hotel last night. He hoped to get back to private life after five years of hard work with the trade mission.

UNIONS SUPPORT STRIKE.
Madrid, Dec. 22.—All members of the trades unions in this city have decided to support the strike of street car employees. The program of the trade unionists contemplates a progressive strike in all industries, which would affect non-union men, until a complete stoppage of work is effected.

CHRISTMAS MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN SHELL TORN CATHEDRAL AT RHEIMS

Rheims, Sunday, Dec. 21.—Mass will be celebrated Christmas morning in Rheims Cathedral by Cardinal Lucon. Part of the fire-swept, shell shattered transept has been arranged as a chapel, a wooden roof and glass windows having been placed in the great structure by the committee of historic monuments, and the society of friends of the cathedral.

Fifty children from the city who are being supported by the Red Cross have been rehearsing Christmas carols for the service. Warm suits have been given them.

TREMENDOUS CROWD AT POSTOFFICE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

Heaviest Day of the Season
As Yet.

STAMP LICKERS TIRED

Wonder Why P. O. Authorities
Do Not Provide a Few
Sponges.

The local postoffice is perhaps the most frequented spot in the city just now. For several days past, the crowd of men, women and children with mysterious parcels of every shape, piled high in their arms, has been very large, coming to a head yesterday, when it was almost impossible to move within the postoffice and the auxiliary building, two doors south.

Where are sponges? The stamp books were literally stamped and the line-up behind the parcel weighing scales curved back and twisted around into a regular jam. It wasn't a case of waiting politely for someone else to go first. It was every man for himself. Tongues actually hung out from stamp licking. And men and women wondered why the Government wouldn't at least provide sponges to do the work. Children seemed to rather enjoy the business, however, and were turned into service by many a grown-up.

Quiet Today. Between yesterday and tomorrow, when the great local rush will take place, today stands as a period of quiet. Of course, there was a regular stream of people, going in and coming out of the postoffice this morning, but by no means a crowd which the authorities could not handle with the greatest ease. Tomorrow, however, packages directed to city people will be handed chiefly, as well as the belated presents for out-of-town. Then again a rush is anticipated.

BRITISH BANKS MERGE. LONDON, Dec. 22.—An agreement has been reached for the fusion of the "National Provincial and Union Bank of England" and "Coutts & Company's Bank." The Coutts bank is one of the oldest and best known in the country. At one time its customers included a large number of the aristocracy of England.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS OVERCOME BY SAFE METHOD

Suggestions Given Whereby
Insomnia Can Be Safely
and Quickly Cured.

Worry, overwork, overstudy and indigestion cause insomnia, chiefly because healthy, natural sleep can't be produced by drugs.

First, the blood circulation must be improved. Congestion of blood in the head must be removed. Irritation in the brain must be relieved.

It's because Ferrozene equalizes circulation, because it soothes the irritation, because it removes congestion that it does cure insomnia.

For building blood and nerve, for fortifying force and life into overworked organs, for establishing strength and vitality, where can you find anything so efficient as Ferrozene? Remember, sleep is just as important as food.

You must sleep, or break down, but if you'll use Ferrozene and thereby remove the conditions which now keep you from sleep, you'll get well quickly. Ferrozene is not a narcotic, not a dope; it is a health-giving tonic that any child or delicate woman can use. Absolutely safe in Ferrozene.

Take it for a month, take it for a year—no harm, but immeasurable good will result.

To sleep well, look well, feel well, to be free from depression, nervousness or blues—use Ferrozene. It's a good tonic, a healer to the weak and wretched, a boon to the sleepless—sold in 50c boxes, six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct from The Cattarhouson Company, Kingston, Ont.

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Funeral Service For Rev.
Canon Craig in His
Church.

INTERMENT AT PETROLEA

Where He Was Rector For 19
Years Prior to Coming
Here.

The funeral of Rev. Canon William Craig, late rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, was held from his residence, 367 St. James street, to St. John the Evangelist Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A private service was conducted at the house by Rev. C. C. Waller and Archdeacon J. B. Richardson.

At the church Rev. Bishop David Williams conducted the service, and the services were held in the presence of the Anglican clergy of the city who attended in a body. He referred to the work of Canon Craig, who had given the greater part of his life to the ministry.

The remains were taken to Petrolea for interment. Canon Craig was rector of Christ Church, Petrolea, for 19 years prior to coming to London. The active pallbearers were W. E. Greene, Clair Jarvis, S. G. Hungerford, Mr. Butchart and Mr. Wright. The honorary pallbearers were H. E. Gates, Col. Fisher, Stephen Grant, C. H. Beard, E. S. Murray and J. C. Butler.

Quantities of lovely flowers in wreaths, crosses, sprays and other designs were sent from all parts of the city.

J. C. BROWN, M. P. P. IN NORTH MIDDLESEX, FAVORS PROHIBITION

Would Allow Only Enough
Liquor in House For
Medicine.

The Advertiser was able to obtain only one statement of opinion from Middlesex M.P.P.s-elect on the proposed amendment to prohibit the sale of liquor in houses. In their homes, Dr. H. A. Stevenson did not care to say anything until he had given the question further consideration.

James C. Brown, M.P.P.-elect for North Middlesex, in favor of the proposed amendment. He says: "It will be perfectly agreeable to me, and I certainly will support it. I would allow only enough for medicinal purposes to be kept, and that only on a doctor's certificate."

WAS CARRYING REVOLVER; GETS SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Veteran Saw No Harm in Carrying
Empty Firearm.

James Dixon, a crippled soldier, appeared in police court this morning charged with carrying firearms, after having a revolver confiscated, was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

The prisoner stated that the gun was empty, and he did not think that it was a crime to carry it when he had no bullets.

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon thought that there was too many murders and assassinations resulting from the carrying of weapons. If one got into an argument with the gun might be pulled, he was of the opinion.

When asked as to his identity Dixon said that he was a Scotchman originally.

He enlisted at Toronto with the 32nd Battalion, and had been returned home in June, 1917. While overseas he became crippled as a result of wounds received in action.

He was arrested at the Salvation Army Hostel.

WOUNDED VETERANS WAS CAUGHT BURGLARIZING

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 22.—With his uniform on and leaning on a crutch, for he is crippled, a man giving the name of Daniel Pylum was caught breaking into Bradley & Sons' grocery store early this morning. He had two panes sawed out of a rear door. He says he served with the 2nd Battalion. He wears ribbons of the Mons Star, Military Medal and General Service Medal. He will be held pending inquiry.

Christmas Business Has Been Biggest in Volume and Value Ever Experienced in This City

Merchants Declare Rush Greatest They Ever Saw—People
Have Money and Are Willing To Spend, But Insist
On Value.

That the "Christmas business has been the biggest in volume and in monetary value ever experienced in the city of London," was the unanimous verdict of the leading merchants interviewed today by The Advertiser.

"Last year was at that time the biggest we had ever experienced in the history of our firm," said a leading drygoods merchant, "but then we were to a certain extent looking for such a condition. The tremendous five years' struggle for the rights of humanity and freedom had just ended with success crowning the banners of the allies, and a certain reaction from the close thrift of wartime was not unexpected. Therefore, to a certain extent a continuation of these conditions this year came as a surprise."

Tremendous Rush. "Yet they have not only continued, but even increased, and the volume of business done has been tremendous. What we call 'outside business,' that is the business brought to us by people who come into the city from the country districts, is certainly very far ahead of any previous year. Our parcel checking and cloak room was simply overwhelmed on Saturday with the demands made upon it to care for the property of our visitors."

Another well-known drygoods merchant declared: "Christmas business this year has been A1. Yesterday, despite the big rush which we experienced on Saturday, was the biggest business day in our history. People seem to have plenty of money and to be willing to spend it, but they insist on taking good care to get the value of their money. There is a greater demand than ever for good quality stuff in whatever they buy. From what I have heard other merchants say business in London is exceptionally good."

Money Plenty. One of the leading house furnishing merchants, in reply to an inquiry, said: "Money seems more plentiful than ever and people appear to be laying out a lot of it in beautifying their homes and adding articles that give a certain feeling of comfort and coziness, which is inseparably linked with the word 'home.'"

But why repeat the story, wherever the reporter went was the same "tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor" make were all lifting their praises in praise for the most successful Christmas business in their experience. "While the busy throngs of shoppers, very largely composed of merry-faced, laughing children, seemed quite content to part with their rolls of bills or the few nickels which had been saved to put on 'daddy's or mamma's' plate for the breakfast table on Christmas morning."

Ontario Spring Bed and Mattress Sold for Sum of \$35,000.

Business Purchased Monday by Richard Edgecombe.

The Ontario Spring Bed and Mattress Company of London sold its entire business yesterday to Richard Edgecombe.

The deal was negotiated by Mr. Bradshaw of the London and Eastern Trusts Company, and the amount of sale was \$35,000.

MISTAKEN NOTIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR POOR VETERANS

Not Funds To Supply Money
for Christmas Holiday.

That the recently announced "Federal Appropriation for ex-Members of the Forces" has been provided in order to tide them over the enforced idleness of the Christmas holidays, appears to be the idea that some returned soldiers have gathered from the newspaper reports, said an official at the local Government Employment Bureau today.

"Another altogether mistaken idea is the granting of assistance from this fund in doing by the employment office. All that we have to do with is that if we cannot find work for a man we give him a certificate to that effect, known as a 'certificate A.' This certificate the man has to take to the office of the patriotic fund, in whose charge has been placed the distribution of the money. The fact that we issue a certificate to a man does not necessarily mean that he will receive any assistance from the fund, however."

"In the case of a man who is unable to earn sufficient to maintain himself and family, or for whom we can find work in another place, but who has not the necessary means to meet the cost of transportation to a 'Certificate B' is issued, on which the patriotic fund may advance him enough financial assistance to meet his immediate needs."

To date about five of the "A" and one of the "B" certificates have been issued at the local employment bureau.

MANY BASKETS NEEDED TO CHEER TUBERCULAR POOR

Women's Sanatorium Aid Hopes to Get
\$600—is Doing Well.

The Women's Sanatorium Aid is faced with a big work this Christmas. Many more baskets than usual will be needed to cheer the tubercular poor of the city, and the society is aiming at raising at least \$600 for this purpose.

There is something very attractive about this work, according to those women who are actively engaged in it. They feel that the giver not only helps the poor, but also brings happiness into the lives of the tubercular poor. The following contributions have been made:

McClary Manufacturing Co. \$50
S. H. Leonard & Son 20
S. J. Adams Beck 15
McLeod-Nolan 15
Victoria Mothers' Club 10
Mrs. Jeffery Hale 5
Thompson Smith 4
Miss Minnie Stewart 25
Melville Spencer 25
Miss Emery 10
Miss D. Meredith 10
Miss Annie White 5
Mrs. F. B. Barclay 5

DISPUTE AS TO BREAD; COURT IMPOSES FINE

The manager of a bread company was fined \$5 and costs in police court this morning for violating the bread act. The case had been tried in the court a week previous, and Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon had reserved judgment. In discussing the case, the court stated that he had not prepared any written judgment, as long ones had been written in courts of appeal. According to Ontario Law Records, page 235, two loaves could be sold together if twelve ounces or under. The loaves seized by Inspector J. W. McCullough weighed more than twelve ounces.

When examined accused swore that the articles seized were not loaves of bread, but were called "small breads."

FOUR WRITS ISSUED. Four writs were issued in the county court yesterday as follows: Macpherson & Co., Ltd., against the Ontario Creameries Limited, London, entered suit against O'Brien Bros. St. Catharines, for the sum of \$145.50, the alleged price of goods sold and delivered by the plaintiff to defendants.

The same lawyers also entered suit on behalf of the Ontario Creameries against A. A. Hall, Woodstock, for \$147.97, balance of account due for goods sold and delivered to defendant. Gibbons, Harper & Braden entered suit on behalf of R. C. Struthers & Co. against H. A. Boyce for the sum of \$236.76, with interest, alleged balance due on goods supplied.

The M. Smith & Co., city, suing C. H. Lucas, Middlemarch, for \$100.00, alleged amount of a bill of exchange drawn by plaintiff on defendant, which was accepted by him as payable to the plaintiffs.



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Judgment was given Monday by His Honor Judge Talbot Macchey in two cases heard at the recent county court assize.

In the case of Murray vs. The Artificial Ice Company, judgment for the plaintiff for \$5 damages was granted.

In the case of Nicholas vs. Rocket, judgment for the plaintiff for \$5 damages for damage caused by the bankruptcy of earth at the southerly half of the boundary line jointly owned by the plaintiff and defendant. Excepting as to this, the action is dismissed. No order as to costs. Fifteen days stay granted. "By no order as to costs I mean that each party bear their own costs."

STEAMER IN DISTRESS. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The C. P. R. steamer Princess May on a return trip from the West Indies is in distress 100 miles east of Delaware Bay. The S. S. Lenape from Jacksonville, picked up her S. O. S. and is assumed to be standing by. The coast guard cutter Expressing my hope that a harmonious political life will steadily be built up on the foundation thus laid, and I am announcing my intention of sending the Prince of Wales to India to inaugurate the new constitution. To the members of the House of Commons, the King gave his thanks for their provision during the year for the public expenditure, which had continued abnormal, largely exceeding the permanent and temporary revenue, and trusted that next year, with the return of more normal conditions, he said, that the first steps would be taken toward the reduction of the national debt.

"The condition of our finances and the state of our credit continue to occupy the serious attention of my ministers," he went on. "Only by strict economy, both in public and private expenditure, and sustained by increased progress and adding considerably to the general entertainment."

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BRITISH PARLIAMENT

common, and to promote the welfare and progress of Persia.

The King referred to the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada and Newfoundland, and said: "I feel my heart with feelings of pride and satisfaction."

"He subsequently" continued the King, visited the United States of America, where he was greeted with warmth and kindness which will I am quite confident, have the happiest effect upon the relations of the British Empire and that great republic."

Sending Prince to India. Referring to India, the speech said that a measure marking the first stage of the development of a responsible government in India has become a law.

"I rely on all my subjects," continued the speech, "to work together for its success. In a proclamation which I am addressing to my viceroy and to the princes and the people of India, I am expressing my hope that a harmonious political life will steadily be built up on the foundation thus laid, and I am announcing my intention of sending the Prince of Wales to India to inaugurate the new constitution. To the members of the House of Commons, the King gave his thanks for their provision during the year for the public expenditure, which had continued abnormal, largely exceeding the permanent and temporary revenue, and trusted that next year, with the return of more normal conditions, he said, that the first steps would be taken toward the reduction of the national debt.

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DUTCH MINISTER RESIGNS.
The Hague, Dec. 22.—Jonckheer Gussan, minister of war and marine, has resigned in consequence of the chamber of deputies cutting the budget of the war ministry.

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LLOYD GEORGE'S PLAN INVOLVES CREATION OF TWO PARLIAMENTS FOR IRISH PEOPLE

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LONDON, Dec. 22.—Premier Lloyd George addressed the House of Commons this evening on the Irish question. The premier last week announced his purpose of presenting to the Commons on this occasion the details of the Government's Irish home rule bill. In opening his address today Mr. Lloyd George remarked upon the extreme difficulty of his task. "Difficult, indeed," he said, "after such a discreditable outrage as has just been perpetrated in Dublin."

The premier said that Parliament must get the fact right in its mind that in the existing circumstances no possible scheme for Irish home rule was universally acceptable. Therefore, he continued, Parliament must assume the responsibility and propose what it thought fair and just. A settlement would be found, not in the enactment of a home rule scheme, but in its working.

Ireland, said the premier, was the only country in Europe except Russia where the classes who elsewhere were on the side of law and order were out of sympathy with the ministry of the Government. While Ireland was never so prosperous as today, the fact remained, he declared, that Ireland was never so alienated from British rule as she was today.

Would Fight Secession.
Any attempt at secession, the premier announced, would be fought with the same determination, force and resolution as had been shown by the Northern States in America.

The premier said it was proposed to establish self-government over the whole of Ireland and to create two parliaments, one in the north and one in the south. Every opportunity would be given to the states to settle the issues as they desired it, and a council would be established at the outset, selected by the two legislatures, to form a connecting link between the two parts of the country.

The two legislatures to be created in Ireland, the premier said, would be clothed with full constituent powers to create a single Irish legislature and to discharge all powers not specifically reserved to the imperial Parliament.

The premier said that the Irish contribution to the imperial service was estimated at £15,000,000 annually. A joint executive board would settle the rate of contribution for the future and the question of taxable capacity. It was proposed to place £1,000,000 at the disposal of each of the two parliaments to cover the initial expenditure.

Reduce Representation.
The representation of Ireland at Westminster, Mr. Lloyd George announced, would be reduced under the proposed measure to 40 members, as in the act of 1914.

Each of the two parliaments would have the taxation powers equivalent to those of the state legislatures of the United States. The income tax and the excess profits and super-taxes would be levied imperially. The Irish parliaments would control all local matters and all machinery for the maintenance of law except the higher judiciary and the army and navy.

The customs and excise services would be retained by the imperial parliament, the premier stated, but when Ireland was united it would be open to the imperial Parliament to consider whether united Ireland would have control of the customs.

The premier said the bill would contain the clauses protecting the rights of minorities. The postal service would not be transferred, he added, until there was a single parliament in Ireland.

Would Get Part Taxes.
The Government proposed to give the Irish government the advantage of all duties and taxes raised in excess of a fair contribution to the imperial service and a free gift in return to finance the development of the Irish parliament, the premier declared.

It would rest with the Irish people themselves, said Lloyd George, whether they desired union. The consent of the British Parliament would not be required, and in order to offer a greater inducement to union the Government proposed that certain additional taxing powers should be in-

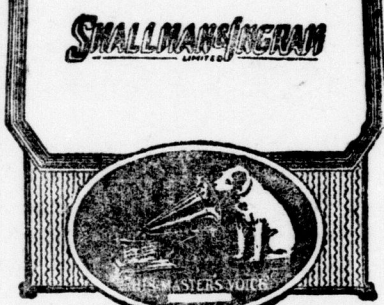
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trusted to the Irish parliament when the union was accomplished. All these proposals, added the premier, would be embodied in the bill for the consideration of the Parliament, and he appealed to all to give the measure a fair consideration. The present, he said, was not the time for recrimination.

Lloyd George, speaking with great deliberation and emphasis, said: "Great Britain cannot accept separation. The people who think Britain can be forced into it have not read the story of the last five years."

Loud cheers greeted this declaration. In an eloquent peroration the premier said: "Wretched Assassins."

"It is always the right time to do the right thing, and Britain can afford now more than ever to take the initiative. No one will now suspect her of conceding weakness. The land that by its power destroyed the greatest military empire in the world will not be suspected of quailing before a band of wretched assassins."

"The world will know that we are entering upon the task prompted by the deep sense of justice which sustained this land through these last years of sacrifice."

The House and galleries were crowded, but it was noticeable that no Nationalist members were present when the premier began his address. Extra precautions had been taken to have guards at all the entrances, and careful scrutiny was exercised in order to prevent possible Sinn Féin disturbances.

Cowardly and Foolish.
The premier characterized the attempt on Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland, as one of the most cowardly and foolish incidents in the history of political crime. He was glad the chiefs of the Catholic Church had hastened to denounce it.

He admitted that plenty of mistakes had been made on both sides; there were also follies and crimes. "But," he added, "we want that chapter closed—not to ask who is to blame, but to set matters right."

The Government's new bill provides, briefly, for the creation of two legislatures in Ireland with full constituent powers to create a single Irish legislature to discharge all powers not specifically reserved to the Imperial Parliament.

What appeared to be a weakness in the Government's proposals was a certain mistiness as to how the boundaries of northeastern Ireland would be settled for legislative purposes. The premier rejected several proposals, first, that the whole of Ulster should form a unit; second, county option; third, that the six northeastern counties should form a single unit—all on the same ground that solid sections of the population would be left under a Government they disliked.

A Possible Contingency.
Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, in the subsequent debate, declined to believe that the bill would prove a success or for the good of Ireland, but he would not give a pronouncement until he had seen it in print. He feared that the Sinn Féin would capture the Parliament and proclaim a republic, and asked what the Government would do then.

Sir Donald McLean said he thought there was no idea of vengeance in the premier's speech, and believed that it was the premier's intention to adopt no more repressive measures in Ireland.

Arthur Henderson said that the Labor party would wait for the report of their mission now investigating conditions in Ireland before arriving at a definite conclusion. But he declared that if the bill passed it could only be regarded as a half-hearted and unsatisfactory compromise.

House Was Interested.
It was an intensely interested House that listened as the premier outlined the Government's proposals for a new attempt to settle the Irish question which he said would be embodied in a bill and presented at the next session of Parliament.

Briefly, the Government's project is to set up two parliaments in Ireland—one for the Catholics in the south, and the other for the Protestants in the north and east, with a council selected from both which it is hoped eventually will bring about a union of the whole country under a single parliament.

The proposed legislatures are promised very extensive powers and ample concessions, while the financial proposals are regarded as generous. Moreover, there are inducements to still further concessions and to a united parliament for the whole country.

The debate following the premier's address and later the opinion expressed in the lobby was somewhat hesitant, the members seeming to desire to see the actual details of the proposed bill before committing themselves.

DE VALERA SUSPICIOUS OF HOME RULE BILL AS OUTLINED BY PREMIER
BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Eamon de Valera, "President of the provisional Irish republic," looks with suspicion upon the new home rule bill outlined by Premier Lloyd George in the British House of Commons today. He expects it will turn out to be only another attempt of British politicians to fool the Irish people, he said here tonight.

"All I can say is that the Irish people have accepted and acted upon the principle of self-determination and have shown that what they want is an independent Irish republic free from the domination of any imperial authority," he said.

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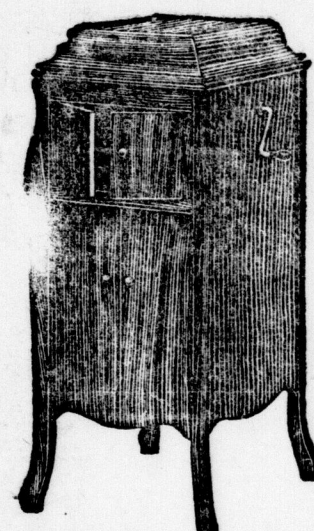
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THE YOUNG PEOPLE CHRISTMAS BANQUET
IN LOCAL CHURCHES AND RED CROSS TREE
ACT AS SANTA CLAUS BYRON SANATORIUM

Christmas Trees For Children's Shelter. Hospital Visiting Committee Spends Afternoon Decorating.

CITY POOR VISITED

Ronald Gray Memorial Home and Preventorium Receive Presents.

The women and young people of the different church organizations in the city are doing a host of delightful things this week. Christmas trees are being held, but usually these are devoid of presents until the hands of little and big donors laden them down to be stripped for other little folks, whom Santa Claus can only find with the help of such generous-hearted people.

Last night the Inasmuch Society of the First Methodist Church made fifty children from the poorer section of the city happy, when they were entertained at the church and introduced to a huge Christmas tree laden with presents. And yesterday, the distribution of Christmas baskets took place. The contents of these baskets were brought by the Sunday school children on Sunday with money amounting to \$100, also to be used in the purchase of Christmas cheer for the poor.

Take Santa Claus to Shelter. The members of the primary department of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school had the time of their young lives yesterday afternoon, when they all piled into motors, having a real live Santa Claus with them, and visited the Ronald Gray Memorial Home and the Children's Shelter. On account of the fact that the Ronald Gray Home is under quarantine, Santa Claus merely called at the door there, leaving a huge pack of presents behind him, the gift of the little ones.

But the best time of all was when the whole gathering of little folks, with Mrs. Nelson George at their head, piled into the Children's Shelter, and watched Santa Claus distribute their gifts among the little boys and girls there.

Another interesting party at St. Andrew's Church yesterday was the Christmas banquet held by the Marion Keith Club in honor of the Y. W. C. A. Polyanna Club.

At the First Presbyterian Church the Service Club had a delightful time providing Christmas presents for the children at the Ronald Gray Memorial Home. To each child they gave a pair of stockings with quantities of candy, nuts, fruit and a toy. The primary department of the Sunday school here brought presents to the school room and placed them on a tree there last Sunday, to be taken to the Children's Shelter. The Young Women's Bible Class is taking charge of some of the needy families of the church and supplying them with Christmas cheer.

At St. Paul's Cathedral there was the Christmas closing of the Junior Auxiliary, under the leadership of Miss Jean Waugh. Here the children were supplied with splendid refreshments.

Baskets for the Poor. Today Miss Clouston, the deaconess, will distribute baskets of Christmas cheer among the poor of the congregation, donations for this having been received from members of the congregation.

At the Cronyn Memorial Church the Girl Guides have been busy making and filling stockings for the children at the "Preventorium." These small girls dressed dolls for the girls at the "Preventorium" and the boys at the actual age and name of the girl she was working for, thus making the work much more interesting. The stockings were taken to the "Preventorium" yesterday. On the Friday after Christmas the girls will have a skating party at Victoria Park and come back to the club for supper. Yesterday some of the men and boys at this church spent a most delightful time gathering evergreens for the decoration of the church on Christmas Day.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Kathleen Robinson of Allie Craig was in town for the freshen's medical dance held on Friday night.

Mrs. O. C. Barrie and her daughter, Miss Millie, have gone to Florida for some time.

Mr. J. D. McPherson of Detroit, Mich., is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother, at 165 Wharfedale road north.

Mr. Maurice Drucker, who is attending McGill Medical School, Montreal, is spending the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. J. Drucker, 446 Ottawa avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mulligan, Lindsay, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Annie Edith Josephine, to Mr. Gordon Lamb of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lamb, St. Thomas, Ont. The marriage will take place late this month.

A unique Christmas dance was held last night by the Western University Literary Society. The rooms at the hotel, which were decorated for the occasion, the whole side of one wall having been transformed into a huge arched brightly glowing by virtue of concealed electric bulbs. And more wonderful than all, there was a gigantic Christmas tree, laden with tinsel and quaint little parcels containing souvenirs of the occasion. The stripping of the tree and revealing of the presents caused a great amount of hilarity. Apparently there are many practical jokers at Western. After the tree had been investigated to the last parcel the evening was spent in dancing.

GOD REST YE, MERRY GENTLEMEN

The following is one of the best-known of old-time Christmas carols. These carols were sung by children, who went from house to house on Christmas Eve, bringing a message of good cheer.

God rest ye, merry gentlemen,
Let us all be well,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Was born on Christmas Day.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All ye who will,
And with true love and brotherhood,
Each other now embrace.
This holy tide of Christmas,
All others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy!
For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Was born on Christmas Day.
—Dinah Mulock Craig

It was time something was done to stop this wild animal from scaring and biting little boys. Rover knew that does were meant to protect their masters, and there was staying at home while Billie was out facing dangers like teachers. After that he would go to school, he resolved.

But would he? Not if Billie knew it, for the very first time Rover started after Billie. He was sent home. "Go back Rover," Billie commanded, and very much surprised, Rover obeyed. Billie had done that to keep him out of danger, Rover thought. It was a bit of good of Billie, and Rover decided to disobey for once.

"Now, children, I am going to read you a history story," Billie's teacher was saying, when the interruption came.

"A dog in school!" a little girl at the back of the room cried out. "Sure enough! It was Rover. He had followed Billie's tracks right into the classroom. Rover didn't look up when the little girl cried out. His fur was all bristled up, for he had come prepared for a fight, and a fight to the death at that. He knew the wild animal they called 'teacher' was around somewhere, and he was longing for a sight of it."

"Please, teacher, that's my dog. He must have followed me," Billie's voice sounded, and Rover pricked up his ears and searched out his master. Billie was safe so far, he thought with a feeling of thankfulness.

"Why it's Rover!" The puppy had heard that voice before. He looked up to the front of the room and spied the speaker. It was the kind lady who always stopped to pat him when she went by Billie's home. What was she doing at school?

"Teacher! Billie had called the kind lady teacher! That's his name," Billie answered. "Teacher! Billie had called the kind lady teacher! That's his name," Billie answered. "Teacher! Billie had called the kind lady teacher! That's his name," Billie answered.

"What a nice subject for our art lesson," the teacher cried. "We'll draw Rover!"

That's how it was Rover stayed all afternoon in school. But he never went back. Billie told him he must never go there again. Rover did not worry though, for he knew Billie would be well looked after by the kind lady they called teacher.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

Angel Cake.
Dear Miss Grey,—This is my first letter to your page. Have read much about your stocking-foot pattern, will you please send it to me? I will inclose stamped envelope with address. Here is a recipe for Angel Cake.
One cup granulated sugar, one cup flour, one cup milk, whites of two eggs, pinch of salt, two heaping teaspoons of baking powder. Heat milk till steaming, then take from stove and put in sugar, stir, and let cool. Sift dry ingredients often, put milk in gradually, then eggs, dust in with flour. Bake 25 minutes. After taking from oven cover with wet cloth, and let stand for one hour.
Ans.—Pleased to mail you the pattern, and thanks for the recipe. Shall be glad to welcome you again.

Bound To Peep.
Dear Miss Grey,—Would you please send me that famous stocking-foot pattern? My toes are bound to stick out, and it is not very comfortable in this zero weather. Am inclosing stamped envelope.
Thanking you in advance. Will try to be of some use next time I call.
TEDDY.
Ans.—Your pattern is flying on its mission to cover up the cold toes.

Just What She Wanted.
Dear Miss Grey,—I also have become interested in your Mail-Box. It is very helpful. The crocheted tam is just what I want. Seven miles to town is a very cold drive in the winter, and a hat is too cold to wear. I go in nearly every Tuesday to take a music lesson.

How do you suppose, Miss Grey, our city friends would like to get up in the morning to find the pumps all frozen. Cows to milk and feed, horses to feed, everything ice cold and work outside the most of the day, instead of being able to walk or take the street car and work eight hours of the day in warm offices or stores? I don't believe they would stay long, do you?

I think this letter is getting too long for the first one.
Inclosed find the words of the song "Till We Meet Again" asked for by Topaz.
I would like to correspond with another girl of sixteen years ago. I am sixteen, and my address will be left with Cynthia Grey. BESSIE.
Ans.—We're glad to have you come with such kind words, Bessie. I'm keeping your splendid recipe for a little later on. Many thanks for your contributions.

Irish as Can Be.
Dear Miss Grey,—I have a lovely set of mink marmot furs, and the fur is coming out. Do you know if it can be fixed? Where?
Would any of the readers like to change readings, also correspond with me?
Say do you know I'm as Irish as I can be, and haven't found anyone to beat me, except the real stuff. I do any of the readers want to know what a "mutt" is—a real "mutt"? It's the biggest joke I know. But it's only a married people. If you really want to know, I'll tell you in my next letter. For I'm going to come and see you. Who do you suppose it is? KELLY.
Ans.—Would advise you to see a first-class furrier in your nearest city, Kelly. Yes, please come often.

Bulletin.
Patterns have been mailed to One of our Readers, M. A. Mc Betty, E. D. Busy Mother, Mrs. J. H. P. and M. Mc—Cynthia Grey.

Grateful Pussy Cat.
Dear Miss Grey,—Received your recollections yesterday. I am delighted with them, also the stocking-foot pattern. Mother thinks it's fine. I will cut some out and send them later, but I haven't time today.
Would you please print recipe for eggless cocoa cake, which appeared some days ago? I lost mine.
I would like to correspond with Lover of Fifteen in Trouble—is that the right name? I haven't any such pattern, but I would just like to write to her, as I know of no one else.

Ans.—As our space is rather restricted at present, and the above recipe appeared recently, shall have copy mailed to you.

Wild, Woolly West.
Dear Miss Grey,—I am visiting Komoeka and have seen in the paper quite a lot of letters and requests for the stocking-foot pattern. I would very much like to have same to take back to my mother, Woolly West. Thanking you in anticipation, I am
WILD WEST.

Ans.—Pattern mailed you at once. Wild West, and we hope you will appreciate the directions for crocheted tam, and supply directions for a crocheted tam or slippers, and in the meantime you will find inclosed stamped envelope thinking I could make use of the stocking-foot pattern if there are any left by this time. Thanking you.

A Caller.
Although a silent reader of your page, I find it quite helpful, and could supply directions for a crocheted tam or slippers, and in the meantime you will find inclosed stamped envelope thinking I could make use of the stocking-foot pattern if there are any left by this time. Thanking you.

Ans.—I am sure we would appreciate the directions for crocheted slippers, as these have not been suggested to the Boxites for some time at least. There was a pattern just for you. Call again.

Mother of Five.
Dear Miss Grey,—I thought I would number myself as one of your correspondents and ask for that much-wanted stocking-foot pattern, for which I inclose stamped envelope. I think I can make good use of it, as I have no other. Look after. Will close for this time. I take much pleasure in reading Miss Grey's page. I will sign myself
MOTHER OF FIVE.

Ans.—Pattern mailed with pleasure. When you are not too busy come again.

A Suggestion.
Dear Miss Grey,—You certainly are kept busy putting stocking-foot patterns. No, I'm not wanting one, but I have been wondering if you could have one, about the size of the actual size, put in the paper, if it wouldn't save you a lot of trouble. Surely anyone could cut it if the size they wanted it. But perhaps it would take up too much space in the paper.

2 Is "The Revelations of a Wife" finished?
Do you know if dressmakers pay apprentices for them to live on? Wishing you all the season's greetings.
TATTER.

Ans.—Your kind suggestion would be quite possible, Tatter, but as we are pleased to make new friends, even over so humble a request as a stocking-foot pattern, a friend was telling me today, though, that it is a very simple matter to cut a pattern from the foot of a new pair of hose. "Revelations of a Wife" has been discontinued for a time at least. The amount paid to dressmakers' apprentices is not a living wage until after some months' experience.

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Wealthy people feel a kind of wicked delight in comparing ourselves with our less healthy friends. I have been sharply taken to task by readers for betraying some such feeling in remarks in this column. Yet a fellow is entitled to gloat over his health some. People with wealth always congratulate themselves for it, don't they? They do, only they do not like to admit it. Health is a greater prize than wealth. The stigma attached to epilepsy in



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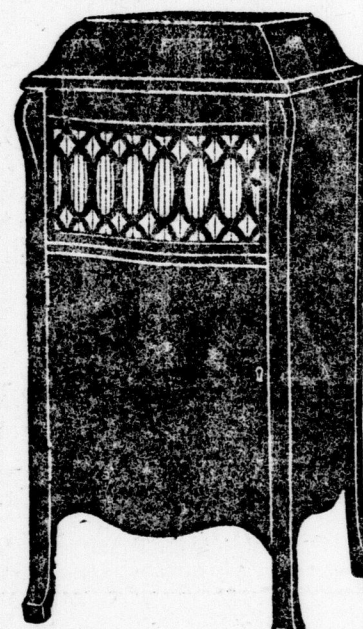
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Dr. Brady will answer all signed letters pertaining to health. Writers' names are never printed. Only inquiries of general interest are answered in this column, but all letters will be answered by mail if written in ink and a stamped, self-addressed envelope is inclosed. Requests for diagnosis or treatment of individual cases cannot be considered. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this paper.

We Minor Epileptics.

The popular mind is an instance. So few of us epileptics realize that we belong. Let's take inventory and see how many of us are epileptics unknown. Of course, one with major epilepsy, attacks of convulsions and loss of consciousness, realizes there must be something the matter. But hundreds of individuals have minor epilepsy (petit mal) without realizing that there is anything much the matter. Here is a list of the various manifestations of minor epilepsy as described by

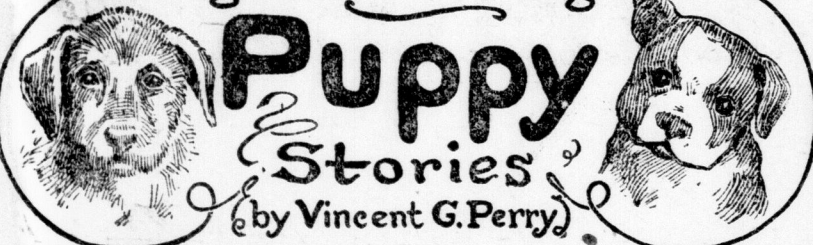
Gowers:
1. Sudden momentary unconsciousness, or "fainting," or "sleepiness," without warning.
2. Giddiness.
3. Jerks or starts of the limbs, trunk or head.
4. Visual sensations of various kinds, or momentary loss of vision with no apparent cause.
5. Sudden sense of fear without reason; other sudden unreasonable mental states.
6. One-sided sensations of a peculiar character recurring irregularly in arm or leg or trunk.
7. Strange periodical sensations in the region of the stomach.
8. Sudden unexplained tremor.
9. Peculiar periodical sensations in both hands.
10. Sudden unexplained pain or peculiar sensation about the head at irregular intervals through the year.
11. Choking sensation in the throat.
12. Sudden scream for no apparent reason.
13. Strange sensation in smell.
14. Strange feeling about the heart recurring at long, irregular intervals without discoverable cause.
15. Strange sensation in nose and eyeballs.
16. Periodic recurrence of a feeling of difficulty in breathing.
17. Various general indescribable sensations.

Now, then, well folks, mull this list over and see whether you are a minor epileptic. Few of us can worry through life without having a "touch" of epilepsy, after all.

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WHEN ROVER WENT TO SCHOOL.

Rover was nine months old. When a colic dog nine months old has reached his time of wisdom, that's what Rover thought, anyway. Of course Rover didn't pretend to be nearly as wise as Billie, that's why Rover was surprised when he heard what schools were for, because Billie went to school.

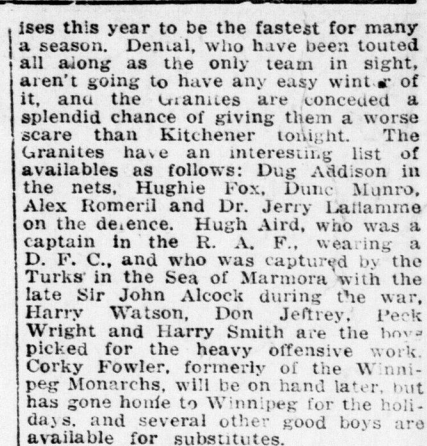
"Billie is learning fast in school," he had heard Billie's mother say, and that set Rover thinking about school and wondering what it was like. Billie was a "Preventorium" something fierce," he had heard Sammy Brown tell Teddy Bings. "Our teacher's a wild cat, nearly hit my head off today for doing nothing."

Billie had never heard of teachers before. They were some sort of wild animal, he guessed, but what Sammy Brown had said, how uneasy that thought made Rover. What if his young master Billie had his head bitten

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BREATHE DEEPLY,
THEN LISTEN FOR
THAT BRONCHIAL WHEEZE

BY BUD FISHER



Glencoe defeated Watford last night on their own ice, which shows that Glencoe can still be depended upon to produce a few hockey players each year. This year they will have a new rink, which ought to be an added incentive.

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STRATFORD HOLDS WELLAND SEXTET TO 5-5 SCORE

**Classic City Mixed Team,
Mostly Juniors, and Fans
Are Pleased With
Prospects.**

STRATFORD, Dec. 28.—In the first hockey game of the season played here tonight a local team held the fast Welland intermediate sextet to a 5 to 5 tie. Stratford fans were delighted with the showing made by the locals for the most part juniors, and are confident that they will go a long way

Wellsland—Goal, Strome; right defence, Schlegel; left defence, Joneses; centre, Foullis; right wing, Herbert; left wing, Sanderson; subs., Burmiston and Whalley.

Stratford—Goal, Malone; right defence, Joneses; left defence, Joneses; centre, Foullis; right wing, Herbert; left wing, Sanderson; subs., Burmiston and Whalley.

HOCKEY NOTES

Goldie Prodger, the local star, who thus far this season has resisted the lure of the professional game and rather fetching offers, figures in the first trade of the N. H. A. Saturday he was traded to Canadiens for Carpenter, who formerly played with Seattle and Toronto.

Prodger had some very good offer from Quinn, and it is believed the Quebec manager had not given up hope of attracting "the streak" until Saturday when he suddenly came to the conclusion that it wasn't any use.

THE N. H. A. opens tonight with new St. Patrick's of Toronto up at Ottawa. Just how the new Quebec City aggregation will look up against veterans figuring on the Ottawa line-up will probably determine the class of the league this year and the class of the Toronto outfit. The Toronto line-up is Mitchell and Lockhart, goalies Randall, Cameron and Hefferman, defence; Wilson, Dennenay, Noble and



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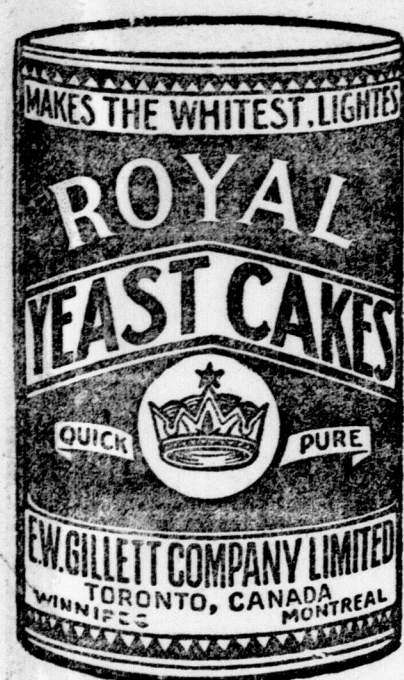
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NORMA TALMADGE AND EUGENE O'BRIEN AT THEIR BEST IN A PHOTOPLAY OF SOCIETY LIFE

"By Right of Purchase" Delights Patrons At Popular Theatre—Elliott Dexter and Lila Lee in Special Matinee Feature "A Daughter of the Wolf."

Norma Talmadge and Eugene O'Brien delighted audiences at the Majestic Theatre yesterday in a splendid photoplay, "By Right of Purchase." "By Right of Purchase" is a highly dramatic photoplay of metropolitan society life in which the heroine, Margaret Hughes, married Chadwick Hines solely for his money, despite her infatuation with Dick Werwent, a handsome playmate. Hines loves her passionately, but it takes many months and much suffering before Margaret works out her salvation, and finds that she truly loves the man to whom she thought she loved only by right of purchase. A stirring photoplay with a punch and replete with heart interest.

"By Right of Purchase" deals with the most exclusive fashionable life of New York, and Miss Talmadge portrays the role of a society butterfly who marries a millionaire solely for his money, but later comes to realize his love for her, and to cherish real affection for him too.

Although this popular star is always distinguished for the number and beauty of the gowns worn by her in her screen productions, her costumes and wraps for "By Right of Purchase" surpass even her own high record in this regard. Their cost runs well over the four figure mark.

Eugene O'Brien, who was with Miss Talmadge in "Poppy," "The Moth," and "Ghosts of Yesterday," left the cast of "The Country Cousin," the popular Broadway production, to appear in "Ghosts of Yesterday," which has a long

career on the stage and screen, and is a noted character actress. William Courtleigh, Jun., is a son of the popular actor; Charles Wellesley will be remembered principally for his excellent performance in "Redemption"; Florence B. Hillings is a talented screen actress of considerable experience.

With such a sterling cast, and with a sumptuous production, Norma Talmadge adds new laurels to her crown of artistic achievement in "By Right of Purchase."

The double matinee program at the Majestic again today and Wednesday includes "By Right of Purchase" and "A Daughter of the Wolf," featuring Elliott Dexter and Lila Lee.

The story, which is filled with thrills and rapid-fire action of the greatest kind, is a story of a woman who is sold into slavery by her father, and who later saves her sweetheart from death at their hands and then witnesses the slaying of her own father in a fight with revenue officers as well as affords the star a remarkable opportunity for emotional acting.

Miss Lee is presented in the role of the motherless daughter of Wolf Ainsworth, leader of the band of smugglers. On her first trip to the city across the border she falls in love with a young man whom her father and his accomplices suspect as being a revenue spy.

How she later saves her sweetheart from death at their hands and then witnesses the slaying of her own father in a fight with revenue officers as well as affords the star a remarkable opportunity for emotional acting.

Under the conditions that have prevailed during the past year, this achievement is nothing short of remarkable and must be attributed to the business producing organization which the Royal Bank has built up with its system of over 600 branches. To shareholders there will come a still more gratifying realization of what may be expected during the next few years.

Growth of Assets.
An examination of the general statement of assets and liabilities shows that total assets now stand at \$533,647,084, being up from \$427,512,982 at the end of the last fiscal year. Of this amount liquid assets total \$273,908,862, against \$224,982,088, while loans and discounts have gained to \$233,834,879, as compared with \$183,748,392 a year ago.

The benefit the Royal Bank's branch system has been in building up a close relationship with the public is reflected by the very large gains in deposits. Total deposits now stand at \$119,121,399, as compared with \$119,121,399, of this amount deposits bearing interest amount to \$25,463,169, up from \$19,748,439, and deposits not bearing interest \$13,556,229, as compared with \$13,556,229.

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With the total profits added to the balance of Profit and Loss brought forward, the amount available for distribution this year is \$3,559,021. Of this amount \$1,566,196 was paid in regular dividends, \$340,000 as a bonus of 2 per cent to shareholders to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Bank, \$100,000 transferred to Officers' Pension Fund, \$400,000 written off Bank Premiums Account, and \$156,406 War Tax on Bank Note Circulation, leaving \$1,092,418, as compared with \$535,727 at the end of the previous year.

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The Royal Bank of Canada is out with an Annual Statement that will, in many respects, be regarded as the most notable it has ever forwarded to its shareholders.

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Policemen Held Prisoners by a Youthful "Gang"
Kiddies Lock 32 Policemen in Station When Refused Tickets to Celebration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Thirty-two New York policemen, including a captain and a lieutenant, were locked up in the East 51st Street Station tonight by a small boy, who refused to give a ticket to a Christmas celebration at the precinct allotment had been exhausted. The boy, who brought his "gang" to get tickets, refused to leave until curfew ordered to "get out."

"All right, we'll get out, but you won't," yelled the boy, who was last to leave. He swung the door to and bolted it from the outside. The policeman was summoned by telephone, and after laboring an hour finally cut down the door and found a crowd of a 100 children sang and danced in glee over the discomfiture of their prisoners.

Hope To Release M.S. Offenders by Christmas
But Some Doubt Expressed As To Possibility of Notifying Officials.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—It is the desire of the authorities that offenders under the military service act, at present in confinement, who have been pardoned by virtue of the proclamation issued today, should be released before Christmas. An official of the state department expressed some doubts as to whether it would be possible to the country in time to reach all officers of the law who would have authority to release prisoners pardoned by the proclamation. He expressed the hope that if this should not be done, sheriffs and police officers would be empowered to carry out the proclamation would do so.

The proclamation which was issued today provides that offenders undergoing imprisonment for offences against the military service act, against the Canada punishment for desertion, or for service or for offences committed in connection with the military service, may be discharged, that pending prosecutions for such offences may be stayed and that all offences heretofore committed shall be generally pardoned.

RESORTS—ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.
THE SALT BREATH OF THE SEA BRINGS HEALTH.
GALEN HALL
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A particularly attractive, modern hotel with all the usual and some unique features. Offers hospitality and comfort, excellent cuisine, good music, golf privileges. Extensive system of tonic and curative baths.

VISCOUNT FRENCH'S ESCAPE WAS DUE TO SPEED OF MOTOR CAR

Bombs Hurlled At Auto Hit Next Behind It.

INQUEST IS CONCLUDED

Jury Finds Lord-Lieutenant's Assailant Killed by Military Escort.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—The state's attorney gave details of the attempt to assassinate Viscount French, lord-lieutenant of Ireland, when the inquest over the body of Savage, the young grocer's clerk who was shot and killed while running from the scene of the attempt, was resumed here today.

The first car, carrying Viscount French, pushed quickly by the spot from which the shots were fired, the testimony developed, two bombs being hurled in quick succession. Both of them struck a second car which was empty, the second bomb exploding inside the vehicle. Sergeant Rumble, who was a member of the escorting party, was said by the state's attorney to have fired and killed Savage while the latter was in the act of throwing a bomb. Neither of the automobiles was armored, the testimony showed.

The state's attorney said that Savage had participated in the rebellion of Easter Sunday, 1916, in Ireland, and that later he was removed to England.

The jury rendered a verdict late this afternoon in which it said that Savage met his death by a bullet fired by the military escort.

A rider to the verdict expressed sympathy with the relatives of the dead man.

The state's attorney said that seven bomb holes were found in the road. Bullets hailed around the men on the cars, and they had wonderful escapes. The vicerey's escape, the attorney declared, could be attributed to the presence of Constable Loughlin and the great speed of the motor car, which was not anticipated by Viscount French's assailants. The attorney suggested that the jury find Sergeant Rumble committed justifiable homicide.

An Open Letter to Those Citizens Whose Property We Require:

In asking the ratepayers of the city of London to grant the sum of \$300,000 in thirty-year debentures for the extension of the fair grounds, we realize that you, the people now occupying houses as owners or tenants on the property required, are deserving of every consideration, and that first of all a frank explanation is coming to you.

Let it be known at once that the movement to acquire the property to the east of the present grounds is no high-handed attempt at land-snatching and in no sense an arbitrary piece of business. It is a carefully-considered plan to save the present great opportunity to build up the Western Fair. You are aware that in the last few years the exhibition has grown beyond the hopes and dreams of those citizens who devote their time and energy to its affairs without remuneration or reward. Because of these favorable, and in another respect, serious developments, the exhibition has found its capacity to care for visitors and exhibitors strained to such a point that the fences almost bulge out during the big September rush.

Our attendance for the 1919 exhibition was 175,000 persons, and in the centre of the racetrack alone more than 2,300 motor cars were parked. You who live in the eastern section of the city are well aware of the congestion existing and must realize that it is necessary to secure more ground space at the earliest possible moment.

Scores of exhibitors were turned away last year. Carloads of machinery, valuable horses, agricultural displays, booths and amusement attractions could not be accommodated in the grounds, and hundreds of people who came to the fair under heavy expense went away disappointed if not disgruntled. We have the alternative of expanding at once or losing more exhibitors year by year, with the prospect of little enjoyment for the thousands who come to the city each year. In a few years our directors believe we would be forced to close up the exhibition in the face of competition that would quickly spring up in nearby places. There are ambitious cities all about us, and we have heard that more than one of them has big fair plans in its town-building program.

We cannot load up our buildings and equipment like a circus and move away over night to some other site. We are here to stay, and until citizens are willing to undertake exhibition expenditures on a large scale, running up to and beyond a million dollars, we cannot move to another location, although there is not one director who would not welcome the opportunity to do his part in rebuilding the Fair on a new and bigger plan. It is a case of enormous outlay or expansion on the present site.

Please consider our position as to possible expansion:

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We want your co-operation. We do not wish to inflict any hardship on any one. We hope you will profit by striking a bargain with your own city, and, if you occupy a home that is movable, we will sell you back the house at a most reasonable figure, as we do not require the buildings after having paid you a good price. If your house is of brick construction you will be able to secure the material and labor anew at a small cost. We feel that we owe that to you, and it is fair. We will endeavor to adjust our expansion, so that you will have no cause for complaint.

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Yours for civic teamwork,

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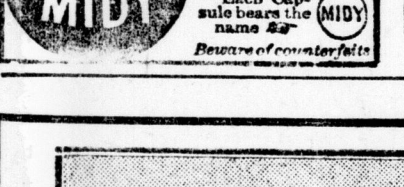
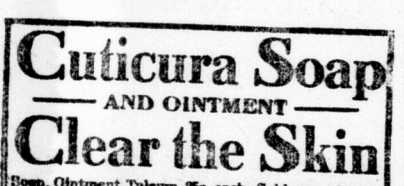
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Club Bags, ladies' or gents'...\$4 to \$75

Suit Cases, ladies' and gents'...\$1.50 to \$50

Club Bags, genuine alligator...\$5 to \$87

Box Trunks...\$4 to \$35

Steamer Trunks...\$5 to \$25

Steamer Wardrobes...\$20 to \$50

3/4 Wardrobes...\$35 to \$75

Sole Leather Trunks...\$100 to \$150

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A Gift To Do the Washing

Why not give her something that will make the work of the house easier for her? No matter whether she does the washing herself or has someone do it for her, an electric washing machine will lighten the cares of wash day.

What present could be more appreciated by a woman? This wonderful invention not alone washes the clothes and washes them clean, but it also wrings them in its power-driven wringer, and the cost in electricity is only one cent for an average washing.

No woman should be allowed to toil and slave over the wash tub when an electric washer is within her grasp. You can have a demonstration in your own home, or at the Hydro Shop, and you can pay for the machine by easy installments if you so desire.

The price is moderate for the work it does. Give her one for Christmas and watch her smile every time wash day comes around.

An Ideal Present



That Does the Work

Electric Irons for Christmas

The electric iron makes ironing a pleasure. No trouble to heat the iron, no standing over a hot stove. Hydro does the trick, and the cost in electricity is too trifling to consider.

The iron itself is cheap enough, and it will add to the comforts of the home and make life easier for the woman of the house.

If she already has an iron there are scores of other articles at the Hydro Shop which she will take pleasure and comfort out of.

A toaster makes an ideal present. A percolator to make the tea or the coffee is sure to please.

The Hydro Shop has also a fetching line of grills, chafing dishes, etc.

Call at the Hydro Shop and see the electric ovens and hundreds of other articles which any woman can and will appreciate.

Let the Hoover Do the Sweeping

Keeping the house clean is child's play when she has a Hoover Vacuum Cleaner. It beats as it sweeps as its cleans. No dirt or lint on the rugs or carpets. A real gift for Christmas.



Beautiful Lamps Make Artistic Christmas Presents

The display of electric lamps is something that stately noor and parlor lamps. The shades nothing surpasses an electric lamp. If you are looking for her, then your choice is here. We have the largest assortment in Ontario.

Hydro Shop is distinctly proud of. They range from dainty little boudoir lamps to the peak taste and beauty. The price will fit your pocketbook. As a decoration for the home looking for something for him, get him one for his desk. Or if you are looking for some- the largest assortment in Ontario.



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STRIKE TRIAL WILL BE CONCLUDED NOW BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Counsel for Defendant Abruptly Closes Case.

VERDICT WEDNESDAY

Judge Will Charge Jury Wednesday Morning—Everyone Relieved.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.—Abrupt termination of the defence case in the trial of R. B. Russell was unexpectedly announced today by Robert Cassidy, K.C., senior counsel for the defence, on the conclusion of the examination of Hon. Thomas Johnson, attorney-general of Manitoba. The evidence of this witness completed the defence and at 3 p.m. Mr. Cassidy commenced his address to the jury.

A. J. Andrews, K.C., senior counsel for the crown, will address the jury Tuesday, leaving Wednesday morning for Mr. Justice Metcalfe to make his charge to the jury. Mr. Justice Metcalfe said that the verdict could be brought in on Wednesday afternoon and the jury could get away for Christmas.

At a point where the jury, the judge, counsel, and all the officials connected with the trial were resigned to the apparent fact that there was no possibility of conclusion before Christmas, Mr. Cassidy started the court when he said: "My lord, the defence cannot proceed further. There are many considerations that prompt us not to do so. We do not get along very well (referring to the judge) and still other considerations at this time are yours and the jury. The defence closes its case and I will go on with my charge to the jury."

This statement brought a smile to the face of every juror. The tension of the court relaxed, the severe nervous pitch at which the accused and the jurymen, the counsel and all connected with the court had been under throughout the proceedings, suddenly disappeared and the court, which had heard so many gravely spoken words and impassionate utterances, echoed with sudden spontaneous laughter.

Exactly twenty-five and one-half days were taken up in hearing the evidence for the crown and the defence, approximately 600,000 words were spoken and taken down by the court reporter. The seventeenth exhibit was put in by the crown today. One hundred and forty-three witnesses were called.

WORLD CEREAL CROP SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN THAT OF 1913

Wheat Production Drops 163,347,000 Bushels.

MORE POTATOES GROWN

More Than Fifty Per Cent More Than Last Year, and Above the Average.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—A cablegram received from the International Institute at Rome gives the following official crop reports:

The total production of wheat in 1913 in Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, India, Japan, Algeria, and Tunis is 2,074,753,000 bushels, against 2,238,100,000 bushels in the same countries in 1913 and 2,100,000,000, their average annual production in the five years 1913-1917.

The production of rye in Denmark, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is 352,000,000 bushels, against 380,500,000 bushels in 1913 and a five-year average of 350,500,000 bushels.

The production of barley in Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Japan, Algeria, and Tunis is 598,000,000 bushels, against 578,000,000 bushels in 1913 and a five-year average of 602,000,000 bushels.

The production of oats in the same countries is 2,024,340,000 bushels, against 2,402,000,000 in 1913 and a five-year average of 2,333,000,000 bushels.

The production of corn in Spain, Italy, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is 3,126,194,000 bushels, against 2,723,000,000 in 1913 and a five-year average of 2,925,000,000 bushels.

The production of potatoes in England and Wales, Scotland, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is 752,638,000 bushels, against 500,800,000 in 1913 and a five-year average of 755,800,000 bushels.

The production of flaxseed in Italy, Rumania, Canada, United States, India and Japan is 25,340,000 bushels, against 42,700,000 bushels in 1913 and a five-year average of 42,500,000 bushels.

LIBERTY LEAGUE AND G. W. V. A. MAY BACK SLATE AT INGERSOLL

INGERSOLL, Dec. 22.—Various forces are already active in connection with the municipal elections, and a lively contest is predicted. Interest is increased because of the stand which, it is stated, the Liberty League, the Great War Veterans' Association, and the Machinists' Union will take in the campaign.

While it has been stated that the three organizations have united in the selection of a slate the fact could not be established that the G. W. V. A. had made an official announcement. It, however, has been stated that the Liberty League and the Machinists' Union have decided to support James Henderson, a member of the council, for the mayoralty, and James Ferguson for the council.

The name of Councillor S. A. Gibson has been freely mentioned, regarding the mayoralty, but he has made no statement.

Aid to Austria Possible Only If U.S. Helps

Earl Curzon Says Britain and U. S. Have Agreed On Conditions.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Replying to a question by Viscount Bryce in the House of Lords today concerning the assistance to Austria, Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, declared that no great scheme was possible without the help of the United States. Great Britain and France had proposed, and the United States had agreed, that they retain Austrian securities now held as a guarantee of payment of purchases of food for Austria, he said, and America was to have the great pictures now held in Austria as her security.

NO PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY U. S. GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 22.—The American Government has received no proposal that the United States join with Great Britain and France in furnishing assistance to Austria.

Officials of the state department, however, suggested that the suggestion may have been broached to Ambassador Wallace at Paris, who was referring it to Washington.

ONLY TEN DESERTERS IN LONDON DISTRICT

Numbers Run Into Thousands in All Other Military Districts.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The number of deserters under the military service act who are still at large and who will be pardoned by the proclamation of amnesty for military offenders is believed to be 15,000. The figures for the eastern military districts, which were the only ones available today, are 12,365.

The number of apprehended deserters in the various eastern districts follows:

1 (London), 10; 2 (Toronto), 1,387; 3 (Ottawa-Kingston), 1,378; 4 (Montreal), 3,981; 5 (Quebec), 3,242; 6 (Nova Scotia), 1,845; 7 (New Brunswick), 167. Total, 12,365.

The total number of apprehended deserters (men who have been imprisoned or fined) in the same districts is 13,143.

COULD NOT DUPLICATE THE PATRIOTIC FUND

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—"It would be impossible for the Government to build up an organization equal to yours within the very limited period that will elapse before demands are made for assistance," says Sir Robert Borden in a letter to W. F. Nickle, K.C., honorary secretary of the patriotic fund, relative to the handling over to that organization of the federal emergency fund for the relief of unemployed ex-members of the forces.

\$57,473 FOR ONTARIO TO FIGHT VENERAL

Order-in-Council Provides For Distribution of \$200,000 Fund.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The federal department of health announces that an order-in-council has just been passed providing for the distribution of the federal grant of \$200,000, which was placed at the disposal of the federal department of health for combating venereal diseases in co-operation with the provinces. Of this sum \$180,000 will now be distributed to the provinces of the Dominion on a population basis, which gives Ontario \$57,473.88. It is further provided in the order-in-council that payments to the provinces be made in two equal amounts: The first payment on application of the government of the respective provinces submitting a satisfactory outline of its venereal disease campaign and undertaking to provide and expend out of its own moneys an equal amount, at least, on this work; the second payment to be made six months after the first, if the federal department of health is satisfied that satisfactory work is being done by the provinces concerned in carrying out the campaign.

TWO ELEVATORS BURNED. EDMONTON, Alb., Dec. 22.—Two large grain elevators on the south side, belonging to the Western Canada Flour Mills Company, went up in smoke and flames this morning. The loss may amount to \$150,000.

YELLOW FEVER SOON WILL BE WIPED OUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Yellow fever will be wiped off the earth within five years, it was asserted today by Dr. T. C. Lyster, chairman of the Yellow Fever Commission, which went to Peru and Ecuador in 1913, upon his arrival here from Havana. Already the disease has been eradicated from Central America, he said, although it still lingers in Southern Mexico and a portion of Brazil.

Dr. Lyster warmly praised Dr. Hideo Noguchi, who was reported last month as having succeeded in isolating in Gray's the microorganism of yellow fever. Dr. Lyster stated that Dr. Noguchi had discovered also that the steegomyia mosquito was the only means of transmitting the disease.

A serum to combat the fever has been used with excellent effect, Dr. Lyster said.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR IS OPTIMISTIC OF SUCCESS

Says Trip to Paris Productive of Extremely Valuable Results.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The visit to Paris by Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor, was productive of extremely valuable results, he declared to the Assembly here today, in reporting upon the outcome of his mission to seek aid for Austria from the Allies.

"From a political point of view my trip to Paris was a complete success," said the chancellor, "in this sense—that a bridge was thrown over the chasm caused by the war which heretofore had prevented verbal negotiations between the former enemies."

"From a purely material point of view, my trip was simply a prelude to a complete success."

For Chest Colds and Croup. Colds in the Neck, Spasmodic Croup and any congestion, inflammation or pain caused from Colds, use Grove's Golden Pectoral. It Opens the Passages and Penetrates the Skin. Its Stimulating and Healing Effect soon gives relief, soothes the throat, and if your Druggist hasn't any, send for postage stamps to Paris Medicine Company, 193 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, and a full-size box will be mailed to you promptly.

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Street Railway Service Today ---and in the Future

Street railway service, like everything else, is rated "Good" or "Bad," according as it stands comparison. How has the London Street Railway looked after the interests of the people of London?

London with 36 miles of track has a mile for every 1,611 of its population. If London mileage were based on Hamilton standards the street railway system, instead of comprising 36 miles, would be a stunted thing of but 19 miles. And if Toronto standards prevailed here there would be but 14 miles of car lines.

Figure it out for yourself:

	Miles of track.	Pop.	Pop. per mile.
LONDON	36	58,000	1,611
HAMILTON	33	100,000	3,030
TORONTO	119	473,800	3,983

Hamilton is regularly served by 52 cars; London by 39. On London's standards Hamilton would have 70; on Hamilton's standards London would be cut down to 29 cars.

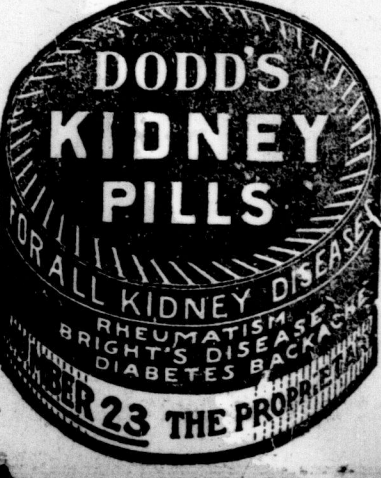
A street railway system up on its toes, growing to give a lead to the city's expansion is as necessary to prosperity as a down-at-the-heel, bankrupt road is fatal to advancement. For the sake of fair wages, civic pride and fair play

Vote "Yes" on the Fares Bylaw

INDORSED BY THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Take One

Interesting information on the street railway situation is given in "Street Railway Service," a bright little publication of interest to every passenger. "Take One" the next time you are on a car.



Colds Cause Headaches and Pains.

Feverish Headaches and Body Pains caused from a cold are soon relieved by taking LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on the box; 30c.



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FINANCIAL, MARKET AND COMMERCIAL SECTION

THE LOCAL MARKET

Except for a one-cent rise in the price of turkeys and geese per pound, the quotations of Monday and today were the same on the local market.

Many loads of Christmas trees were offered at prices varying according to the size of the tree.

Butter and eggs were firm.

New milk, per cwt., \$2.90 to \$3.00

Butter, per lb., 1.00 to 1.02

Wheat, per bu., 1.30 to 1.32

Barley, per bu., 1.34 to 1.36

Vegetables, per dozen 1.00 to 2.00

Carrots, per doz., 5 to 15

Potatoes, per bag 2.50 to 3.00

Wholemeal, each 2.75 to 3.00

Potatoes, per peck, 50 to 60

Onions, per doz., 40 to 50

Parasol, per doz., 40 to 50

Sauce, savory, doz., 40 to 50

Green onions, per bu., 1.00 to 1.50

Dry onions, per bu., 3.00 to 4.00

Onions, per peck, 1.00 to 1.50

Onions, per doz., 40 to 50

Carrots, per bu., 1.25 to 1.50

Winter radishes, per doz., 40 to 50

Hubbard squash, 15 to 25

Pumpkins, each 1.00 to 1.50

Onions, per doz., 40 to 50

Celery, per doz., 40 to 50

Turnips, per doz., 40 to 50

Chitons, each 1.00 to 1.50

Fruit

Apples, uncracked, bbl 5.00 to 6.00

Apples, domestic, bbl 5.00 to 6.00

Apples, No. 1, bbl., 6.00 to 7.00

Apples, per peck, 30 to 40

Apples, per bu., 1.50 to 2.25

Hay, per ton, 27.00 to 28.00

Straw, per ton, 12.00 to 13.00

Dairy products, Retail

Butter, creamery, lb., 70 to 72

Butter, dairy, lb., 68 to 70

Eggs, per doz., 30 to 35

Onions, strictly fresh, 90 to 1.00

Honey, extracted, 5-lb., 1.50 to 1.60

Phils., Wholesale

Dairy Products, Wholesale

Butter, creamery, lb., 68 to 69

Butter, dairy lb. rolls, 65 to 66

Butter, crocks lb., 65 to 66

Eggs, fresh, wholesale, 85 to 86

Eggs, crate lots, doz., 75 to 76

Peas, dried, Retail

Ducks, each, 1.25 to 1.30

Chickens, each, 50 to 55

Chickens, retail, lb., 30 to 35

Turkeys, whole, 50 to 55

Turkeys, retail, lb., 30 to 35

Geese, per lb., 32 to 34

Live Poultry

Ducks, per lb., 32 to 34

Old fowl, per lb., 15 to 18

Spring chickens, lb., 20 to 22

Turkeys, per lb., 45 to 48

Geese, per lb., 22 to 25

Fat sows, per cwt., 11.00 to 12.00

Small pigs, pair, 4.00 to 5.00

Hogs, alive, cwt., 15.00 to 16.00

Hogs, whole, cwt., 15.00 to 16.00

Meats, Wholesale, Cwt.

Dressed pork, quarter, 24 to 25

Pork, whole, 22 to 23

Veal, per cwt., 25.00 to 27.00

Beef, per cwt., 12.00 to 13.00

Heifer beef, cwt., 16.00 to 18.00

Mutton, per cwt., 16.00 to 18.00

Green lamb, cwt., 22.00 to 25.00

Rabbits, dressed, per pair, 50 to 55

Cow hides, No. 1, 24 to 25

Cow hides, No. 2, 24 to 25

Low hides, No. 1, 24 to 25

Calves, No. 1, 24 to 25

Calves, No. 2, 24 to 25

Sheep, No. 1, 24 to 25

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Chicago, Dec. 22.—Hogs—Receipts,

13,000; low, bulk, \$12.25 to \$13.00; top,

\$13.50; heavy, \$12.25 to \$13.00; medium,

\$12.50 to \$13.25; light, \$12.25 to \$13.00;

lights, \$12.25 to \$13.25; heavy packing

sows, smooth, \$12.25 to \$13.25; packing

sows, rough, \$12.25 to \$13.25; pigs, \$12.25

Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; firm; beef

steers, medium and heavy weight,

choice, \$11.25 to \$11.75; medium and

choice, \$11.25 to \$11.75; common, \$10.75

11.25; light, good and choice, \$14.00; com-

mon and medium, \$14.00; heavy, \$12.50;

heifers, \$6.50 to \$14.50; cows, \$6.50 to \$12.50;

canners and cutters, \$5.25 to \$12.50; veal

choice and firm, \$12.50 to \$13.25; \$7.75 to

12.25; stocker steers, \$6.50 to \$12.50;

Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; strong;

choice, \$15.00 to \$15.50; medium and good,

\$11.50 to \$12.50; ewes, medium and good,

\$10.25 to \$11.25; culs to common, \$4.50 to \$7.75.

GRAIN

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Oats opened 4

higher for December at 92c; May open

at 91c; July 90c; 92c; 94c; 96c; 98c; 100c;

Barley opened 5c higher for May at

\$1.02 1/2.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Opening: Oats—

December, 82 1/2c; May, 82 1/2c; July, 82 1/2c;

the price today at 82 1/2c; Corn advanced in

the market, but the price today at 10 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 10 3/4c;

the price today at 10 3/4c; Wheat advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Barley advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Rye advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Clover advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Alfalfa advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Hay advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Straw advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Wood advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Coal advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Oil advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Gas advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Electricity advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

an unusually big volume of business was

done, and the price advanced to 1 3/4c;

the price today at 1 3/4c; Water advanced

in the market, and the price today at 1 1/2c;

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

RESTORATION OF PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, DEC. 23, 1919.

Normal passenger train service, which was temporarily reduced due to coal shortage, will be resumed.

For full particulars, apply to agents.

Dec. 23, 1919.

CANADIAN PACIFIC WILL ONLY WITHDRAW THE "TRANS-CANADA"

Owing to improvement in the coal situation, the alterations in train service and the temporary withdrawal of the "Trans-Canada," which will be temporarily withdrawn after Dec. 31. Particulars from ticket agents or H. J. McCallum, city passenger agent, London.

Have You Ordered?



Your Christmas Cheer cannot be complete without Carling's Celebrated Beverages.

Carling's famous beverages are DIFFERENT. They are recognized as having that body and exquisite flavor of malt and hops so lacking in other brands.

We guarantee the superiority of our beverages and ask you to try them in your home.

Your guests expect Carling's.

PRICE

1 case, 2 dozen pints, Ale, Porter or Canada Club Lager, delivered to your house in London \$1.75

2 dozen bottles70

Total \$2.45

A refund of 35c per dozen made when bottles collected.

Telephone No. 52.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

Your grocer can also supply these beverages in small lots.

Your druggist can supply Carling's Malt Tonic Stout. "CANADA'S GREATEST BEVERAGES."

DECLARES ITALIAN GENERALS LIVED IN LUXURY DURING WAR

Count Flora Makes Sensational Charges in Chamber of Deputies.

ROME, Sunday, Dec. 21.—In the Chamber of Deputies today Count Flora, who, although the rich son of a former senator and ex-mayor of Turin, belongs to the Socialist group and is a former soldier, denounced several abuses in the army. He declared that while the front trenches had not sufficient automobiles to transport the wounded to hospital there were plenty of automobiles to transport officers to theatres in neighboring towns. While the soldiers had not sufficient material to protect themselves against the inclement weather, he declared, "an entire village had been built for the benefit of the generals."

While in Albania, Flora said, his general had a pig farm from which he sent daily smoking pigs in automobiles, accompanied by an officer to Santi Quaranta, from which port the pigs were shipped on a transport to friends of the general in Italy. A daily telegram was sent from Santi Quaranta to the general announcing the arrival of the pigs, which were designated as "personages" in order to keep the matter secret.

Once a pig was drowned, Flora continued, and the telegram to the general read: "Personage drowned." Unfortunately, according to Flora, an Italian colonel was due to arrive, so the general believed the victim to be the colonel, and ordered an inquiry into the drowning, which lasted fifteen days.

The entire Chamber was convulsed with laughter over this revelation.

Count Flora referred to other irregularities. He declared that in Albania the grenades were of cast iron, instead of steel, so that when they were fired they did such little execution that the enemy came out of the front trenches laughing.

O. T. A. LIKELY TO BE AMENDED TO LIMIT STOCKS IN HOMES

Proposal Is To Set Maximum Amount Private Individual May Have in Residence.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Instead of asking the Dominion Government to submit a plebiscite to the people of Ontario on the question of the importation of liquor into this province from outside places, it is regarded as probable that the Drury Government may amend the Ontario Temperance act so as to limit the quantity of liquor a citizen of Ontario may keep in his cellar. Apparently the Provincial Government intends to limit the advantage a rich man would have over a man of moderate means in the matter of stocking up on liquor, and give equal chances to all.

The cabinet considered the whole matter this afternoon. While no definite decision was arrived at, Premier Drury intimated afterwards that there seemed a doubt as to the legality of the laws passed by the Dominion Government on the liquor question, and that possibly it might be better not to ask the Federal Government to submit a plebiscite to the Ontario people on the question of the importation of liquor into this province, but instead keep on its premises. It is understood that the cabinet is awaiting legal opinion before taking action.

Rev. Ben H. Spence, secretary of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, who has been in close touch with the Ontario ministers on the liquor question, said this evening that the only thing to be done was to get the desired results by federal legislation.

BAZAAR AT THEATRE.

THIRD FLOOR, Dec. 22.—The ladies of Knox Freezing plant had a successful bazaar and tea on Saturday afternoon in King Edward Hall. The centre of attraction was the refreshment table, which netted them \$22. The total proceeds amounted to \$220.

STOPPED HER HEADACHES

Years of Suffering Ended by "Fruit-a-lives."

"112 Hazen St., St. John, N. E.

"It is with pleasure that I write to tell you of the great benefit I received from the use of your medicine 'Fruit-a-lives,' made from fruit juices. I was a great sufferer for many years from Nervous Headaches and Constipation. I tried everything, consulted doctors; but nothing seemed to help me until I tried 'Fruit-a-lives.'"

"After taking several boxes, I was completely relieved of these troubles and have been unusually well ever since."

MISS ANNIE WARD.

Fifty cents a box, 6 for \$2.50; trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

Britain Wants Turks Out of Constantinople

France Would Leave Them in Possession Under Allied Control.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The visit to London of Philippe Berthelot, political director of the foreign office, is being made in order to confer with Earl Curzon and prepare for a discussion of the eastern question when the peace conference meets again.

It was said today that France and Great Britain were not entirely in accord as to the fate of Constantinople. Great Britain desiring to take the city entirely out of the hands of the Turks, in possession under the control of the allies.

FIRM TONE ADOPTED BY ALLIES IN NOTE

Makes Known To Germany Precisely What Is Required of Her.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(Havas).—The heads of the allied delegations met this evening and decided upon the text of the note concerning clauses in the armistice which have not been carried out and the compensation demanded for the sinking of the former German fleet in Scapa Flow.

The note is firm in tone and makes reply to Germany precisely what the allies will require of her. It will be presented tomorrow morning.

PAPER MANUFACTURERS AND PUBLISHERS AGREE

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The publishers and manufacturers of sheet news before R. A. Pringle, K.C., paper controller, announced that they had reached an agreement on sheet news as follows:

In card lots, \$29 a ton; less than card lots and for two tons or over, \$25 a ton. The case of the Port Francis mill was not taken up because of the illness of Senator Ross.

DROVE TRUCK OF WHISKEY; PAYS \$1,000

KITCHENER, Dec. 22.—Thomas Thompson was fined \$1,000 in police court here this morning, when found guilty of having a load of whiskey on his truck. His truck was followed by Sgt. Grainger of the local force in the police car. As soon as the man saw the game was up he stopped. The booze was confiscated.

CROWN ATTORNEY FAINTS.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 22.—Crown Attorney Brennan was taken with a fainting spell in naturalization court this morning and completed the court proceedings in the afternoon.

Judge Campbell adjourned the court, and the attorney was removed to his home. This afternoon, his condition is said to be somewhat improved.

HIGHER COAL PRICE OR ANOTHER STRIKE IS NOW PREDICTED

Chairman of Investigating Committee Suspects Nigger in the Woodpile.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Entering into the controversy raging about the Government's proposals for settlement of the coal strike, Senator Frelinghuysen (Republican, New Jersey), chairman of the Senate committee investigating the coal situation, in a formal statement tonight declared that in the Government's negotiations "there must have been some sort of a secret deal made in addition to the signed statement."

He said that he spoke for himself only and not for other members of his committee, Senator Frelinghuysen reviewed the testimony introduced by the committee to date, and added that out of the settlement of the strike "in any event the public may hope for an increase in the price of coal or another strike."

The New Jersey senator characterized the settlement proposition as put forth by Attorney-General Palmer and accepted by the members of the committee as "a mere compromise for the American public."

He said that the committee of coal mine operators, following their statement of yesterday declaring that the Government's proposal was finally drafted was vitally different from the plan formulated by the American public.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE FLU EPIDEMIC

Necessity Pointed Out of Public Being On Their Guard For Years To Come.

A prominent physician is quoted as saying: "It is altogether probable that the after effect of the influenza there will be an unusually high pneumonia death rate for several years to come."

Warnings such as these should be borne in mind and drive home to every person the necessity of prompt action in every case of cold—usually the forerunner of influenza, pneumonia and kindred ailments.

It is possible to afford effective relief for a cold by home treatment, especially if it is taken in its early stages. Just as soon as the sneezing, running of the nose, closing up of the head occurs—start taking Grip Fix.

This preparation contains Aspirin, Phenacetin, Quinine, Salicylic Acid, Citrate and Camphor Monobromate, drugs which any physician will say are the proper treatment for colds.

It is effective, is it that Grip Fix relieves a cold in a night and a case of Grippe in 48 hours. This statement is made on a merchandising experience of over ten years, during which the preparation was used all over the country.

Get a box of Grip Fix tonight and take it home. Then, when colds come, a reliable treatment is at hand. Be sure and get the genuine Field's Grip as there are no substitutes which do as effective work. It sells at 25 cents per box and can be obtained at any drug store.

Tells How to Stop a Bad Cough

Surprising results from this famous old home-made syrup. Easily prepared and costs little.

If you have a severe cough or chest cold accompanied with soreness, throat tickle, hoarseness, or difficult breathing, or if you find it waking up during the night with cough and you want quick help, try this reliable old home-made cough remedy. Any druggist can supply you with 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth). Pour this into a 16-oz. bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Or you can use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup, if desired. This recipe makes 16 ounces of really remarkable cough remedy. It tastes good, and in spite of its low cost, it can be depended upon to give quick and lasting relief.

You can feel this take hold of a cough in a way that makes business. It loosens and raises the phlegm, stops throat tickle and soothes and heals the irritated membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes with such promptness, ease and certainty that it is really astonishing.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is probably the best known means of overcoming severe coughs, throat and chest colds.

There are many worthless imitations of this mixture. To avoid disappointments, ask for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.



You Need Not Tolerate the inconvenience of a cough, when a few doses of

NADRUCO Syrup of Tar with Cod Liver Oil Compound

Sold by all good Druggists

will give you almost instant relief. It heals the rawness of the bronchial tubes; stops the annoying tickling that leads to spasms of coughing; and soon restores the throat to its normal condition. On account of its pleasant taste, children take it readily. Keep a bottle always in the house.

Note—The package is Red and bears the "Nadruco" trademark. Manufactured by National Drug and Chemical Company of Canada, Limited.

The church was elaborately decorated, recently, which was well attended, and was well filled with an appreciative audience.

The program was given almost exclusively by the children, who acquitted themselves well in their recitations, dialogues and songs. The fan drill by eight girls was wonderfully executed, and great credit is being given Miss Skipton.

Five-year-old little Gladys Keays brought the house down when she sang two little Christmas songs.

At the close of the program, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gale delighted the audience with two violin duets. Santa Claus arrived amid cheers, and delivered the little folks.

The young people of Hyde Park vicinity held a "hop" in the town hall day evening was a decided success.

LEAVE FOR CHICAGO. DORCHESTER, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson start this morning for Chicago to spend the holidays with their daughters and also to meet their son from Calgary, whom they have not seen for ten years. He is a member of the Rumely Thresher firm of Calgary.

Dr. Hargrave of this place has sold out to Dr. Smith.

St. Peter's Church was the scene of another wedding on Saturday, when the Marvin Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Leesh, the Rev. Mr. Sutton officiating.



The Royal Bank of Canada GENERAL STATEMENT

29th NOVEMBER, 1919

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:		
Deposits not bearing interest	\$159,656,229.68	
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	259,465,169.69	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$419,121,399.37	
Balance due to Dominion Government	39,837,265.74	
Balance due to other Banks in Canada	14,000,000.00	
Balance due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	13,970.88	
Bills Payable	7,463,823.30	
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	16,467,978.09	
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:		
Capital Stock paid up	\$17,000,000.00	
Reserve Fund	1,096,416.74	
Balance of Profits carried forward	18,096,416.74	
Dividends Unclaimed	8,203.08	
Dividend No. 12 per cent. per annum, payable December 1st, 1919	505,219.12	
Fiftieth Anniversary Bonus of 2%, payable December 20th, 1919	340,000.00	
	\$53,647,084.93	

ASSETS

Current Coin	\$17,655,879.92
Dominion Notes	26,735,724.00
United States Currency	8,746,805.00
Other Foreign Money	2,545,136.41
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	\$5,681,547.33
Notes of other Banks	\$4,500,000.00
Cheques on other Banks	\$4,464,200.00
Balance due by other Banks in Canada	\$2,757,240.33
Balance due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	12,101,272.08
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	45,222,398.66
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	\$2,400,542.77
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	19,414,691.06
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada	16,435,614.30
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$373,908,862.86
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$143,250,518.47
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	\$65,069.68
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	\$235,834,879.46
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	1,495,271.00
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contract	7,016,444.12
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	16,467,978.69
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	750,000.00
	\$53,647,084.93

H. S. HOLT, President.

EDSON L. PEASE, Managing Director.

C. E. NEILL, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

WE REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA: That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 29th November, 1919, as well as at another time, as required by Section 36 of the Bank Act and that we found them agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches.

That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

That we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A., ROGER MITCHELL, C.A., of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat and Co., Chartered Accountants, Montreal, Canada, 18th December, 1919.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1918	\$ 535,757.19
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	5,423,264.34
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:	\$ 3,959,021.53
Dividends Nos. 126, 127, 128 and 129 at 12 per cent. per annum	1,866,196.50
Fiftieth Anniversary Bonus of 2 per cent. to Shareholders	340,000.00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account	400,000.00
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	1,406,406.30
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	1,096,416.74
	\$ 3,959,021.53

RESERVE FUND

Montreal, 18th December, 1919.

CANADIAN PACIFIC Pacific Coast Tours

SPEND your winter at the Pacific Coast—where the climate is mild and luxurious, and where zero weather is unknown. Vancouver has golf the whole year round, splendid roads for motoring, and a number of beautiful spots within easy reach, such as Victoria.

And it has perfect accommodation at the magnificent Hotel Vancouver, the finest hotel on the North Pacific—one of the Canadian Pacific hotels.

For rates, etc., apply to W. B. HOWARD, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

TAXPAYERS: YOUR L. and P. S. R. RAILWAY IS PAYING RENT FOR CARS IT SHOULD OWN!

L. and P. S. R. Profits Earned for You

Since you took over the operation of your own railway four years ago it has earned the following actual profits for the people:

Rent (paid to City Council) \$ 80,000.00

Sinking Fund. 57,749.95

Surpluses 99,612.87

Total Profits. \$237,362.82

FOR CARS IT SHOULD OWN!

PASSENGER TRAFFIC on the L. and P. S. R. has increased tremendously since electrification and municipalization. In the last year of steam operation, 1915, the Pere Marquette carried 105,559 people. Under public ownership first-class service has built up patronage as this official record shows:

PASSENGERS CARRIED	1916	1917	1918	1919
	548,326	726,799	842,641	958,587

When the road was electrified it was equipped to carry 450,000 people a year. Some thought that was too rosy a prospect. But you see how business has grown and how it is still on the sharp upturn of prosperity.

Last summer it was necessary to rent passenger cars from the Grand Trunk, Pere Marquette and Michigan Central Railroads in order to handle the business the L. and P. S. R. has secured. Even this costly expedient did not suffice, and as you recall, trains were seriously overcrowded.

During the war there were Government restrictions on excursions from points on steam railways. Now they are being lifted, and the whole of Western Ontario wants to make Port Stanley its summer resort. Inquiries are coming from all parts of this district. This business will

bring still greater profits to the taxpayers of London as owners of the L. and P. S. R.

Renting equipment is uncertain and unsatisfactory, and it takes the cream off your railway's profits. The L. and P. S. R. will provide funds for another electric locomotive, suitable for freight as well as passenger service, and also for additional passenger coaches.

All of the purposes to which the money is to be devoted are absolutely essential, and every one will make greater the earning powers of the railway.

Remember, that electrification and municipal operation of the London and Port Stanley Railway have earned big profits for the taxpayer. This is not a "spending" bylaw, for it will not cost you one cent in taxes. All charges will be paid out of the increased profits.

VOTE "YES" ON THE L. and P. S. R. BYLAW

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Order them for her TODAY at

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One of the greatest sources of labor
unrest is claimed to be a haunting fear
of the future, a dread of leaving de-
pendents unprotected. Under a new
system recently devised by leading in-
surance authorities of this continent,
policies of what is called Group Insurance
are now being effected and are
proving most effective in banishing the
spectre of future want and privation
from the minds of working men and
women.

A new policy covers the entire
working force of a plant, from the low-
est employee to the highest, and the
firm pays one annual premium which
protects all. One of the first to adopt
this advanced liberal treatment of its
employees in London is the Sherlock-
Manning Piano Company, which is
presenting to each of its workers cer-
tificates of insurance, the premiums on
which will be paid each year by the
firm. Workers who have been with the
company over one year and under two
years will be insured without charge
for \$500. Under three years, \$600; under
four years, \$700; under five years, \$800;
under six years, \$900, and for six years
and over \$1,000.

It will be realized what this means to
the employees when the fact is told
that one man over eighty years of age
is among those insured by the Sherlock-
Manning firm for \$1,000. Instead of on-
ly this man could not have obtained in-
dividual insurance at any price. A par-
ticularly interesting fact in connection
with this man's case is that three of
his sons and a grandson have been
years. Three other men, each well over
70 years of age, will also have their
declining years made brighter by the
knowledge that when their time is
served here, they will leave an extra
\$1,000 for those dependent upon them.

**TWO TRAINS WILL BE
RESTORED ON WEDNESDAY**

Grand Trunk trains No. 115, leaving
here at 11:50 a.m., for Detroit, and No.
18, arriving here from Windsor at 3:55
p.m., will be restored permanently on
the 24th of this month. Instead of on
the 25th, as was originally announced.
It had been the intention to add these
two trains, along with four others, for
three days during the Christmas rush,
then on the 29th the whole train was to
be restored to normal conditions. Or-
ders received this morning by the offi-
cials of this district stated that these
two trains will not be taken off after
the Christmas rush is over. All other
trains will run as formerly announced.

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CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
Contain Hats, Caps, Jewelry and
other articles, but, best of all
they make fun. A doz. 50c to \$2.25

QUALITY NUTS
Our supply this year is one of
the finest, good size, meaty nuts.
Order early.
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Shelled Jordan Almonds and
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Almonds .50c and \$1.20
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These crack the shell but not the
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One of the best all-the-year-round
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Gurd's Ginger Ale \$1.20 a Dozen
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Made from the best cider apples.
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**ANITA STEWART IN
MOUNTAIN DRAMA
FEATURE AT GRAND**

"The Kingdom of Dreams"
and Vaudeville Provide
Excellent Program.

The presentation of Anita Stewart
in her latest production "Her Kingdom
of Dreams" is one reason the Grand
Theatre was crowded to capacity Mon-
day evening. The play is based on a
tale of the Blue Ridge mountains,
where Judith Koudage, played by Miss
Stewart, makes her home with her in-
valid father.

Circumstances transplant her into a
large financial institution, where she
is employed as stenographer. She be-
comes entangled in an affair with the
banker's son, who is alleged to have
forged a check. Many interesting com-
plications follow, but Judith eventually
brings the son, with whom she has
fallen in love, through the entangle-
ment. The forgery turns out to be the
work of a former sweetheart of her
lover.

The tale is one of exceptional inter-
est, detail and fraud in every form be-
ing worked into it.

Vaudeville Bill.
The vaudeville program includes
high-class acts. "The Laughing Lady"
is a screamingly funny sketch presented
by Sid Vincent, Ada Carter & Co. The
score is a modern country golf links
and a comedian, who really knows how
to take off an English "chappie," sings
the English version of the "Alcoholic
Blues." Other songs and music afford
many hearty laughs.

Another act which received generous
applause was the Nakae Japanese
troupe's offering. The tricks displayed
are very clever.

Stone and Mitchell are a versatile
team, who present some entirely new
song hits, which showered them with
curses.

Hager and Goodwin, two singing
comedians were the funniest of all with
their up-to-date comedy patter and
new songs. They sing their own com-
positions, which are very good, and also
"The Wonderful Mother or Mine."

The Melody Monarchs, the headline
attraction, owing to vaccination orders
at the border were delayed, but today
and on Wednesday this act will be
replaced by the Sidney Shepard Com-
pany in a novel little sketch "The
Night Before Christmas."

Pictorial Life, Kinograms and Topics
of the Day complete an excellent bill,
which will be repeated today and to-
morrow.

Call at our store and hear the wonder-
ful Victor Christmas Records. You
will surely enjoy our efficient Victor
Record service—you will find here the
number that is so hard to get. We have
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SPECIAL! For Tuesday and Wednesday selling.

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**SILK SHIRTS—Extra special to clear. All Shirts
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GLADYS BROCKWELL IN CHASING RAINBOWS AT PATRICIA THEATRE

Pleasing Bill Presented At
Popular House For First
Part of Week.

"Chasing Rainbows" with Gladys
Brockwell, the popular screen star, in
the leading role as "Sadie, the pie

slinger." is a western drama of un-
usual and intensely interesting char-
acters which held the close attention
of large houses at the Patricia yester-
day from start to finish.

The development of the story which,
while it carries a strain of sordidness,
tells of the brave determination of a
city girl whose first love dream proves
only an empty bubble, to fight her own
way in the world rather than listen to
the alluring offers of a man who
proves to be the runaway husband of
the woman with whom she boards.

Sadie's determination to have nothing
more to do with men, and her transfer
to a western mining town where
shortly after her arrival a gold rush
brings all sorts and conditions of men
and women, together with the accom-
paniments of such a period, results in
intensely interesting and dramatic sit-
uations, which keep the spectator con-
stantly on the tip of expectation
till the final consummation of Sadie's

heroism wins for her the love of a
true man.
Stetson and Huber presented a
pleasing vaudeville turn of novelty
dancing, which proved immensely pop-
ular. The Spanish dance by the lady
member of the team being very clever-
ly executed.

"Switches and Sweets," a Big V
special comedy, and a Fox News
Weekly complete a very satisfying bill,
which will be presented again three
times today and on Wednesday.

HONOR IVAN PASTOR.
ILDERTON, Dec. 22.—The annual
Christmas tree and entertainment of
the Ivan Presbyterian Sunday school
was held on Friday evening. The church
was filled to the doors, and an enter-
taining program of choruses, rounds,
kindergarten songs, pantomimes and
readings, with a dialogue "Uncle Joe's

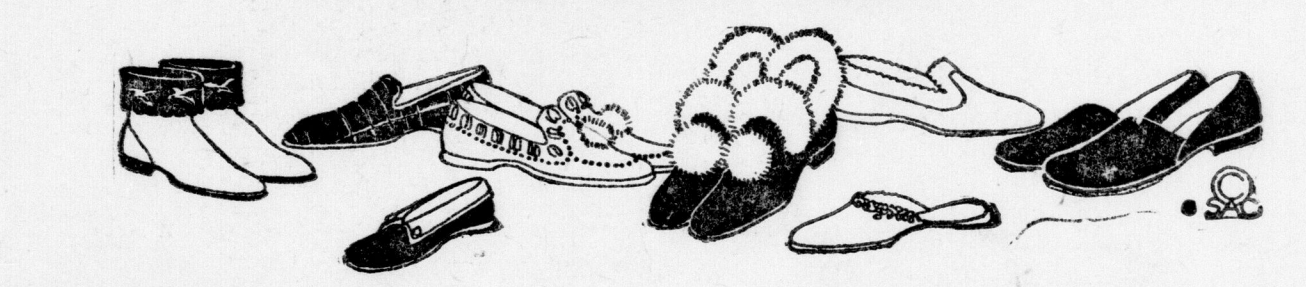
Will" were given. During the dis-
tribution of the presents, Santa sur-
prised the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. N. A.
Campbell, by making them the recipi-
ents of the generosity of the congre-
gation.

Mrs. Campbell was presented with a
beautiful set of toilet articles and a
generous purse, while Mr. Campbell
was outfitted with a comfortable fur
coat and cap. The school is collecting
gifts for the soldier boys at Byron
Sanatorium in the way of fowl for
their Christmas dinner.

NEW VICTOR RECORDS.
Our readers should see that they
possess a copy of the new list of the
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Felt Kosys . \$1.25 to \$2.50
Felt Juliets . \$1.75 to \$2.25
A nice pair of Evening
Pumps . \$6.00 to \$10.00

For Sister
Felt Boudoirs or Leather
Slippers, in dainty colors
..... \$1.75 to \$3.00

Trunks
at prices from
..... \$7.50 to \$50.00

Club Bags
In a variety of designs,
brown or black
..... \$7.50 to \$50.00
These are all standard manu-
facturers' goods and A1
quality.

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ion Sole Shoe at
..... \$6.00 to \$9.00
Comfy Slippers, in nice col-
ors, soft and easy
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\$1.50 to \$5.00

For Brother
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Skating Shoes, \$3.50 to \$5.00

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Colonials**
in kid and patent leathers
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