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Just arrived, Engine, tender, baggage car and two Pullmans, eight pieces of track, with switch that forms a large figure eight, complete, for \$4.50

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Fine Writing Paper for Christmas .50c
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Toy Planes \$1.00 up
Harmonicas, last stock, best makes \$1.50
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Gillette and Auto Safety Razors \$5.00 each
Wood Coaster Wagons \$2.25 up

Beginning today we will place on sale a large variety of Pure Candy at 40c lb. The assortment consists of assorted chocolates, purchased to sell at 70c lb. Churches, societies and Sunday schools can buy candy from us cheaper than from any wholesale dealer.

Scrap and Photo Albums with leather covers, less than half price.

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The Boy Contractor, a miniature cement block plant. Lot of fun for kiddies. Complete in box \$2.75

Game of Pit .75c
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Something New Every Day.

PEEL'S
Big Toy Shop
extends a hearty welcome to all. Come and look around.

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Quickly Eased By Penetrating Hamlin's Wizard Oil

A safe and effective preparation to relieve the pains of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lame Back and Lumbago is Hamlin's Wizard Oil. It penetrates quickly, drives out the soreness, and limbers up the stiff aching joints and muscles.

Wizard Oil is a good dependable preparation to have in the medicine chest for first aid when the doctor may be far away. You will find almost daily uses for it in cases of sudden mishaps or accidents such as sprains, bruises, cuts, burns, bites and stings. Just as reliable, too, for earache, toothache and croup. Always keep it in the house.

Generous size bottle 35c.
If you are troubled with constipation or sick headache try Hamlin's Wizard Liver Whip. Just pleasant little pink pills at drugists for 30c.

SECOND JURY FAILS TO AGREE, SO TWO MEN GO UNTIL JUNE

William Andrews, Charged With Stealing Cases of Whiskey, Bailed.

SMITH NOT YET HEARD

Case of Frank Cahill, Alleged To Have Taken Ring, Up Today.

Jury disagreements are contagious. Friday night a disagreement of ten for conviction against two for acquittal resulted in the Winler case, in which Jacob and Harry Winler were charged with theft and receiving of stolen goods, going over for a new trial next June.

The case of William Andrews, charged with stealing three cases of whiskey from a Canadian Express car, will also be retried next June. The jury, after being out two hours and a quarter, returned to ask for information as to how certain evidence should be considered. A little later the jurors returned to report inability to agree upon a verdict. Asked by Judge Macdonald if an agreement might not be possible if a further effort were made, the foreman replied that the disagreement had stood five to seven, but had changed to an even worse deadlock of six to six. Andrews was released on bail, and Joseph Smith freed on his own recognizance. The prosecution had not decided whether to proceed with Smith's case. Charged with the same offence as Andrews, Smith's prosecution hinged largely on the result of Andrews' trial. If Andrews was freed, there was some question whether Smith's trial would go on. If Andrews had been convicted, Smith would more likely have been tried at once.

ALBERT LEWIS LOSES APPEAL AT OSGOOD

Verdict of \$800 and Costs For Alienation of Affections Stands.

The appeal of the defendant Albert Lewis from the judgment given against him last March was heard in Toronto in October before Meredith, C. J. O., and Hon. Justices Macge, Hodgins and Ferguson. Judgment was rendered. On Friday the 10th inst., judgment was given, dismissing the appeal. P. E. Bartlett, for Lewis, and J. H. Weekes, for Morley, were present. The verdict for \$800 and costs against Lewis stands with the costs of the appeal added to it. The writ (for alienation of affections) was issued on June 22, 1920, and eleven days later Lewis transferred all his property to his father, Francis Lewis. This transfer was successfully attacked by Morley Weekes, acting for Morley, and the judgment of Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, given at the court house here on the 10th inst., making the proceeds of the property available to pay Morley's judgment. Lewis senior will pay the costs of the second suit.

PESSIMISM USELESS SAYS WINDSOR JUDGE

Rev. Canon Arthur Carlisle Conducts Service At Cronyn Memorial.

Rev. Canon Arthur Carlisle of Windsor, recently appointed juvenile court judge in the border city, conducted the service at the Cronyn Memorial Church on Sunday evening. "Pessimism is useless," he said. "It can be a movement, a moral, or a religious, but it takes optimism and faith to finish it."

He advocated looking into the future rather than the past. Christian religion looks forward and not backward. The greatest thing about the British Empire is not her glorious past, but her splendid future. It is not the history of the church, but the opportunity it has. We will all have to look to the future and not dwell too consistently on things of the past.

Canon Carlisle is a former Londoner.

ESCAPES JAIL AT HENSALL; CAUGHT ON ARRIVAL HERE

G. H. Pearce Posed As Detective in Search of Ambrose J. Small.

TAKEN BACK TODAY

Sold Overcoats—Was Jailed For Having Gun.

George H. Pearce, jail-breaker from Hensall, was arrested by Chief of Detectives Robert Egerton and Detective Harry Down at 2:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon, soon after he arrived in the city in an automobile. He was returned to the place where he was locked up, early this morning, an official from Hensall having come for him. On Friday Pearce, who gave his address as 93 Fullerton street, London, was in Hensall, where he disposed of a few overcoats. He claimed to be a private detective, and asked High Constable Whitehead to aid him in the search for Ambrose J. Small, the missing Toronto man. When a gun was found in his possession he was jailed.

In the evening a dance was in progress in the town hall. Some of the dancers went down to the cells to see Pearce. It is supposed that someone gave him an instrument to use in making a getaway, for when the dancers departed for their homes, Pearce was gone. About 3 o'clock in the morning he was seen going down the railway tracks.

COUNCIL TAKES OVER SEVENTY MILES OF ROADS IN MIDDLESEX

Bylaw To Increase Jurors' Allowances To \$5 a Day Passed.

The 1920 session of the county council did not come to a close until late Saturday afternoon. When noon on that day, which is the usual closing time of each session, arrived, several bylaws remained to be disposed of, and so a meeting was called for the afternoon.

A bylaw drawn up for the purpose of taking over and designating certain roads as a part of the county road system in lieu of those roads taken over by the Provincial Government to form a part of the provincial highway, received its third reading. The bylaw covered over 22 large sheets of closely type-written. The action of the county will affect in the neighborhood of 70 miles of roadway.

So that the county could secure a loan of \$80,000 to carry on the road work during the year 1921, a bylaw was drawn up and passed. The bylaw provided for 20 notes of \$4,000 each, payable on June 30, 1921.

The Komoka Co-operative Lighting Company was given permission to erect poles and string wires and other privileges along the highway in the village of Komoka. The bylaw limits the contract to 25 years. The county retains the right to move the poles at times certain repairs must be made to sewers or the road.

No trouble was experienced in passing a bylaw increasing the jurors' allowance from \$4 to \$5 a day. This increase will come effective immediately, so that the jurors sitting at the present session, be benefited. The jurors are also allowed 13 cents a mile.

The appointment of J. Laidlaw as trustee of Victoria Hospital for 1921 was confirmed.

SAYS CHURCH MUST BE WORLD'S LEADER

Nations Must Revise Their Religious Thinking, Declares Professor Dorland.

An interesting lecture on "World Peace" was given by Professor H. Dorland on Sunday morning to the Askin Street Methodist Church Brotherhood.

Professor Dorland pointed out that war was founded on suspicion and hatred, and in order to maintain peace these grounds must be wiped out.

"The time has come when the church must take the leadership of the world's affairs and not follow after. In 1909 a religious conference was arranged and held in London, with representatives from all nations, but the conference failed to work up any public feeling, and so failed in its efforts to avert a then-talked-of war. People refused to believe that there might be a war and that with the binding religion it might be averted," said the professor.

"Nations must revise their religious thinking. Too many think of God in nationalities, and never consider that God is the God of all nations. The age we have just left was one of aggressive nations, but we hope that the new era will be one of international justice."

TREND OF GROCERY COMMODITIES EASY

Outlook For Christmas Business Very Encouraging—Prices On Hams, Bacon Lower.

The following comment on the market situation as regards food stuffs appeared in Canadian Grocer this week.

Generally speaking, the trend of grocery commodities continues easy. The outlook for Christmas business is very encouraging; both wholesalers and retailers report a fairly heavy movement in all Christmas lines. The feature of the wheat market which is reflected on flour causing that commodity to have a decidedly strong undertone.

This Big Christmas Store Sparkles With Gift Merchandise

And with its thousands of givable and useful things is certainly the mecca of gift hunters these days. It is most apparent that clever ideas have gone into this merchandise, which makes the choosing easy. Whether it be pretty ribbon novelties, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, ebony or ivory toilet articles, china, cut glass leather goods, furs, blouses, petticoats, men's furnishings or toys—they're all here. Plenty of pretty things priced under one dollar, large assortments under five, and beautiful gifts from that price up to most anything you want to pay.

Smart Umbrellas In Special Gift Groups

The woman who believes in making use of a rainy day will enjoy possessing one of these umbrellas.

Colored Silk Umbrellas, \$10
These come in all required shades, such as navy, bottled green, purple, wine, brown, taupe, red, also black with colored borders. The frames are very close rolling, handles come well assorted with ivory rings, and also silk loops to match the tops. A very suitable Christmas gift. At only \$10.00

Children's Gift Umbrellas

17 and 21 inch frames, union taffeta coverings, neat little handles, suitable for boys or girls. Priced at \$2.00 each

ART SECTION A GIFT BAZAAR

Suggestions for gifts—Sewing Baskets, Candle and Lamp Shades, Flower Baskets, Fruit Baskets, Dresser Covers, Novelty Boxes, Pin-cushions. Prices from 15c up to \$13.00

A nice line of Stamped Linens:
Pin cushions 25c and 35c
Tea Cosies. Prices 85c and 95c
Centrepieces. Prices 60c, 90c and \$1.60
Tray Covers. Prices 85c, \$1.50 and \$1.60

Slipper Soles, children's and misses', odd sizes, solid leather, fleece linings. Special 35c pair
Crochet Balls, Cotton-Perle 18c ball

Towels. Prices \$1.25 and \$1.50 each
American Maid Crochet Cotton, white, sizes 5 to 10 and 15. Special price 9c ball
Children's Wash Dresses, stamped, colors of blue, tan and pink; sizes up to 6 years. Price 90c each
Children's White Dimity Dresses, stamped, dainty designs. Special 89c each
Pique White Stamped Dresses up to 6 years, assorted designs. Price \$1.25

Double Berlin for slippers; colors of light blue, navy, cardinal, black and green. Special 17c skein
D. M. C. Threads to embroidery or crochet, small skein 6c each



Gifts of Silverware
Community Plate, an ideal gift for her this Christmas. A wonderful selection of inexpensive pieces in the most popular patterns—Adams, Sheraton and Patrician Tea Spoons, Coffee Spoons, 5 o'clock Spoons. \$9.90 dozen
Pie Server \$5.50
Cold Meat Fork \$2.75
Jelly Server \$3.85
Tomato Server \$4.40
Our stock at present is complete with everything in the small or larger pieces. Prices above include war tax.

Butter Spreader \$8.80
Small Carving Set for fowl or fish \$11.00
Baby Spoon with bent handle \$1.10

ALL MUFFS ONE-QUARTER OFF

Just now when much attention is focused on the selection of Christmas gifts, and when furs come in for a fair share of attention, we are making some decidedly worth-while reductions. As stated above, every Muff in stock included in this group, which assures easy selection to the man or woman buying them.

All Muffs in stock one-quarter off the regular selling price.
8 only Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat) Muffs, in melon and canteen shape. Sale prices \$38.25, \$36.75, \$24.38, \$30.00 and \$30.88

3 only Beaver Muffs. Prices \$49.75, \$67.50
2 only Black Muffs. Sale prices \$63.25
Australian and Ringtail Opossum Muffs. Prices \$28.13, \$31.88 and \$35.63

Other lines in stock—Mole, Siberian, Wolf, Alaska Sable, Cross Fox, all one-quarter off.

FLANNELETTE NIGHTGOWNS \$1.98 AND \$2.95 AT SALE PRICES

THESE TWO GROUPS WILL SURPRISE YOU FROM THE CONSIDERATION OF VALUE AND QUALITY.

5 dozen Ladies' Nightgowns, made of lovely quality white flannelette, long sleeves, high or low necks, trimmed with pretty insertion and tucks. Reduced, special \$2.95

One table of Ladies' Nightgowns, slipover style, with long sleeves, made of splendid white flannelette, neck and sleeves finished with lace. Reduced special for Saturday \$1.98

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S PULLOVER SWEATERS MONDAY HALF PRICE

One table of Ladies' All-Wool Pullover Sweaters, odd and broken lines, knitted, in plain and fancy weaves, all this season's newest and prettiest styles; colors of turquoise, saxe, Nile, buff, rose, coral, Oriental, orchid and Paddy; sizes ranging from 36 to 44. Special Saturday, half price. Sale prices \$2.50 to \$5.75

One table of Children's Pullover Sweaters and Middies, in all wool and wool and cotton mixtures. These Sweaters are very serviceable for school wear; colors of Nile, turquoise, rose, copen, Paddy, cardinal and silver; sizes ranging from 4 to 12 years. Sale prices \$1.75 to \$3.50

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. In Millinery Section. Second Floor.

are in a very strong position with a tendency for reaching higher prices. Raisins, currants and peels are holding steady to firm with no prospect for lower prices for this year at least. Potatoes continue with an easy undertone with the prices again shaded downward.

PRESENTATION AT KOMOKA.
KOMOKA, Dec. 11.—A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDonald at a reception given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ohme, who are here on their wedding trip from Regina, Sask. Mrs. Ohme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackwell, formerly of this place, is a niece of Mrs. Alex. McDonald, and her many friends gave her a warm welcome. During the evening, which was spent in music and games, F. G. Turnbull made an address of welcome, followed by the presentation of a silver flower

to Mrs. Ohme, to which she made a fitting reply. At the close of the evening lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Ohme intend making their home in Moose Jaw.

Diamonds Stud the Cotton Shirt
India Rajahs have Nothing on American Workingmen.
Scarcer than ever, higher in price the diamond today is the universal stone, worn by prince, page and prosit perous plumber. There seems to be no limit to the amount of money that people will pay to own and wear these costly stones. Importers and diamond dealers all report a great demand for large stones, preferring blue white perfect diamonds, like John A. Nash, M. Jeweler, is selling at his Remove Jewelry Sale, 306 Dundas street, where you will eventually buy.

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In order to give a little extra service to Christmas Shoppers

Thomas' Remain Open Evenings to Christmas

Out-of-town folks will do well to send for Thomas' LETTER ORDER CATALOGUE.

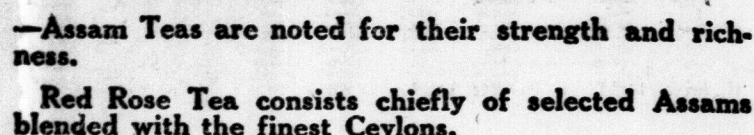
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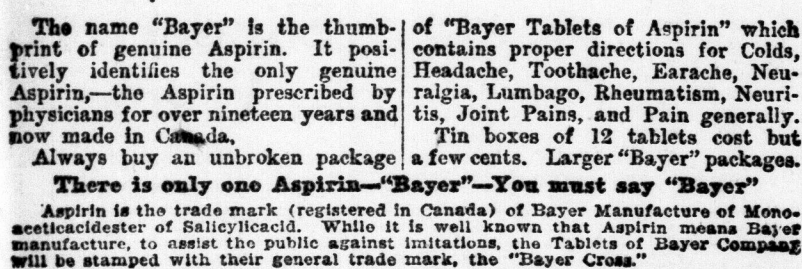
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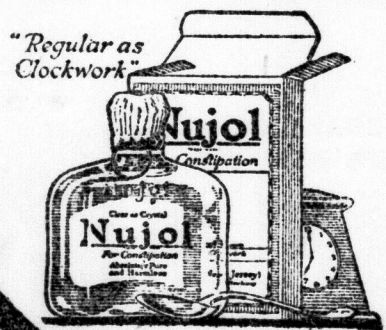
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A sensible gift that will make her happier all the year. An O-Cedar Polish Mop to make her housework easier; to give her floors and woodwork a brilliant lasting polish and save reaching for the high places and stooping to get under chairs or in corners.

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Give her an O-Cedar Polish Mop with 54-inch handle. It comes at \$2.00; and a can of O-Cedar Polish \$1.50 or \$3.50 size.

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The fourth of the December series of university extension lectures will be held in the public library on Thursday evening of this week, when Professor W. Masfield of the department of English of Western University will lecture on the life and work of the English writer, John Masfield. Masfield is one of the remarkable group of contemporary writers who have none the less had wide influence, and the selections which Professor Tamblin will present will indicate his great variety of power. To all other Thursday evening lectures free to the public. A number of extension lectures will commence immediately after the new year.

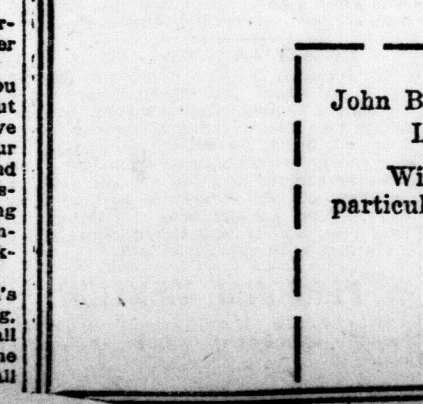
view was changed, and that's the interest and human appeal. It will hold you spellbound with its story of the man who has been in the front lines of the war. The story will be a song revue by Will Shuster, popular young singer of the day, featuring the newest success of the day, "The Girl Who Came to Stay." Allen Canadian News and Chesterling Picture will also be shown.

SAYS JAPAN CANNOT CUT GEORGE. Dec. 11.—Japan cannot reduce her armaments as long as the United States is increasing hers, count Kikukuri Ishii of the Japanese delegation declared at a meeting of armaments controllers here after the question of disarmament was under discussion.

This wonderful medicine will do good in a hundred ways. It will spring in your step, an attractive brightness in your eyes, and on your cheeks will be stamped the glow and blush of a June rose. All this is possible because Dr. Hamilton's Pills bring about vigorous digestion, perfect assimilation, pure blood and a proper working of all the organs.

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Warns Farmers To Be Ready For An Election Any Time

North Oxford Candidate Declares Himself in Favor of a High Tariff On Luxuries, But No Duty At All On Necessities of Life.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 11.—At the annual convention of the North Oxford U. F. O. and U. F. W. Clubs held here this afternoon and largely attended, J. H. Lillio, the Farmers' candidate for the Federal House, prophesied an early election, and urged the U. F. O. to be ready. He was against having a central organization to finance the party's election. He was in favor of each riding raising its own election expense money. He declared himself in favor of a high tariff on luxuries, but would like to see duty on all necessities of life wiped out.

Takes Exception. Mr. Lillio took exception to the remarks made by one of the speakers at the warden's banquet held here last night. The speaker claimed that this

was too serious a time to try experimenting with new governments. Mr. Lillio thought any time was a good time to try out a new policy such as the U. F. O. proposed.

Election Officers. The chief business today was the election of officers, which resulted in J. D. Wilson of Shower's Corners being elected as county director, and Mrs. J. F. Amos as county director for the women's branches of the club. The township directors were: Blenheim, George Sibbick and Mrs. F. Stauffer; Blenheim, Thomas Kennick and Mrs. R. Pettigrew; East Zorra, J. F. McDonald; East Nissouri, James B. Calder and Mrs. G. A. Hogg.

By unanimous vote the convention decided to organize the North Oxford Farmers' Club for political purposes.



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CONSTANTINE IS READY TO START TRIP TO ATHENS

Baggage Is At Railroad Station—Will Leave On Tuesday.

PLANNING REFORMS

Sophie Will Lead Woman Suffrage Movement in Greece.

LUCERNE, Dec. 12.—Preparations virtually have been completed for the departure of former King Constantine of Greece and his family for Venice next Tuesday on the first stage of their journey to Athens. The royal baggage, consisting of 220 heavy trunks and boxes, was taken to the railroad station this morning.

King Constantine and Queen Sophie, according to members of their household, are expected to take a leading part in urging reforms in Greece. It is said that an endeavor will be made by them to be more democratic than they were before they were sent into exile.

Constantine, it is said, probably will urge legislation for improved labor conditions, agricultural reforms, and a betterment of the situation of the poor, while Queen Sophie hopes to head a movement for woman suffrage.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST SPRACKLIN

Windsor Lawyer Asks \$1,000 Damages Following Raiding of Yacht.

WINDSOR, Dec. 12.—(By Canadian Press).—Justice Middleton, in the non-jury assizes of the superior court at Sandwich today, reserved judgment in the action brought by O. E. Fleming, barrister, against Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin. Mr. Fleming was suing for \$1,000, his complaint being that Spracklin and his then assistant, the Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, had taken the yacht, the Kitty Wake, on the evening of September 17 last. The suit was originally filed against Spracklin and the Hallam brothers, but at the opening of the court D. L. McCarthy, K. C. of Toronto, announced that the Hallams could not be located, and that their attorney, Lieut.-Col. R. H. Howland, would not appear in court to defend them.

Was Not There. Mr. Fleming, on the witness stand, said that he was not aboard the yacht at the time of the search, but that the boat was under the charge of his son, Oscar, who later informed his father that the yacht had been searched. Mr. Fleming said he wrote to Spracklin asking for an apology, but that the letter was not answered. He later met Spracklin on the street, and the latter declared that he had a right to take the action he did, and refused to apologize.

The younger Fleming said that the yacht was proceeding up the Detroit River toward Lake St. Clair, and that when it was between Belle Isle and Pelee Island, a motorboat, carrying no lights, approached and threatened the five men in it boarded the yacht. The three men were Spracklin and two Hallams. What happened then, the yacht belonged to Mr. Fleming, the inspector, according to the messages, said that if he had known of the ownership of the yacht he would not have searched it.

Drew Revolvers. Nevertheless, the search continued, the Hallams meanwhile standing on the deck with drawn revolvers. There was a party of nine aboard, including Fleming, Spracklin, and the Hallams. Mr. Spracklin stated that he was of the opinion that the yacht was the property of the company Gas Company, and that he had seen it previously at the Island View Hotel. He declared that he and his companions displayed their arms before boarding, and denied that there was any display of firearms, although he admitted that all the officers were armed.

He said he had no reason to believe that there was liquor stowed on the boat, but that it was his habit to intercept all boats passing up the river. Any suspicion he might have had was allayed when he first saw Young Fleming, but he continued the search because he did not want his companions to have the opportunity of saying that he would not search a friend's boat.

LAWYERS DESIRE TO CONTINUE APPEALS

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(By Canadian Press).—A joint letter appears in Saturday's Times from Walter Nash, P. Wogenast, Thomas Moss and Bolle Clarke, counsel now appearing before the privy council in Canadian cases, wherein they declare that the opinions of John S. Stewart, K. C., Ottawa, recently expressed on the subject of continuance of Dominion appeals to the privy council, would be discounted by informed public Canadian opinion because of his pronounced anti-imperialistic views.

The writers of this letter think that popular Canadian opinion as distinct from professional opinion has not been engaged on the matter, but point to the fact of the Ontario boards of trade having passed a resolution in favor of the abolition of the appeal to the privy council.

CHANGES OCCUR IN LABOR OFFICES

BRANTFORD, Dec. 12.—Following charges made by Mayor M. M. McBride, M.P., that Secretary John Matthews of the Independent Labor party here had failed to notify him of executive meetings and in private conversation had discussed the mayor's chances of re-election should he run under certain conditions, Secretary Matthews has been replaced by Mrs. Wright, and President Coney Simmons has been replaced by Thomas Money as president. It is possible that Mayor McBride may now run for a fourth term, although the Labor party has already pledged itself to ex-Alderman H. J. Symons for the mayoralty.

EXPRESS FIRM CUTS DOWN WORKING FORCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Working force of the American Railway Express Company are being reduced throughout the United States because of a general slump in business. It was announced today at the company's headquarters here that of the thousands of the concern's employees are affected could not be learned.

A FRIGHTFUL FIRE. Causes widespread sorrow—like a live corn causes much pain—the cure is "Putnam's," the old reliable Putnam's Corn Extractor, that never fails and always cures; try it, 25c at all dealers.

AUTO TO RIVAL ELECTRIC LINES SAY GUTELIUS

Official Doesn't Think Hydro Lines Would Be Self-Supporting.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—H. P. Gutelius, vice-president of the Delaware and Hudson Railway, formerly general manager of the Canadian Government Railways, continuing his testimony here on Saturday before the royal commission investigating the radial railway project, said that the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, took the ground that auto vehicles would be strong competitors of the projected radial railways. He cited the fact that the increase in good roads in Ontario has increased the auto business and that the business would increase more and more.

"I think it would be a mistake to build these lines" (the hydro-electric radial railway lines), he said.

This statement was made in reply to a question from I. F. Helmuth, K. C., counsel for the government, who had asked Mr. Gutelius what he thought of the economics of an estimated expenditure of about \$22 million for the proposed radial lines, exclusive of Toronto's share of about \$8,000,000, or a total of \$14,000,000.

Mr. Gutelius repeated a former statement to the effect that there was no congestion of freight between Toronto and the Niagara frontier. The Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, he said, could handle more than they were handling at present.

CHATHAM MAY ACCEPT 40-CENT GAS RATE

Conference Held Between Committee and Company Representatives.

CHATHAM, Dec. 11.—The gas committee of the city council, representatives of the Chatham Gas Company, and the city solicitor, O. L. Lewis, held a special session this afternoon in the city solicitor's office to discuss a proposition, which the Chatham Gas Company made by letter to the city council.

The proposition of the gas company was gone over from all angles and important recommendations will be prepared by the gas committee for submission at the last session of the council Monday.

Mayor Brisco this afternoon declined to make any statement in regard to the proceedings of the meeting. It is generally believed, however, that the tentative rate of 40 cents contained in the proposition from the Chatham Gas Company will be the ultimate settlement. Claims are awaiting the result with the keenest anticipation, as bills from the gas company for the past year have amounted to a great number of consumers, the advance being 100 per cent over the rate for October.

Purse of Gold For Veteran Clerk

James Beatty of Fergus Is Honored by His Associates.

GUELPH, Dec. 12.—At the closing meeting of the Wellington County Council, a very pleasant event took place, when County Clerk James Beatty of Fergus, who has been connected with the council for the past 38 years, was presented with a purse of gold in recognition of the valuable service he has rendered during his term of office. A fitting address was also read, in which the warden and councillors expressed the wish that he would be seated for many more years to hold his seat in the council.

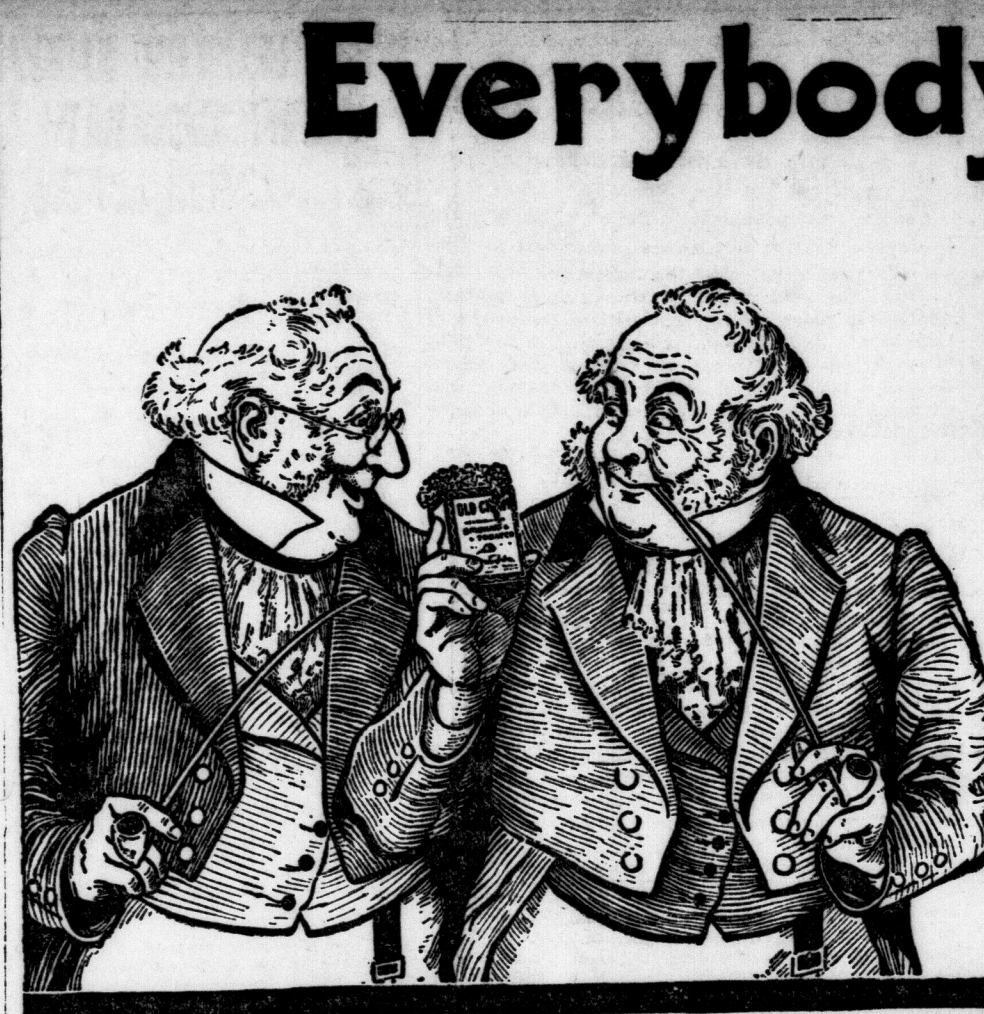
Warden John Campbell of Mount Forest was the recipient of a handsome gold ring, which was also accompanied by an address. Both officials made fitting replies, thanking the members of the council for the gifts.

HARDING ASKS BRYAN TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR WORLD ASSOCIATION

MARRION, O., Dec. 11.—President-Elect Harding has invited William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet, to confer with him here on December 17 in regard to the plan for an association of nations.

EAST ZORRA PIONEER DIES. WOODSTOCK, Dec. 12.—Hugh McDonald, aged 71, is dead at his home in East Zorra. He was born in East Zorra, and had resided in Oxford County almost all his life. He is survived by his wife and four sons, James McDonald, home, Dr. George McDonald, Collingwood; Bert McDonald, Toronto University.

Walter Inglis, an old resident of this city, died last night. He was 68 years of age. His funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.



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Dereham Youths Objected To Revival Services in the Church.

INGERSOLL, Dec. 12.—Two Dereham youths, who, it is alleged, discharged shotguns in front of horses leaving the shed of the Ebenezer Methodist Church following a revival service, appeared in police court Saturday. It came out in the hearing that the same pair had also visited a school house in the vicinity and broke slates and destroyed the teacher's strap. A fine of \$10 and costs, amounting in all in each case to more than \$21, was imposed and paid.

A club bag belonging to Rev. J. Wesley Dean of Dereham Centre, was stolen from a rig in the church shed, but this offense was not attached to the lads. Their excuse for discharging the shotguns was that they wished to frighten the people.

LT.-COL. MACVICAR TO TAKE COMMAND OF LAMBTON REGT.

Many Appointments Authorized in Orders Issued From Headquarters.

SARNIA, Dec. 12.—District orders issued by Brig.-Gen. H. A. Panet of London contain the following appointments, promotions and transfers authorized on the reorganization of the Lambton Regiment, formerly 27th (supply) B. F. Borden, in effect from October 1: To be lieutenant-colonel and to command the regiment, Lieut.-Col. W. W. MacVicar; to be provisional major, Lieut. (superannuated) J. C. S. Woodrow; to be majors, Lieut. and Brevet Capt. J. M. MacAdams, Lieut. (supply) and Brevet Capt. H. B. Edwards, Lieut. (supply) and Brevet Capt. R. H. Stapleford; to be captain, Lieut. (supply) S. G. Stokes, Lieut. (supply) R. D. Swift, Lieut. (supply) R. D. Swift, Lieut. (supply) W. A. Williams; to be lieutenant, Lieut. (supply) B. E. Scott, Reginald Proud Brown, gentleman; to be provisional lieutenant, Lieut. (supply) B. F. Pollard; to be lieutenant, Lieut. (supply) A. G. Beattie, Lieut. (supply) F. P. Dawson, Lieut. (supply) J. S. Johnston, Lieut. (supply) J. H. Egan; to be provisional adjutant with the rank of captain, Capt. H. B. Stapleford, Lieut. (supply) H. B. Edwards, Lieut. J. A. Peat.

LIQUOR FINES IN PERTH TOTAL \$3,909

Improved Conditions Noted in Report of License Inspector Elliott.

STRATFORD, Dec. 11.—License Inspector F. E. Elliott, in his annual report, declares that conditions in Perth County recently have greatly improved as far as illegal liquor traffic is concerned. In the year the inspector entered 70 prosecutions, only five of which were dismissed. The fines totaled \$3,909.

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NOT VOTING ON AMALGAMATION

Action of Windsor Council Frustrates Plan, Officials Declare.

WINDSOR, Dec. 12.—Sandwich and Walkerville will not submit to the voters the question of amalgamation on January 1, as they have been requested to do by the Windsor council. "Walkerville cannot vote on such a question after Windsor has co-operated in the joint board of health, and now takes action to withdraw from the Essex Border Utilities Commission, the commission she has made it foolish for the municipalities to consider a vote on amalgamation," Mayor King told The Advertiser tonight.

Board Was Formed. Mayor Donnelly, Sandwich, a member of the Essex Border Utilities Commission, supported this statement. "Windsor asks us to join in forming into one municipality. Some months ago Sandwich was asked to form a joint board of health for the border. The town objected, but after much effort the board was formed regardless of opposition from Sandwich. "Sandwich is now satisfied with the work of the commission's board of health. It is favoring other organized works, such as the technical school for the border. Now Windsor has decided to withdraw from the Essex Border Utilities Commission. This means that the extensive sewage plans, the board of health and other joint completed projects must be divided again."

Would Be Unsafe. "It would be unsafe to co-operate with Windsor in any way," the mayor of Sandwich said.

All city councils of the border for more than a year have been urging amalgamation as the most needed issue.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY DRAFTS CONSTITUTION
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The national committee of the Farmer-Labor party now in session here redrafted the party constitution so that it will be possible to absorb numerous smaller political organizations. Questions of policy and the future plans of the party were also being considered.

LONDON NURSE DIES IN MURKIN.—Following an illness extending over some months, the death occurred here Saturday of Miss Mary Hornall, daughter of the late William Hornall. She graduated this spring as a nurse from Victoria Hospital Training School in London. One sister survives. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon to Murrill Cemetery from the residence of her uncle, Philip Ashton.

HYDRO FOR EVERY FARMER SOON, SAYS MANNING DOHERTY

Absolutely Behind Beck, Says Minister Regarding Govt. Attitude.

BRAMPTON, Dec. 12.—Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture for Ontario, addressing Peel County U. F. O. here on Saturday, said that soon every farmer in Ontario should have hydro light and power on his farm. He claimed that the Drury Government was the best friend Sir Adam Beck had in the last ten years at the Parliament buildings in Toronto. "We are absolutely behind Sir Adam and any development of hydro," Mr. Doherty said, "and as to radial railways, wherever they were justified they would be built," he added.

STEAMER ARRIVALS. Palmero, Dec. 8.—Patricia, from New York; Cherbourg, Dec. 11.—Kronland, from New York; Naples, Dec. 7.—Italia, from New York.

SAVINGS DEPOSITS. WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—Deposit amounting to approximately \$750,000 have been made with the provincial savings banks, since they were opened for business a few months ago by the Manitoba Government. From \$5 to \$8 new accounts are being opened daily.

ELECTED OFFICERS
George Mardlin Worshipful Master of L. O. L. No. 792.

BRYANSTON, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of L. O. L. No. 792, the following officers were elected: M. M. George Mardlin; Bro. Calvin Dams, deputy master; Bro. Rev. Cousens, treasurer; Bro. Lamborn, secretary; Bro. Buy Dastoon, financial secretary; Bro. Wesley, Elliott, lecturer; and Bro. I. R. Mardlin, director of ceremonies; Bro. E. Howard, R. Dann, P. Belyear, N. Dann and J. McLure, committeemen.

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MR. FERGUSON'S ILLUSION.

There are a lot of disgruntled Tories in Ontario these days as a result of the choice of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson as provincial leader. On the streets, in stores, on the back of street cars, there is everywhere the same opinion voiced where men get together, that the party made a bad mistake in choosing Mr. Ferguson—at any rate in choosing him at the present time. It is when the name of the ex-minister is placed beside that of a man like W. F. Nickle of Kingston that the contrast becomes the more marked, and W. F. Nickle is the man whom no small part of the delegation at Toronto wanted for leader.

It is one of the weaknesses of a defeated political party that it always thinks it will come back at the next election. The defeated leaders always think that the people were led off the path by some will-o'-the-wisp and that at the first opportunity they will get back on the right path again. This seems to be the attitude of mind of Mr. Ferguson and his friends. They seem to think that Ontario is just waiting in anxiety and impatience for the day when it can have G. Howard Ferguson administering its affairs again. We hate to disillusion that gentleman, but if he will go incognito into the smoking cars on trams or get on the back of a street car in any Canadian city, he will soon know how much he is wanted back at the helm, and how much confidence even those who are supposed to be his followers really have in him. We predict that Mr. G. Howard Ferguson is going to be quickly disillusioned one of these fine days.

D'ANNUNZIO'S CAREER.

The blood-and-thunder career of Gabriele d'Annunzio seems drawing to an end. Since the opening of the war, not to speak of anterior times, he has been a meteoric figure in Italian life, sailing the night winds in an aeroplane like a real angel Gabriele, riding the Italian flag like a broomstick, so to speak, by the pale moonlight, butting into everything from the planet Venus across to Mars, now and then coming to earth, and finally alighting amidst a band of operatic faithfuls on the port of Fiume to dart defiance at the whole world. He has had his fill of alarms and excursions, seems really to have kept Fiume from the Jugo-Slavs in spite of President Wilson, and all the others, and behold him now getting ready, almost, to retire back into the humdrum life of a mere author of prose and verse.

You search the records of history in vain for a parallel to the exploits of d'Annunzio. He is now 56 years of age past, a time of life when most men's adventures would consist of careering around lodges in plumes and purple breeches. He may have been man about town in his earlier days, perhaps man about lodges, too; but as he grows younger with each decade, he becomes first man about sky and finally Ajax defying the lightning in Fiume. The only thing left for him, except returning to his author's armchair, is to come over and suppress or conduct the rum-running on Canadian frontiers.

There was a Scotchman 300 years or so ago called the Admirable Crichton, who was scholar, poet, adventurer and fighting man all combined. But he was only a youth of 25 when he met a violent death, whereas the foremost poet, novelist, orator and adventurer of modern Italy comes unscathed through everything, and probably an Italian life insurance agent would snap at him as a good risk now. It is clear that for all his vagaries he has a strong hold on the imagination of his fellow-countrymen. Whatever governments and officials may say to him, the Italian mob is for him. It is as though the British Government were being pressed to give up Gibraltar to Spain and Kipling went over to hold on to it. There would be a lot of sympathy for his action however hare-brained.

The fierce nationalism of the great war has made an emotional appeal to artistic spirits in different lands. In Poland, Paderewski came to the front as ruler of the state. Not a little of Lloyd George's hold on the British nation is from his cymric faculty of imagination and sympathy; he has a poetic insight into people and conditions. In his smaller, more intense and irregular fashion d'Annunzio also brings the artist's temperament to bear on political conditions, and holds Fiume against all-comers for Italy.

MARTIAL LAW IN IRELAND.

Lloyd George's announcement that martial law is to be proclaimed in certain parts of Ireland is at once discouraging and encouraging. It is discouraging because it indicates that the prospects of an early peace are not bright. Martial law is never invoked unless the situation is very bad. It is always a last resort in the attempt to keep law and order. On the other hand, it is encouraging to recognize that the British Government has no intention of backing down before an infamous gang. To have conceded anything to the ex-

trémists of the Sinn Feiners would have been to surrender to anarchy.

SUNDAY MORNING FORUMS.
More than a score of men's brotherhoods are meeting in London every Sunday morning. Hundreds of men are turning out an hour before regular church service to listen to addresses on subjects of timely interest and to participate themselves in the discussions on these subjects. In a sense, all of these gatherings are open forums, because there is, as a rule, no tendency to make the gatherings "churchy." These Sunday morning gatherings are having no small influence in developing a right social consciousness among the men of London and their concerted strength thrown into any public project will mean much in the days ahead.

CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES.
The Ottawa Journal comments in rather sarcastic style on the failure of Ottawa's people to turn out to the Shakespearean performances of Mr. Walter Hampden, and says that in the three nights that this distinguished actor appeared in the Canadian capital there were fewer people to witness his presentations than in the one night in which he appeared in the little city of Kingston. We are of the opinion that the presence of Queen's University at Kingston is one of the explanations for this rather striking contrast, and can see in it one of the very beneficial effects which the presence of a university in a community exerts upon its people. It is not that the university brings everybody to a "high-brow" plane, but it does have the effect of setting things in their right proportions. Kingston people may go to the movies, or dance, or play bridge, quite as ardently and whole-heartedly as people in any other community, but when it is a choice between the poorer and the better thing their choice is instinctively made.

THE DOMINION AT GENEVA.

The refusal of the Canadian and other Empire delegations to the League of Nations Assembly to follow the lead of the Mother Land or agree with one another on vital matters brought up should pretty effectually dispose of the belief throughout the United States that Great Britain would hold solid six votes to America's one should the latter enter the League. It was this point the Republican treaty wreckers played up stronger than any other. The American public was told that Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, would take their cue from whatever attitude the British Government assumed, unprotestingly accepting whatever proposals were presented.

Despite their nearness, and our intimate intercourse with them the American people are amazingly ignorant of this country's political status in relation to the Empire. It is generally supposed that we are of the nature of a crown colony, managed from London. They have not realized the extent of the overseas dominions' self-governing powers or the extent to which the dominions are prepared to exercise them. Canada's disagreement with the Mother Country and the sister dominions at Geneva is a striking demonstration of our nationhood that is certain to repeat to our great advantage.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
No race can become "the salt of the earth" unless it has the "pep."

Factions in the hobo's convention at Toledo have agreed to bury the hatchet—but not in a pile of cordwood.

As part of the general plan of reconstruction it would not be a bad idea to remove some of the fixtures at Ottawa.

The League of Nations Assembly must face problems as stupendous as the mountains which surround its meeting place.

It took centuries of hard work to make Canada what it is today, and there are many tasks for us, the pioneers of greater Canada, to perform.

It's not a lack of opportunity so much as a lack of willingness and stick-to-it-iveness that helps to increase the numbers on the street corners.

No doubt Santa Claus will bring along some of those newly-discovered Arctic petroleum wells for the stockings of the oil and gasoline barons.

One thing that has been neglected by social reformers is the establishing of a place where bachelors could get their socks mended. This would prevent the use of much superfluous and sulphurous language.

The Catalonians are asking the League of Nations to free them from Spanish rule. If this craze for independence continues we may expect to hear of the Indian asking the League to return to him the United States and Canada.

HOME THE HEART OF FARM BUSINESS.

[Farm and Ranch Review.]
The home is the place where all big business is born, and if the home is chaotic, poorly equipped and worse managed, then the chance for any great business enterprise to be created in there is very slim. This is just as true of a farm home as any other, and the farmer who must bring to bear upon his various undertakings all the mental and physical activity of which he is capable, cannot afford to neglect the home atmosphere. If he is to attack the various problems that confront him with the greatest amount of energy of which he is capable, then the home where he and his family meet to discuss these problems must be conducive to the greatest mental and physical activity on the part of all concerned, and in order that the household machinery may run with the least friction and loss of strength and energy, it is necessary that the home be modern. Such improvements as water, light and heat are considered very expensive to install, but when the comfort of a home thus equipped is taken into account, crediting it not only with the greater convenience it affords, the lesser amount of work necessary for its upkeep, but also the initial cost to be obtained in such a home, the initial cost dwindles into insignificance. And any up-to-date farmer who values the health, strength, comfort and convenience of the members of his household, and the mental stimulus arising from bodily comfort, cannot afford to remain inactive when it comes to modernizing his home.

From Here and There

THE BALLANTYNE PIER.

[Ottawa Citizen.]
Another new monument to the high cost of living in Canada will be built by the government in Vancouver. It is to be called the Ballantyne Pier. The contract has been placed by Mr. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine. The first cost to the people of Canada will be \$3,000,000. This new pier is being raised by taxes on baby clothes, school children's boots, the breakfast table, blankets, and on practically every other necessary article of home life in Canada.

TEACHERS AND OLD AGE.

[Exchange.]
The statement was made at the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm that of members of the professional classes who are inmates of the homes, school teachers predominate. A little thought might have led to this conclusion, but it is not one of which the public can be proud. Notoriously for years school teachers have been underpaid, and in a large number of cases it must have been an utter impossibility for them to have made any provision for old age. It has taken a long while and earnest effort to wake the public to its duty in providing fair remuneration to teachers; even now, when the salaries paid in certain industries are considered, they cannot be said to be on the excessive or generous side.

The curious part of the matter is that the teachers are engaged in a great industry, a most important and hugely responsible one, the construction and upbuilding of the character of the boys and girls who will form the next generation. A man who is starting on his career, and who is the best man he can get, and pays them salaries which not only encourage their best services, but assure their remaining with him. The school policy, at all events up till recently, has been to try to get good teachers at low salaries, and the result has been that thousands of teachers have gone into other occupations. It is sad to think that this statement concerning teachers and old age, and it is to be hoped that in course of time it will not have to be repeated.

THE LOST HIGHLANDERS.

["The Bookman," in Winnipeg Free Press.]
Under the caption "Wolfe's Lost Highlanders," a writer in the current number of Chambers's Journal writes about the Scotsmen who remained in Canada after the fall of Quebec and married French women. And he tells again the story of their gallant defence of that fortress, sixteen years later, in the American invasion. These Highlanders called to the colors from their farms responded to the number of 21 officers and 207 men, "no bad muster after sixteen years of peace, not forgetting French wives of doubtful loyalty." And he says that but for these Highlanders, speedily called into action by Sir Guy Carleton, there is not a doubt that "the Stars and Stripes would float from the Rio Grande to Baffin Land" today. It is the last time that Wolfe's Highlanders appear as fighting men. In the battle the British lost 15,000 men and Americans 400. "It was the decisive battle for Empire in Canada, and it was the Highlanders who turned the fortunes of the day." Henceforth they are devoted to the arts of peace in town and country, and are racially absorbed by the French-Canadians, their surnames only remaining this day—Campbells, Frasers, MacLarens, etc., all speaking the French language. "They are French-Canadians, but every trait and gesture shows the inheritance of the men who made and saved Canada for Britain."

FIREARMS IN THE WOODS.

[Quebec Telegraph.]
There is something startling in the number of men who venture to carry firearms in the woods without any qualification or capacity whatever for safeguarding either themselves or others from the dangers of the gun they take with them. Not a hunting season passes without the killing or at least the maiming of a number of people from this cause. A few days ago S. Farley and A. Hurlbert, farmers of Augusta, Ontario, were mistaken in the brush near Brockville at nightfall for a fox or other wild animal, and were shot by another farmer, A. Hanna, with a double-barrel shotgun. Farley received a shot in the arm and Hurlbert in the foot. Neither was seriously hurt. The two called out when Hanna was in the act of reloading, and thus escaped further injury. Less fortunate, however, was Andrew Martin of the Cochrane Lumber Company, while hunting along the line of the Canadian National Railway on Tuesday, for he was accidentally shot and killed by a young man in his party, who was walking behind him as the two were descending a hill. The butt of the young man's gun struck some obstacle which caused the weapon to discharge, and the contents went through Mr. Martin's body. The deceased was about 60 years of age. He resided in North Bay.

In the same issue of the newspaper in which the above tragic cases were reported there appeared an account of the shooting of the city clerk of Guelph, Mr. J. T. Moore, while deer hunting in Northern Ontario with a party which included Police Magistrate Watt of the same city. He was mistaken for a deer by a settler, who shot Mr. Moore in the small of the back. The wounded man was removed to the hospital at St. Mary's, 55 miles distant from the scene of the shooting. Examination showed that the bullet had glanced around the ribs from the back to the front of the body, so that if he recovers it will be almost a miracle. It is a pity that some means cannot be found for prohibiting the use of firearms except by those with a proper knowledge of how to handle them, just as is done in the case of automobile drivers.

THE SCRAMBLE FOR OIL.

[Exchange.]
The Canadian Pacific Railway, a Vancouver dispatch says, has been compelled to abandon its oil-burning equipment in both steamships and locomotives and to return to coal, because it is unable to get an adequate supply of fuel oil from the United States. The rapid conversion of the world's shipping to oil fuel is one of the most striking facts in the report of Lloyd's Register of shipping for the year ended June 30 last. The new ships classed during the year as fitted for oil-burning numbered 426, of 1,995,785 tons, as compared with 211 vessels of 1,153,650 tons the previous year. It was estimated that of vessels over 100 tons, those using coal as fuel amounted to 76 per cent, and those using oil under boilers or in internal combustion engines 18 per cent.

The reversion to coal by the Canadian Pacific steamships brings home to us the world struggle for fuel oil. Petroleum forms an apparently incidental but really significant portion of the note addressed by United States Secretary of State Colby to Lord Curzon, British foreign minister, regarding the nature of the British mandate over Mesopotamia. "The Government of the United States assumes that there is a general recognition of the fact that the requirements for petroleum are in excess of production, and it believes that opportunity to explore and develop the petroleum resources of the world, wherever found, should without discrimination be freely extended, as only by the unhampered development of such resources can the needs of the world be met."

But by the Franco-British agreement concerning oil production in the Near East, executed at San Remo on April 28, the British Government allows France a share of 25 per cent, at current market rates, of the oil produced in Mesopotamia. In his note to Earl Curzon, Secretary Colby has challenged the right of Great Britain as mandatory to make such arrangement, which would partly, if not entirely, close the door to competition. Mr. Colby claims that the United States possesses approximately only one-twelfth of the petroleum resources of the world, but his own geological survey puts the share much higher. Whatever it may be, the survey claims that the American reserve at the present rate of consumption will be exhausted in eighteen years.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CANADA?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY QUESTIONS.

- 1—Lake Abitibi is in the northern part of Ontario.
- 2—Wolfe took Quebec September 13, 1759.
- 3—Laura Secord warned the British army of the American advance in the battle of Beaver Dams.
- 4—The four great explorers of Western Canada in the eighteenth century were Samuel Hearne, James Cook, Alexander Mackenzie and David Thompson.
- 5—Major-Gen. Dearborn was commander-in-chief of the United States army at the beginning of the war of 1812.
- 6—The licensing of auctioneers comes under the provincial government.
- 7—Medicine Hat is called Alberta's "gas city" because it is in the centre of the greatest natural gas field yet discovered in the province.
- 8—Holy Communion was first celebrated within the borders of the present Dominion of Canada in 1573, when Queen Elizabeth, at Froh-lager Bay, Baffin's Land, by Master Wolful, who accompanied Sir Martin Frobisher on his third expedition.
- 9—Canada has 37,000 square miles of peat bogs.
- 10—Cape Henrietta Marie is in Ontario at the outlet of James Bay.

TODAY'S QUESTIONS.

- 1—What were Canada's fur exports last year?
- 2—Name three Ontario towns situated on the St. Lawrence River.
- 3—When was the battle of Queenston Heights?
- 4—When did Champlain discover Lake

- Champlain?
5—Where is the Portland Promontory?
6—Who was Pierre le Moine d'Iberville?
7—Who is Isabel Ecclestone Mackay?
8—How many experimental farms has the Dominion Government in Alberta?
9—What is the population of Manitoba?
10—Who was France's ally in the war of the Spanish succession?

Poetry and Jest

TODAY.

The following poem has appeared in newspapers in every part of the world where English is spoken and has been credited to various authors. The Literary Digest now gives "the credit" to the poet to whom the credit belongs—Douglas Malloch.
Sure, this world is full of trouble—
I ain't said it ain't.
Reason for complaint.
Rain an' storm have come to fret me,
Sides were often gray,
Thorns an' branches have beset me,
On the road—but say,
Ain't it fine today?

What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Lord I've had enough an' tribulation,
Water with his wine,
Life it ain't no celebration—
Trouble? I've had mine—
But today is fine.

It's today that I am livin',
Not a month ago,
Havin' losin' takin', givin',
As the right hand will it so,
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way,
It may rain again tomorrow,
It may rain—but say,
Ain't it fine today?

BEYOND HIS POWER.

He (making poor headway)—Will

nothing induce you to change your mind and marry?
She—Another man might.
FORGOTTEN.
[Mary E. D. Macfarland.]
Nary a visitor in the ward this week—
Aw, they're tired of us now!
When we was well and whole
And they needed us to go across
To stop the t-beat on our shores,
And chase the Hun across the Rhine,
Then every last blamed chump among
Was a "hero" and they couldn't do
enough.

Now—
Well, the war is over, so they say
(It looks to me like it wasn't finished yet),
And they're sick of all
The whole danged business.
So are we!
We're sick of this 'ere hospital,
We're sick of this 'ere grub,
We never want to see another doctor
or a nurse,
And they never want to see another
wounded cuse.

I don't blame 'em, but—
Here we are!
This buddy next me here he hadn't got
Much left to decorate his carcass,
And he's blind, too; the Boche
Shot out one eye for sure;
The doctors thought they'd save the
other one,
But yesterday they took the bandage off
And he couldn't see a goldarned thing.
I wish that I could hike out to a shady
place
And "cool my fevered brow," as they say
In high-toned stuff.
But I can't, you see, until
They hitch ampin' going onto
Those two pretty stumps of mine.
—Washington Post.

JUST A BOY.
Got to understand the lad,
He's not eager to be bad,
If the right hand will it so,
He would be as old as you;
Were he now exceeding wise,
He'd be just as old as you;
When he does things that annoy
Don't forget, he's just a boy.

Could he know and understand
He would need no guiding hand,

But he's young and hasn't learned
How life's corners must be turned,
Doesn't know from day to day
There is more in life than play,
More to face than selfish joy,
Don't forget, he's just a boy.

Being just a boy he'll do
Much you will not want him to.
He'll be careless of his ways,
Have his disobedient days,
Willful, wild and headstrong, too,
Just as, when a boy, were you;
Things of value he'll destroy,
But, reflect, he's just a boy.

Just a boy who meets a friend
Patient, kindly to the end;
Nere a father who will show
Him the things he wants to know,
Take him with you when you walk
Listen when he wants to talk,
His companionship enjoy,
Don't forget, he's just a boy.

Girl in Pink: "He put his arm around
me five times last night."
Disagreeable Friend in Blue: "Some
arm!"

SONG OF THE RAILS AT CHRISTMAS.
[Quarrier Bickers, in New York Times.]
When I'm going home at Christmas
There's a jolly and merry music
In the singing and the ringing
Of the rails beneath the train,
As the whizzing wheels go grinding
Up the long track, stretching, winding
Out the shortening miles of distance
To a wild refrain!

Changaranga! changaranga!
Going home again for Christmas!
Changaranga! changaranga!
And the folks a-waiting there!
Oh, the hearts and houses open
To receive me . . . and a maiden,
With the darkest eyes, descending
Down the wide hall stair!

Clackarack! clackarack!
They're coming home for Christmas!
Clackarack! clackarack!
From the east and north and south
Home again to Christmas dinner,
To the great bowl, white and foamy,
And the glistening pig, well-roasted,
With an apple in his mouth!

Chuckarucka! chuckarucka!
Sing the rails! At home for Christmas!
There is mistletoe and holly,
There is laughter everywhere,
Chuckarucka! I am dreaming
Of a dark-eyed maid descending,
With a merry sort of shyness,
Down the wide hall stair!

A Christmas Idea

Your future Christmas Days as they may be.



The type of man who protects his home—



— will, as his family grows older, —



— find increasing prosperity —



— which grows with the years —



— and fortifies his old age with a substantial income.

You know that the biggest thing you can do for your family this Christmas is to make sure that never in the future will good cheer and comfort be lacking. To provide for them "come what may"—Why not do it?

Make "Christmas" Certain
Deposit with the Canada Life each year less than you pay for personal luxuries.
Less than a motor car's upkeep.
Less than you lose in a year on a rash speculation.

Deposit such a sum with us and we will guarantee your family

A Monthly Cheque
The amount may be \$50, \$100 or more, as you may arrange.

Even a \$25 monthly income will pay the rent, if necessary, leaving a woman's mind free on that score at least.

A woman can keep a family together on even a small income, provided it is REGULAR.

The great advantage of this Canada Life policy is that should you live your deposits will provide for you later on.

This means protection for your family now and provision for yourself in old age.

Here is an enduring worth-while Christmas present. Let us send you particulars.

Canada Life Assurance Company

M. C. FOLMAR, MANAGER.
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Canada Life Assurance Company, London
Dear Sir—Without obligation on my part, please send me particulars of your Monthly Income Policy.
Name.....
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MAIL TODAY

3,000,000 WAIT TO COME TO U. S.

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ALFONSO SPONSORS LATIN UNION IN S. A.

Sovereign Will Sit at Buenos Aires to Create Entente.

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night in the Lexington Theatre. Two thousand delegates who could not get inside the building held a meeting outside.

Dr. Patrick McCartan "envoy" of the "Irish" movement, announced that a new movement for Irish relief would be started today, when 50,000 Irish women would campaign the houses and streets of the city for funds. He said it was planned to carry out a system of relief in Ireland along the lines established by the Red Cross.

SEVERAL BLOCKS DESTROYED. DUBLIN, Dec. 12.—Several blocks of buildings in the business district of Cork were destroyed by fire during the night, constituting the greatest destruction of property since the reprisals began in Ireland.

A group of public buildings on Albert Quay, including the city hall, Carnegie library and a portion of the corn exchange, were also burned as well as private residences in various parts of the city. Early estimates place the damage between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

The fire extended from St. Patrick street to Cook street to Maylor street and swept entire rows of buildings on both sides of Westinthrop street, leading from St. Patrick street to Old George's street.

It was reported from Cork yesterday afternoon that newly-arrived parties of auxiliary cadets marched through the streets holding up and scattering pedestrians and firing into the air, following the ambush of auxiliaries within half a mile of the barracks, twelve of them being wounded by a bomb thrown from a lorry.

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FAVORS HIGH SALARIES

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COND. ADDERMAN PAIRFULLY INJURED

Struck by Express and Has a Rib Fractured At Ruscombe.

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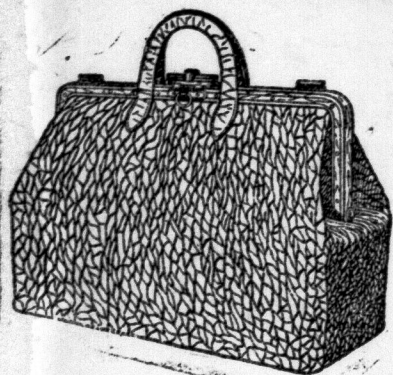
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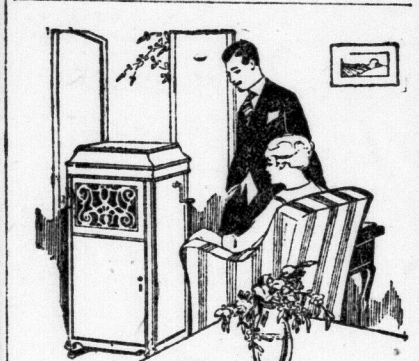
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 12.—Should the proposed legislation regulating the limit of service of public officials whose appointments and duties are controlled by the Provincial Government demand that they retire when they arrive at the age of between 65 and 70 years, the rule will apply to five officers in the county building. The sheriff, the crown attorney, the clerk of the county court, the clerk of the county council, and the county treasurer, who receive their mandates from the county council.

The registrar of deeds, too, would come under the age limit, and the senior county judge may also retire some time next year.

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DIFFICULT SITUATION

Parliament May Be Asked To Assist in Stemming Tide of Humanity.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—(Canadian Press)—A difficult immigration situation has resulted from the attempted invasion of Canada and the United States by thousands of refugees from Central and Eastern Europe. In the United States the movement has become so alarming that Congress has taken it up. Some action on the part of the Canadian Parliament may be found necessary at the coming session unless it is found that present law and regulations are sufficient to control the situation.

During the last few days the minister of immigration has received a number of telegrams from many parts of Canada, most of which are in the following terms:

Requests to Government.
"Jewish citizens strongly urge that Jewish immigrants now in port be allowed to remain in Canada. Jews means will deliver to the Government bonds covering any required amount guaranteeing that no Jews permitted to enter Canada within specified time will be permitted to become public charges within any specified period. To deport these immigrants back to the horrors from which they escaped would be a crime against humanity."

Officials of the immigration department state that people from Central and Eastern Europe are arriving at Canadian ports despite repeated warnings and advice given to all parties concerned. Since the outbreak of the war all publicity in continental European countries has been made to discourage the movement in question. Booking agents and steamship companies know the law, but they persist in sending these people forward knowing that in a great many instances they are not entitled to land in Canada. When these people are debarked entry to the steamship companies must defray their living expenses and carry them to the port from which they sailed free of charge.

In administering the law the department is treating all alike, regardless of race or creed and to permit these people to land, contrary to regulations would, the officials feel, simply encourage others to come at a time when the federal, provincial and municipal governments here are already facing a serious unemployment situation.

FATHER'S CONSCIENCE PRICKS AFTER TAKING INSURANCE MONEY
TORONTO, Dec. 12.—An unusual case of "conscience" has come to light at the city hall here, where a man has been received from the father of a soldier who was killed in France, stating that the parents of the young man, nearly four years ago, received \$1,000 insurance upon their son's life on the condition that the boy had been a resident of Toronto six months before entering. The father, in his letter, expresses regret and states that he is unable to make restitution.

"Having made this confession," he concludes, "I feel that my conscience is now free and void of offence and unclouded."

INFATUATION LEADS WOMAN TO DESERT HER SIX CHILDREN

Refuses To Return Despite Pleas of Her Husband.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—An unusually pathetic story was unfolded in police court here today, when Mrs. Giovanni Guzzo was charged with abandoning her two-year-old son. According to her husband she left the child alone in the house about a month ago playing with matches. He set fire to his clothes and was badly burned about the face. The mother became infatuated with another man with whom she went to Hamilton, where she was arrested yesterday. In court today she displayed the utmost callousness. Her six children, ranging in age from seven down to two years, cried bitterly, and when her husband offered her \$5 per month she would look after them, also demanding that she be allowed to take the child with her. She retorted that she "wanted nothing to do with those kids."

Magistrate Askwith characterized the sight of the children as the most pathetic he had seen in many years on the bench. When the husband pleaded that the woman be sent to a reformatory rather than to prison the magistrate said: "Oh, no. She is deserving of a home. I have never seen such heartlessness on the part of a woman who calls herself a mother."

SERIOUS SPLIT IN LABOR RANKS AT BRANTFORD

Mayor MacBride May Be Candidate For Fourth Term.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 11.—The action of the Independent Labor party here in electing new officers after a vote of want of confidence had been passed at a meeting last night by supporters of Mayor MacBride, has caused a serious split in the ranks of the party. The outgoing executive was pledged to support ex-Ald. Symons as a mayoralty candidate, and it is stated that the present executive favors MacBride. Retiring officers charged that the meeting was packed by the mayor's friends. There is much speculation as to the effect the split will have on the party's chances in the coming election.

The funeral of Geo. Kippax took place this afternoon, impressive public services being held at Farrington Church, where interment was made in the family mausoleum. Rev. Dr. Rutledge of Hamilton, assisted by Rev. G. A. Woodside, officiated at the service, while the address at the church was delivered by W. H. Whitaker. The pallbearers were Messrs. Col. Harry W. E. L. Gordon and George Cockshutt, and S. W. Stedman.

An interesting county court opens Tuesday, when seven cases are set down for hearing. One criminal case, a breach of the peace against "Clas" Vandusen of Scotland, is up for hearing. James Finlayson & Son are suing the Paris branch of the Bank of Commerce for \$720, said to have been deposited at the bank.

Members of the staffs at the Mercantile Hotel and Bank of Montreal have recently been advised of bonuses for the year of 10, 20 and 17½ per cent respectively, general throughout the service. The staff of other local branches have been informed that they will receive either a bonus or salary increase this month, but nothing official has been announced.

SIX KILLED WHEN TROLLEY TURNS OVER

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Six persons were killed, five injured seriously, and a number of others less seriously hurt here tonight, when a motor car lost control of a large trolley car at 27th street and Grand avenue, and it ran wild down a steep grade and turned completely over.

NAME HALCROW TO HEAD LABOR GROUP IN HOUSE

Labor Lawmakers Say No Split With Farmers Intended.

TO ORGANIZE BETTER

Effort To Air Differences in Caucuses Rather Than in House.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—By the election of George G. Halcrow, M.P., Hamilton, as House leader for the Labor group in the Ontario Legislature, at a meeting here on Saturday of the Labor members of the Legislature and the provincial executive of the Labor party, it is understood that all that is aimed at by the Labor men is a more effective organization of their representatives in the Legislature. It does not indicate any split between the Farmer and Labor groups in the Legislature, according to a prominent member of the conference which chose Mr. Halcrow yesterday.

Last session there was no recognized leader of the Labor group, although there were two Labor men in the Government. It is intended to have the group organized next session, so that whatever differences of opinion may arise between Labor and F. O. interests will be aired in the Government caucus, not on the floor of the House, where the U. P. O.-Labor coalition will present an unbroken front to the enemy, the old-line parties.

C. F. Swayer, M.P.P. for Niagara Falls, was a candidate for the House leadership of the Labor group, but when it was seen that the Hamilton men had the majority, Mr. Swayer moved to make the choice unanimous. Mayor MacBride, Brantford, was also nominated, but withdrew before a vote was taken. All the Labor members of the Legislature attended the conference, it is said, except Peter Heenan, M.P.P., Kenora.

President J. J. Buckley of the Provincial Independent Labor party presided. The meeting was held in the Labor Temple.

PERFORMANCE STOPS WHEN CARUSO BURSTS THROAT BLOOD VESSEL

Accident To Tenor Not Serious—Caruso Finishes Act.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Enrico Caruso, tenor, burst a blood vessel in his throat while singing at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last night. The performance was stopped. The accident, which, it was said, is not serious, occurred during the first act of Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore," but the tenor did not stop until the end of the act.

A physician in attendance then told him it would be unwise to continue, for if he did so the results might prove serious. In addition, the blood in his throat interfered with the singer's vocalization. The manager, is dismissing the audience, said: "Mr. Caruso assures me that he is willing, and even anxious, to finish the performance, if you wish him to. It is for you to decide." "No," came from almost every person in the big theatre, which was the hemorrhage was similar to those which resulted from a ruptured blood vessel while Mr. Caruso was singing at the Metropolitan Opera House last Wednesday night. It was said.

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Supt. John McCallum Has Had a Very Busy Year.

SARNIA, Dec. 12.—The Lambton County Council concluded its session late Saturday with the adoption of several bylaws and the disposal of routine business that had been laid over from the first part of the meeting. The total expenditure on construction and maintenance of the county good roads system from December 1, 1919, to December 1, 1920, was \$114,619.94, according to the report submitted to the county council Friday afternoon by County Road Superintendent John McCallum. That total includes the general outlay of \$41,293.33, and the disbursement for Grand Bend bridge of \$4,966.60. The amount expended in each municipality was reported as follows: Brook, \$3,135.10; Bosanquet, \$8,507.30; Dawn, \$5,125.53; Ennisville, \$5,080.54; Euphemia, \$2,472.20; Moore, \$10,756.96; Plympton, \$3,577.71; Sarnia, \$1,475.50; Sombra, \$6,251.56; Warwick, \$8,598.03; Brook and Warwick Town line, \$1,121.11; Bosanquet and Warwick Town line, \$9,818.10; Plympton and Warwick Town line, \$3,125.71.

RESULT OF BONE-DRY VOTING THIS WEEK

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press).—Official returns of the all-dry plebiscite taken recently in Nova Scotia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are expected to be complete by the end of next week. The question of a date after which the importation of liquor into the four provinces will be forbidden will then be considered.

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HAMILTON PLANS TO GET SHELTER, FOOD FOR IDLE

Will Ask Ottawa Govt. To Re-open Its Emergency Fund.

HAMILTON, Dec. 12.—Immediate and substantial relief, not in the form of crumbs of charity, but in the form of work, will be given to Hamilton's 2,500 unemployed residents. Plans to carry out this project were made Saturday night at a special meeting of the board of control. A portion of the Scott Barracks, which has been used during the influenza epidemics as an emergency hospital, will be opened on Monday night, fully equipped to give asylum to destitute returned soldiers and civilians who will be given breakfast each morning before setting out in quest of work. The city plans to employ as many men as possible on the laying of water mains, roadway grading, and on two sewers which are to be constructed. The Dominion Government will be petitioned to begin the construction of the proposed new postoffice here immediately, also to reopen the emergency fund of \$50,000,000 that was created for returned soldiers, and which about \$15,000,000 is said to have been expended. The Ontario Government will be requested to begin work on three bridges and other work in connection with the proposed entrance of the Toronto-Hamilton highway.

MISSING OTTAWA

MERCHANT LOCATED IN FT. WORTH, TEXAS

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—John T. Hamill, president of Murphy-Gamble, Limited, one of the city's largest departmental stores, who has been missing for upwards of five weeks, is at Fort Worth, Texas. Information to this effect is contained in a letter from Hamill to his family here. It is said he is in poor health. A country-wide search has been conducted for Hamill since he left his office shortly before the lunch hour on November 11, and has been fruitless. Mrs. Hamill leaves tomorrow for Fort Worth.

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MAY BE BLINDED BY BOYS' PRANK

Three Hurt At Sarnia When Shot Gun Is Discharged.

SARNIA, Dec. 12.—Medical officials stated tonight that John Garvin, a switchman in the local P. M. yards, may lose an eye as a result of a shooting accident in Sarnia. A shotgun in the hands of a lad named J. L. McGrath, pointed playfully at three men standing on the steps of a yard engine discharged, the small shot striking all three men and inflicting severe wounds. Garvin, H. E. Insole and H. Darrah were standing on the steps of a yard engine, when young McGrath, who had been hunting on the Indian Reserve, cut across the P. M. yards on his way to his home in the south ward, with a loaded shotgun over his shoulder. Approaching the engine he pointed the gun at the three men, in some way pulling the trigger, the spreading shot striking all three men, wounding Garvin's face and penetrating one eye.

AUTOMATIC WIRELESS STATIONS TO REDUCE DANGERS ON LAKES

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Through the establishment by the United States Government of a chain of automatic wireless stations at danger points along the Great Lakes, dangers of lake navigation will be greatly reduced, it was learned today. Ships blown near dangerous reefs and shoals will be warned by automatic danger signals sent at a point that can be caught by the wireless apparatus of any vessel. With the station at Great Lakes, Illinois, as a basis, the bureau of navigation plans to build ten direction-finding stations at a cost of \$15,000 each. Two now under construction are in Lake Superior between Whitefish Point and Grand Marais, and another known as the "Graveyard of the Great Lakes" because of many wrecks in that vicinity.

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