

London, Especially Its Husbands, In Rage Over Great Game of Bridge

Thousands in City Spend Innumerable Hours at Cards—Husbands Rave as Women Find It Hard To Desert Game to Prepare Supper.

It's all the rage in Paris. Everyone hears the trite phrase spoken between seasons. Paris is always "raging" about something.

Let's consider London for a change. Ask local ladies "What's the rage?" and after proper deliberation necessitated by the seriousness of the question, they will answer "bridge."

Verily, the royal and ancient game has taken the city by storm.

If you have been invited into a siege with married couples you will know this to be particularly true. "Stormy" isn't the word for it, as Ring Lardner would say.

"Bridge is London's pastime. The aggregate number of hours spent by Londoners at the honorable game makes the life of Methuselah seem but a fleeting minute. It's all the rage, and it makes people rage."

These statements may be substantiated by almost any married man who, returning home from work, amuses himself by tearing out his hair and scattering it around the drawing-room, while waiting for his wife to return from her afternoon bridge, and make ready the evening supper. Or they can be vouched for by local book stores who report a tremendous increase in demand for playing cards.

The new arrival in the city, unfamiliar with the intricacies of the diversion, can further support these statements. Invited to local homes, he is asked if he plays bridge. Upon replying in the negative, the hostess' nose turns up at an angle of 45 degrees, registering contempt.

The unfortunate one may be sure he will never get another invitation. From reliable sources it is learned that there are 47 bridge clubs in London, with a combined membership of 10,000 persons. Here are some of the statistics:

Of the 10,000 persons who play at bridge only 23 play bridge.

Approximately 6,000 will not play for money, but will play for prizes which cost money.

After the game is over 300 married couples call each other names every night except Sundays.

In the combined membership more than 3,000 refuse to recognize the standard bid. Instead of bidding "one no trump," they say, "One without," or "One in the noddy," thus exhibiting a refreshing originality.

Of 2,000 married couples who play the game, 1,800 husbands bark at their wives and 800 wives bark at their husbands. The remainder know so little about the game that they are unable to bark authoritatively at anyone.

One of London's leading woman players has described the game in verse, which reads:

Game of bridge is calling down.
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"Thomas Hood," who wrote, "The Bridge of Sighs," must have had a remarkable talent for prognostication. Nevertheless it's a great pastime and it's all the rage.

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BASES HIS SERMON ON STRANGE FIGHT

Rev. G. A. Leichter Preaches on "The Men Who Fought With Bottles."

The sermon which the Rev. G. A. Leichter of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church had entitled "The Men Who Fought With Bottles," proved to be based on the story of the battle between Gideon and the Midianites, a conflict that he described as the strangest in all history, and one that proved conclusively the power of the Lord to achieve his ends, even when armed with the poorest of equipment.

The story itself tells of the reduction of Gideon's army at the direct command of God, of the 20,000 who were allowed to go to their homes, because they were wanting in courage, of the 3,000 who were rejected on account of their peculiarity of drinking with their lips in the stream, and of the final three hundred who were chosen to follow Gideon to victory.

Mr. Leichter justified his choice of title, when in reading the description of the weapons of this little force, he mentioned that they were armed with trumpets, and bottles containing lamps.

Graphically he pictured the steps taken by the three hundred as they stole down to the camp of the Midianites, how they blew on their trumpets, how they broke the bottles, exposing all the lamps, and how they were able to overcome the enemy who fled in wild terror and running amuck in their fear, turned their swords against each other, adding to the completeness of their rout.

Gideon and his three hundred heroes, and his great battle cry, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," were a match for the 120,000 Midianites who opposed them.

The salient features of this historical fray were emphasized. The absolute independence of God of any human or material force, the value of a bold leader, whose faith in his Creator was supreme, and the enormous gains that lay within the power of a few brave men who followed faithfully in the steps of their captains.

Today, he declared, was the day of great machinery, and vast progress in the world of mechanics. Never had there been a time when we were so strong in all these things, and yet so weak in the things of God. He urged that if this behooved us to watch more carefully for the signs of our material power, we forgot the real gift of victory that lay in the aid that God alone could give.

In another portion of his address, Mr. Davis referred to his future work, saying: "The value of a human soul, whether it be that of a Japanese or a Chinaman, may be indicated by the price that the Lord was willing to pay for its redemption, and the value we put on it may be judged by the effort we make to save these souls. If, by going out to China, and spending my life there, there may be found around the great white throne just one more Chinese soul, saved and glorified, then shall our work there not have been in vain, but abundantly worth while."

The speaker recounted various ways in which God, in times past and now, reveals himself to his children, drawing attention to the conversion of Paul when he said: "I certify to you, brethren, that the gospel I preach to you is not of man. The great work was the mission of Christ to the people. Using a local application, there may be plenty of water in the reservoir on the hill at Springhill, and it may be very good, but it will never be of any use to the people of London until it is brought here. In the same way, it is the mission of Christ to the people, the mission of his followers today, to bring the grace of God to the men and women who need it."

Mr. Davis, in expressing his thanks to the people of Talbot Street Church for their kindness to Mrs. Davis and himself, said they were, in fact, where there will be a short dedicatory service, after which they go directly to Vancouver to embark for their future work in China.

The annual banquet of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Tecumseh House. Tickets are limited to 225.

The following committees have been appointed to arrange the details: Speakers' committee, J. Hanah; music, A. E. Barbour; refreshments, A. A. Morrison; printing, A. J. Smith; tickets, J. H. Grierson; publicity, J. H. Laughton; treasurer, F. E. Harley; secretary, George Hair. Some very prominent speakers will be present.

The object of the banquet is to bring the members together to exchange ideas, all the while having a good time. It is expected that many former officers will be on hand, as a special effort is being made to get them out.

Seats have already been reserved for delegations from Hamilton, Windsor, Toronto, Brantford, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Chatham and Stratford.

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EVERYBODY'S "SPYING" Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win a one-dollar bill.

It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

A crisp one-dollar bill awaits "F. G. B." the winner today. On Adelaide street, a "Detroit" car, tied with a very heavy rope to a telephone pole, "Safety first" must be their motto there—F. G. B.

A number of houses around town with fly screens and screen doors still attached. "Are we expecting an Indian summer yet, or an early hatch of spring flies?"—B.R.N.

In a church in South London, where the temperature would be near 75 degrees, several women with heavy coats on throughout the whole service, large fur collars, tight up around their necks, as if in a blizzard. The service and sermon was enough to warm up chilled hearts, anyway.—Thornes.

London's usual midnight choristers, eight or ten strong, leaning against the door of a downtown store, singing lustily.—Out Late.

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Were You Ever a Bad Boy? Read This And Remember

One Collects Three Prize Bags at Entertainment, One Loses Himself in Toytown, While the Third Swallows Copper.

Christmas, with its many mysterious promises of joys, lends to the adventurous spirits of children a reckless abandon. So it was proven by the experiences of three tobs observed casually during the week-end.

Boy number one was observed at a Christmas entertainment. He took part in a class song, but his big part was yet to come when Santa Claus appeared.

Word arrived that the jolly old soul from the north would be on hand in half an hour. One of his reindeer had shed a shoe or a horn or something, and there was a slight delay. But finally he arrived, and proceeded to hand out those memorable net bags with candy in one end and a popcorn ball in the other.

The lad was on hand bright and early, and secured bag No. 1. Circling around, he went down the aisle and the other children, who were more looked on in the eye, and once more drew a bag that was supposed to

look like a young stocking. Three times in all he made the circuit and scored each round.

The second lad left home at one o'clock Saturday afternoon to look for Santa Claus. In a few weeks he will be a whole seven years old. At eight o'clock Saturday night his parents had phoned the police station and all the hospitals, only to find that, if he had been lost or seriously hurt, no one had word of it yet. Then the parents started out on a search. The father had a few ideas and invaded toytown in a local store, where the son and heir was discovered sitting alongside a pile of blocks, which he was building up to his heart's content. He wasn't aware that it was past supper-time. There were signs of relief when he was landed home.

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LOON POLICE WILL DECLARE WAR ON 'KLAN'

Authorities Promise to Crush Any Ku Klux Organization in City.

CLAIM POWER TO ACT

Mayor-Elect Wenige and Dr. H. A. Stevenson Promise Fight.

Ku Klux Klan beware! Authorization to publish a "Keep Off the Grass" sign, so far as London is concerned, was given The Advertiser by prominent civic officials in connection with the reported movement to organize a branch of the Ku Klux in this city.

Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M.L.A., Mayor-Elect Wenige and others, supporting Attorney-General Rane, in his denunciation of the Klan, made at Toronto yesterday, stated that the society would receive little toleration here.

The attorney-general, referring to an article which appeared exclusively in The Advertiser last week, told a Toronto audience that "the grand kleung of the Ku Klux Klan will be in jail an hour after he returns to Canada, if he does return."

From information obtained by The Advertiser, the Klan is expected to make London headquarters for the Dominion. Police officials, however, stated that "London would not tolerate such a pernicious organization as the Ku Klux Klan in this city, they will be speedily apprehended."

Crushing Opposition. Attorney-General Rane declared yesterday that should the Ku Klux Klan rear its hooded head in Ontario it will meet with crushing opposition. It will find provincial courts clothed with authority to send all its members to the penitentiary.

While not going so far as to state that the Klan is organized, but that steps have been taken in that direction cannot be denied. Several citizens have been asked to join in a combined effort to "get the higher-ups who are above the law."

"The law penalizes the wrongdoer, whether he be a citizen or a foreigner," said Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M.P.E. "It is a question for the police department to consider. I don't believe in the policy of Ku Kluxing; but it is really a matter for the crown attorney."

It was stated that the Klan will not approach elderly businessmen or persons holding municipal office to become members. Their field lies in the younger class of the community, it is said, are sympathetic toward the movement. The average opinion is that such an organization would be a disgrace to the city and a detriment to the police have taken on a determined attitude.

"Beware Ku Klux," is their slogan.

REMAIND TWO SUSPECTS IN TAX ROBBERY CASE

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Dec. 18.—Cecil Stephenson and Eugene Collins, suspected of the robbery of a tax collector at Brantford on Friday last, were apprehended by High Constable Fred Kerr, Linc. Insp. Inspector Robert G. Henry Stanley, of the Brantford district, in Burford Village, 12 miles west of Brantford, on Saturday night and arraigned in court this morning.

They were remanded until further evidence for the crown can be secured.

The suspects when arrested had \$773 on their persons. It is claimed by the police that this is part of the amount taken from Tax Collector Kelly.

PUPILS OF EMBRO SCHOOL PRESENT ENTERTAINMENT

Special to The Advertiser.

Embro, Dec. 17.—The public school concert which was held in the town hall last night was an unequalled success. Rev. W. P. Lane acted as chairman.

The pupils provided an excellent program, consisting of choruses, duets, violin and piano numbers, recitations and drills. The entertainment concluded with a short play entitled "Mother Goose's Party." Rev. Mr. N. H. Jackson gave a short address.

The proceeds amounted to \$62. W. Nichols of the London Advertiser was in the village Friday on business.

Assistant Postoffice Inspector Mr. May of London was in the village on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David McClure have returned home from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durfy in Mortlach, Saskatchewan.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will entertain their Sunday school scholars Tuesday night to a social evening.

The pageant "The Pill Bottle" which was presented by the W. M. S. of Knox Church on Wednesday night was well attended and proved a decided success. Proceeds netted the society \$56.

IRISH REBELS CONDUCT WILD ORGY OF LOOTING

Dublin, Dec. 18.—A number of raids and holdups were carried out by irregulars at different points yesterday, but apparently there were no casualties. Barracks at Castleblaney were looted and set on fire. An attack on the Carrigrohane Barracks was repulsed by the Free State troops. The railway station at Carrick-on-Shannon was also looted.

Overseas mails were seized from a train at Black Rock, near Dublin. Another train was held up at Kilmallick, near Waterford and the mails were seized. After the train was set on fire, it was started going and it soon ran off the tracks and was wrecked. The passengers and crew had been ordered off before the crash.



OLD LANDMARK SWEEP BY FIRE.

This is The Advertiser photographer's view of the old Presbyterian mission at Oxford and Coburne streets, which was almost destroyed by fire at midnight Saturday, with damage totalling \$6,000.

Don't Coo Sweet Nothings—Write 'Em Down, Says She

This Business of Engagements Is No Longer a Pleasant Pastime, If American Women Have Their Way—"Bunk," Reply Londoners.

"We are trying to get a law which makes it compulsory for men and women to contract their engagements in writing."

Alice Paul, leader of the National Woman's Party in the United States, passing through the city last week, summarized the work of her organization in the above words. Mrs. Paul's stay in London was a matter of only an hour. Yet she had time to answer the phone in response to a call from The Advertiser and talk for a few minutes.

The Woman's Party, of which Alice Paul is the guiding spirit, have prepared this bill to be introduced in the legislature of the United States in January. Should this bill be adopted, marriage would be recognized as a business partnership. Husband and wife under this law would be legally obligated to stand by the agreement drawn up before marriage.

Alice Paul expatiated on it for only a few minutes. But what she said was illuminating. Under this agreement engaged couples must put down in writing just what duties they expect from their mates and what can be demanded of them. For instance, one of the terms might limit the time under which the future mother-in-law may visit the family; it could define just what nights hubby could go out with the boys. There might be a provision which penalizes any manifestation of the average husband's "morning grouch," and as a concession to this, there would probably be a clause which prohibited the wife from indulging in such

reminders as "Just think, how better off I would have been if I had never married you."

But Alice Paul did not participate in undue levity. She was mighty serious. She believes that such a bill will make for better and more lasting marriages, and would be a step upward, not only for women but for the entire race.

"Marriage should become an equal partnership," she said, "and when it is dissolved, as one out of every eight marriages in America eventually is, the court should show no favor between partners as they do now."

After this little talk, The Advertiser got in touch with a number of local women to get their attitude on the question. Should a bill of the nature sponsored by Alice Paul and the Woman's Party, be arranged in Canada? Are contracts drawn up by the unromantic legal mind as lasting as those forged by bonds of sentiment?

If I were a young girl, and had to have a written engagement from my beau, I just wouldn't marry him, that's all," said one prominent member of the W. C. T. U. in answer to The Advertiser's query.

"Oh, that's just some more American twaddle," declared another leading London lady candidly. "They're always getting up something new. I have really nothing to say about it, because it strikes me as ridiculous."

"I don't know anything about the bill," said another, "but from what you tell me, I would hazard the opinion that it is a superfluous bit of legislation. Engagement is a business, and to make the subjects of written contracts."

PIPER TO PREPARE CITY HALL PLANS

Will Begin Work at Once on Suggestion For New Building.

There is every indication that a real effort will be made in 1923 toward the actual construction of a city hall on the federal square. Whether the attempt will meet with success is somewhat problematical, however.

Building Inspector A. M. Piper explained to The Advertiser Monday that he will draft a tentative sketch of the contemplated structure as speedily as circumstances will allow.

He is undertaking this, he says, at the instigation of certain aldermen-elect, who give assurance that they will introduce the question for consideration early in the year. It is their desire that some outline be submitted at that time as a suggestion.

The building inspector states that at this very moment he is casting about for ideas, and when he determines just what he believes will meet with the general satisfaction of the new councillors, he will proceed at once.

"I am certainly handicapped in this respect, to a certain degree," he says. "In the first place I am not quite sure just what the council will want. They have only a rough idea of what money they will have available, and it has not been settled yet, of course, just what type of administration offices should be erected, and at what expenditure."

"There has been considerable discussion about the incorporation of the police headquarters in the new hall, and it is imperative that I possess definite assurance on this point."

Mr. Piper promises, however, to present to the new council, when the question is considered, as it will be, soon after the inaugural meeting of the body.

TWO DUCK SHOOTERS SAVED FROM DROWNING

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Hurled into the icy waters of the bay, buffeted by wind and waves for more than an hour, two San Francisco duck shooters were rescued at the point of exhaustion Sunday.

The hunters were H. G. Grolmund, leader of the St. Francis Orchestra, and H. Cuka.

It was raining as they rowed in the early dawn from Taylor's boat house on the Oakland estuary, bound for San Leandro Bay. Grolmund stood up to put on a raincoat.

The next moment the hunters were clinging to the sides of their overturned skiff and their guns and equipment had gone to the bottom of the bay.

Cries for help reached the ears of Lee Demler, tender of the High Street bridge over the estuary.

He sighted the overturned boat and struggling hunters, about 300 yards away.

An unidentified hunter was the first to reach the overturned craft.

U. S. PREPARES TWO TREATIES TO MID EUROPE

Aims to Replace Much of the Versailles Agreement—Scales Down Reparations.

ARRANGE GERMAN LOAN

Would Take Over Exports and Taxes of Germany as Mortgage.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, Dec. 18.—President Harding will soon propose two international agreements, which will replace much of the Treaty of Versailles, the Daily Sketch stated today.

One of the agreements will be for all the allies. The other will include former enemies as well, the Sketch declared.

Elihu Root, the paper said, is at present working out a reparations agreement. The Washington correspondent of the Sketch, upon whose dispatches the statements are based, cabled he had interviewed representatives of every prominent American banker, as well as other "high places, with precise authoritative knowledge, and learned there is to be a drastic scaling down of reparations, with the United States taking over German export, import and internal taxes, under a first mortgage."

Three groups of American bankers, Pierpont Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Harriman, will underwrite the financial relief for Germany.

Under the plan, Germany would be guaranteed that the United States government, it is declared, "it is definitely known that the bankers concerned have negotiated for a long period with Germany, and that assent has been definitely given for mortgages that will satisfy all guaranteed debts."

Under impending agreements, the United States attitude towards international debts may be susceptible to change. It is said, "The credit to Germany, it is said, will not be less than a billion and a half dollars."

INTENSE COLD WAVE SWEEPS AMERICA

Lowest Temperature of Season Reported in Many Parts of Continent.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Temperatures lower than any previously reported this winter in the northwest, upper lake region, great central valleys, middle and west gulf states and the southern Rocky Mountain region were recorded last night and today as another wave spread over the greater portion of the United States, west of the Appalachian Mountains.

The mercury in Chicago went below zero for the first time this season. The weather bureau reported that cold wave has a general southerly trend across the middle states, and would be followed by a slowly rising temperature tomorrow for the great lakes region.

Havre, Montana, last night was gripped by 22 below zero. Other towns in the northwest registered readings from 4 to 28 below zero.

400 ARE RESCUED FROM BURNING SHIP

United States Destroyer Answers S. O. S. Call From French Hospital Vessel.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—The United States destroyer Bainbridge yesterday rescued 400 persons from the burning French hospital ship Vinh-Long in the Sea of Marmara. The vessel took fire opposite San Stefano, on the western outskirts of Constantinople. Fifteen of those on board the Vinh-Long are missing.

Five of the missing are believed to have been killed in the explosion. The hospital ship was proceeding to Constantinople from Bizerta when a conflagration was discovered in the magazine. Several explosions followed, rapidly enveloping the ship in flames.

S. O. S. calls were answered immediately by the Bainbridge. Lt. Commander W. A. Edwards rushed his vessel alongside and taking off the passengers, he was able to reach the hospital ship with the French soldiers and their families, returning from leave.

United States submarine chaser No. 96 also assisted in rescuing those who jumped overboard.

THINK TREATY FAIR TO BOTH COUNTRIES

Fielding and Lapointe Return To London On Completion of French Mission.

London, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press Cable).—Messrs. Fielding and Lapointe, the two Canadian federal ministers who have just concluded negotiations of a trade convention with France, returned to London last night.

When interviewed by the Canadian Press, Mr. Fielding declined to add to the official statement already published, regarding the details of the trade agreement, but the full terms of the convention will be published on a date to be arranged.

The Canadian Press gathers, however, that both sides are well satisfied with the fair agreement that has been effected. The Canadian ministers are continuing their correspondence with French officials, but these will be for some time before results are likely to develop. Mr. Fielding hopes to sail for home between Christmas and the new year.

U. S. COASTGUARDS SEIZE BOAT CARRYING ALCOHOL

Washington, Dec. 18.—The schooner Silva T. Rice, carrying a cargo of alcohol, was seized by the life-saving crew of a coastguard station near Boston end of the Cape Cod canal today, according to advices received by the treasury department.

The Rice, together with the schooner Star, alleged to have been a convoy for the captured vessel, is being held at the coastguard station.

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The act of bravery so suitably recognized took place on June 9, when Mrs. Wesley Hamilton, who is the wife of the reeve of Chesterville, fell across the rails directly in front of an oncoming freight. R. W. Lumsden, the brakeman, who saw her danger, ran from the speeding cars and threw himself beside the prostrate woman, rolling her and himself into safety just as the wheels passed.

The heroic act was brought to the attention of the Royal Humane Society by officials of the C. P. R., and the award followed. At the presentation of the society's medal another ceremony took place when a similar decoration on behalf of the ladies of the town was presented by the small daughter of the reeve and Mrs. Hamilton.

DRESSED IN BATHING SUIT, TAXI DRIVER DEFIES COLD

Special to The Advertiser.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Isadore Shrier, taxi driver, drove his cab 30 miles while wearing only a one-piece bathing suit. The temperature was 2 above zero. Shrier won \$100.

She Ran Away From Home And Ended in Disaster

Mabel Mitchell Left Her Home in London Two Years Ago—Now Stirs Detroit With Divorce Petition From Her Trial Husband.

The disastrous trial marriage of a London girl is stirring Detroit these days with one of the most sensational divorce cases of American courts.

The girl, whose face you see above, was known to London as Mabel Mitchell. She lived here all her life with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, until two years ago, when Mabel ran away from home and went to Pittsburgh. The parents followed, and are now living in Detroit, according to statements to The Advertiser from friends of the family.

Mabel Mitchell is now known as Mrs. Albert W. Ryerson. Ryerson is a Detroit, formerly head of the Universal Book Stores, Inc., and prominent as chief disciple of a mysterious oriental love-cult known as the "O. T. O." Ryerson is 51 years old and Mabel is 18.

The two were married last Sept. 6th in Mt. Clemens, and took up residence at 351 River Front, Ford City, Ontario. The marriage was to be a trial affair of thirty days. It lasted only twenty-nine, because Mabel ran away, disillusioned and despairful.

"I don't know anything about the 'Chalet d'Arts,' an artists' establishment in Detroit, and is acting as artists' model."

Remainders of the Mitchell family remain in London, and Mabel's acquaintances here declined to discuss her adventures with The Advertiser. An uncle of the ill-fated bride is Alderman Frank J. Mitchell of Windsor, Ontario. Speaking to The Advertiser by long distance telephone yesterday, Alderman Mitchell said that Mabel had made her own career.

Uncle Won't Talk.

"Her parents haven't had anything to do with it," he said to The Advertiser, "and they're not in touch with her now, though they are living in Detroit."

"What do you think of the case?" asked The Advertiser.

"I won't say anything about it," replied Mr. Mitchell, "It's purely her own affair."

"He agreed that if he could not make me love him at the end of that time, I should go free. When he saw that he was not making headway with his love-making, he tried several tactics. He beat me severely on several occasions. I was able to drag through 28 of the 30 days. Then I left him. If I ever get out of this mess, never again will I marry. I just want to be friends with all the artists."

Of her childhood she said: "I was brought up in London, Ont., and was accustomed to small towns, and when he was so wonderful to me I just thought, 'I would marry him. I had nobody to advise me, and here is where I've landed.'"

Since Mrs. Ryerson left her husband he has followed her every band and begged and bribed her with handsome fur coats and diamonds to come back, she said.

"He said, 'I'd withdraw the charges against him and reform and devote his whole life to me. I wouldn't take him back and live with him again for all the jewels of the Queen of Sheba.'"

The suit for divorce is to come up in the Detroit courts.

Didn't Like To Eat College Chum, Cannibal Chief Frees Missionaries

London, Dec. 18.—An amazing story—which may or may not be true—of how three young Oxford graduates were "plucked from the boiling" at the hands of cannibals is related in "The Cannibals."

Three men who were engaged in missionary work in Borneo or Papua were captured by the natives, who trusted them as missionaries, and made a feast of them. Three large fires were being started. Three pots were produced, and knives sharpened, when suddenly the three missionaries appeared on the scene, more elaborately apparelled than the others.

He was evidently the chief of the tribe. He seemed at first much pleased with the situation, says the story, but after examining the captives he called a palaver, at which it was

clear he was objecting to their being cooked.

He silenced the opposition to his view by pointing out the dangers and finally secured the release of the missionaries.

The narrative proceeds: "Then the chief said in good English, with a slight Oxford drawl: 'I am very sorry you have been inconvenienced, gentlemen, but all is well now. These warriors will set you safely back to your missionary station, and so, goodbye.'"

"Then the chief said: 'I'm dressed so differently that you do not recognize me, but I recognize you well enough. You were along with me at Balliol three years ago, and, of course, no Balliol man could think of eating a fellow Balliol man.'"

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The Duty of a Government.

A correspondent of The Advertiser, writing over the initials W. J. M. for publication, is inclined to question some of the things advocated by this paper. In part his letter is as follows:

"Do you not think that it would be better to remain on safer lines than to be running around hither and thither and recommending that the people own this, that and the other thing? We have had enough of this sort of business in other places, and it can hardly be said it is Liberal principle to go in for the ownership of such things as dairies and natural gas distribution. I mention these two because they have appeared in recent issues of The Advertiser. Are you quite sure that your leadership is as sound on these matters as it should be? Does it not tend to drag us over to a sort of socialism? And if we make a start at this sort of business where are we going to end?"

The two points mentioned are the method of distributing natural gas and milk. The natural gas problem is one peculiar to the district south and west from London, where the government has had a referee in operation for some time. Various sessions have been held, and the users have been put to a great deal of trouble trying to hold down the price. The point made by The Advertiser was—and is—that in the very nature of things natural gas was something stored up in the bowels of the earth for the use of the people, and that it would have been much better for the people of these districts to have attended to the distribution of it from the very start with a view to giving service to the people rather than having it handled with a view to making dividends. Such a view is not a criticism of the methods of the companies working in this field; rather it is the statement of a common-sense principle that will stand up against a lot of argument.

In the matter of milk distribution we were inclined to view favorably the suggestion of a correspondent who runs a dairy farm, catering to London, that the best solution to the milk problem here will come when the people of the surrounding country and the people of the city, through their respective representatives, get together on the matter. In that way the people in the country would produce the milk, and the citizens of London take care of its treatment and distribution.

In both these cases there was only one point at stake, viz., the best thing for the people. We are willing to stake our reputation on that being sound Liberal doctrine. We do not believe that any government is called upon to do anything for the people that the people can do better for themselves, but there are times when collective action by the people on behalf of themselves is a highly desirable matter. There are certain articles which, from their indispensable character, are better handled by the people. We would be inclined to place in that category things that are essential to existence, such as light, heat and water, and the list might be extended beyond that. Human existence demands these things.

As a concrete example of the proper function of a government in dealing with the welfare of the people, take the case of serums used in fighting such diseases as diphtheria, fevers, etc. Not many years ago the cost of having anti-toxin used for diphtheria was almost prohibitive to families of small means, and for that reason there were many cases where its use would have saved a life, but the monetary consideration seemed to form a barrier that could not be overcome. Today, because of legislation passed some years ago by the provincial government, doctors are enabled to secure a supply of this very necessary fluid at a trifling cost, and the result is that it is freely used. Diphtheria has ceased to be the dreaded disease it once was, and collective action on the part of all the people, through the agency of the provincial government, is the reason for the improved condition.

That, in a general way, sets forth what The Advertiser holds to be the proper function of a government—municipal, provincial or federal.

The Value of a House.

Some practical truths were brought to light in the hearing of an appeal in Toronto against the amount for which the stately residence of Sir Henry Pellatt had been

assessed. It was claimed, and there seemed to be sufficient proof to substantiate the claim, that the building of the residence added nothing to the value of the land, and that it was really an incumbrance.

The judge hearing the case well stated the real point, viz., whether a man had the right to build such a castle and then claim exemption. On the general principle of taxation he has not, as it violates the one principle on which fair taxation can be based. If concessions are to be granted, it opens the way for the moderate-priced house owner to come along and claim the same consideration.

Were Sir Henry Pellatt to find it necessary to dispose of his castle in Toronto, how many buyers would there be for the property? Probably none at all. A purchaser taking over such a property would have to be financially able to stand a very heavy yearly expenditure for the upkeep of the place, and men of this type are not plentiful even in such a rich place as Toronto.

In the last analysis, houses are worth just what the owner can get for them. No matter which way the investment of Sir Henry Pellatt is looked at it represents a dead loss some time or other, that time being the day when he tries to dispose of the place.

Real estate men know that there is a fairly well established market in any community for houses, regulated largely by the city and the district in the city. In London there is not much trouble in disposing of a house up to the \$8,000 mark, although the more active market might be slightly under that figure. When the higher-priced houses are put up for sale there are fewer prospective purchasers, and fewer buyers tends to keep the price down. In this way, it is actually easier for one to turn over a moderate-priced house at a profit than it is to sell a high-priced place and break even.

Some of the towns of Western Ontario—many of them, in fact—bear out this same truth. Years ago families who had means built large places, some of them using from a half to a whole block of ground for the grounds and gardens. Today many of these places have passed out of the hands of the former families, and they were bought up for only a fraction of what it would cost to build them today. Looking at them from an investment point, they represent a dead loss.

So it is that the poor-rich man in Toronto is only one of many who face the problem of too great a home. They have built largely, but none too well.

Real Christmas Spirit.

Christmas giving has undergone a wholesome change in recent years. People are thinking less of their own immediate relatives and friends who are fairly well provided for, and are reaching out in an effort to assist those who are not able to provide for themselves.

After all, that is the real Christmas spirit. Unfortunately, we have not yet solved the problem of distributing the wealth of the world so that none shall be in want, and it is doubtful if we ever shall. Fortunately, though, there are an increasing number of men and women who are looking upon the things they possess as a charge which they must administer faithfully and well, and there is something in this season of the year that offers full scope for the intelligent exercise of that fine spirit.

As an example: Here is a class of men which meets Sunday afternoon. They are just average individuals, all of them working hard for a living. The president brings up the fact that he has a list of families he knows need assistance. There is nothing in the way of hesitation. A special offering was decided upon, and an amount that surprised even the most liberal givers was put up at once. The men all wanted to give, and there was no urging at all. This was not by any means an exceptional case, as the same thing is going on all over the district.

We are surely coming to a better understanding of what Christmas means, and by so doing we are taking out of the season the very finest inspiration and the most exalted ideals for the year that follows.

Note and Comment.

Tempus fugit. In other words, this year will soon be last year.

Thrift does not consist of putting your money in a sock. It means spending it wisely.

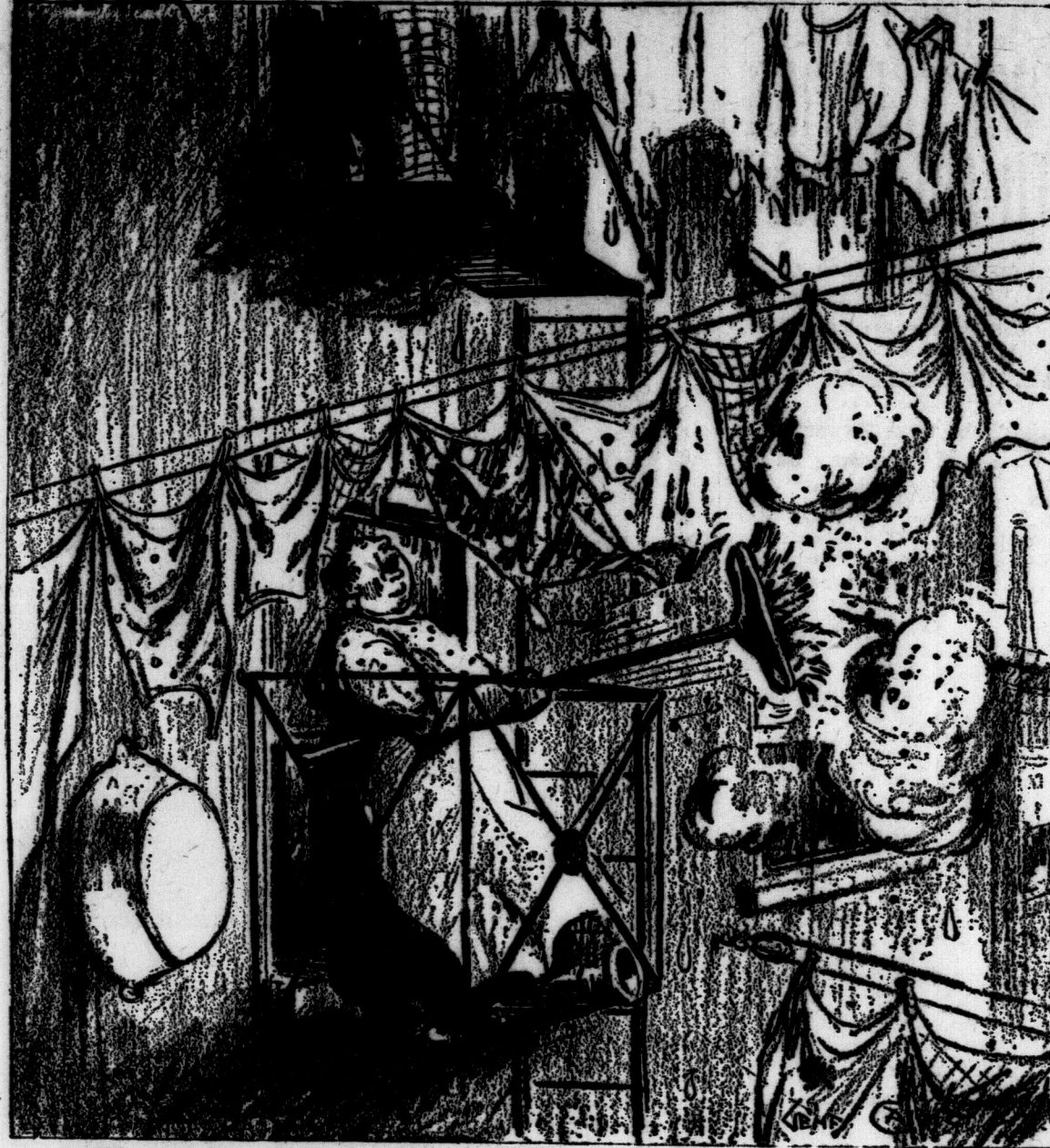
As soon as a man puts on gray spats every person thinks he's got a raise from \$14 to \$16 a week.

A town is a place where they took the census on a fair day, and a village is a place where they never thought of it.

These theories of Dr. Emile Cote may be all right, but keep right on using the snow-shovel on the front walk. The cops may never have heard of the doctor.

The suggestion was made at

EVERYDAY MOVIES



"Why don'tcha wring yer clothes out before yer put 'em out on the line? Aintcha got no consideration?"

HERE'S TAE DUGALD BRAW!

I'VE noo a trusty cronie, nearby on Wortley street; He's a cheery-hearted neighbor I'm fond tae daily meet—I'm fond tae daily meet; I kent him when at hame; Noo, ye'll ken that he's a Scotsman, for Dugald is his name.

WE baith began life's journey in Queen Victoria's reign, Sae we aft recite adventures o' boyhood days lang gane; O' boyhood days lang gane, tae ne'er return awa; Yet, it gies us lots o' pleasure their mem'ry tae reca'.

THO' we've here prohibition we aften ha'e a treat, For we've a whirl at Gaelic maist like time we meet; Maist like time we meet—maist an' Dugald braw; Oh! oor Gaelic beats oor nappy tae coy oor griefs awa'.

I aften meet my cronie when tae night's gloomy mirk, But it's nae for dissipation; I meet him at oor kirk; I meet him at oor kirk, whaur gospel sermons ring; There oor lads an' bonnie lassies sweet hymns o' Zion sing.

IT'S nice I ha'e this neighbor—this cronie tried an' true— Wha is fond o' kirk, an' Gaelic—he's fond o' heather too; He's fond o' heather too, on hillsides far awa; Sae I'll here propose sincerely,—Here's health tae Dugald braw!

(Tune—Annie Laurie.) —FRAE MACK.

Woodstock city council that salaries attached to the position of alderman would bring out better candidates. It would not.

They say gravel pits are getting scarce. Where's the future generation going to skate in winter, and where's the new crop of mosquitoes coming from in summer?

Years ago the writer who split his infinitives was in for trouble. But the splitters have split so persistently for so many years that it doesn't seem to hurt the infinitive any more.

A Chicago man offers \$1,000 to anyone who will get him a wife worth \$50,000. This man's a poor picker, or he'd realize that any good wife is worth that and more.

Clemenceau said he wouldn't accept any college degrees in United States, but one place grabbed him, and probably stuck it on his coat tail as he bolted out the door.

St. Thomas Collegiate is crowded, overflowing, and housed in several places. Dr. Voeden, the principal, is authority for the remark that they may yet have to hang pupils on the walls.

It might be well for some of our musical friends to get out at nights and sing a few Christmas carols. In the rush of preparing for Christmas there seems to be a danger of forgetting what it's all about.

U. S. papers are publishing official figures of the recent senatorial voting, but we fail to see the name of J. Cumpt, who made such a spectacular run. Is it possible the counters have failed to notice Andy?

A new building had its cornerstone laid a day or so ago, and along with other things a doughnut was put in. Now someone rises to ask if a real old doughnut was used which was there any need for a cornerstone.

The New York Times recounts all the agencies that might claim credit for the increased value of the British pound in New York, but concludes: "England has fairly fought her way back to something of her old position; a fact which the movement of international capital to London and the great advance in sterling plainly recognize."

London market on Saturday morning made it abundantly clear there is going to be a celebration here soon. Everything that looked like a Christmas tree paid tribute to the collection. You could get a tree for 50 cents of for \$5, and the only quar-

Manor Park.

Your Health

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D.,
Commissioner of Health, New York City, U. S. Senator-Elect From New York State.

THERE is hope of recovery from every disease to which flesh is heir. No one need despair and fall into a state of helplessness or pessimism. Modern medicine has made great inroads into the realm of diseases formerly considered incurable.

It is not an easy task to determine the exact cause of every human ailment. Many old-time mysteries, however, are now explained by the theory of focal infection.

It is believed when, at some central point or focus, as it is more commonly called—there is pus formation, or germ growth, that from this focus radiate lines of attack against every part of the body.

Perhaps the most common example of focal infection is the trouble caused by an abscessed tooth. The trouble with the tooth may be so slight as not to be noticed by the patient. Trifling as such a condition seems, it is believed that a focus of this sort may seriously and even fatally affect the victim.

Sometimes theories of this kind are "overworked." The history of medicine is marked by the transient popularity of various fads. It may well be that the present enthusiasm over focal infection is one of these fads.

This is a long list, but it must be understood that focal infection is one of many causes for these diseases. Furthermore, it must be understood there may be one of these diseases at the same time.

Sometimes an apparently healthy man, with every organ in seemingly normal condition, will complain of wandering pains through his muscles.

The joints seem stiff and it is hard for him to walk. He has headache every day. All in all, he is miserable and unhappy.

This man may be the victim of a focal infection. Even though his tonsils are of normal size, there may be in one of them a focus of infection.

One of the cavities connected with the nose may be a reservoir of pus. Even a small infected gland, or an abscessed pimple somewhere on the skin may be the source of poison affecting the whole body.

Patient scientists have especially examined the tonsils of every patient entering large hospitals for years at a stretch. The result, in one instance, disclosed that 12 per cent of all the patients admitted for every reason were suffering from conditions due to infection in the mouth.

The importance of focal infection cannot be overlooked. Every obscure ailment and symptom must be thought of as a condition which might be due to such a cause. You will help your doctor a great deal if you give credence to this possibility before consulting him about some uncomfortable condition for which there is not a well-defined reason.

Tell him a very brief and every patient entering large hospitals for years at a stretch. The result, in one instance, disclosed that 12 per cent of all the patients admitted for every reason were suffering from conditions due to infection in the mouth.

Never sacrifice a useful organ unless there is abundant reason for doing so. But sometimes the relief of pain is little short of miraculous when the focus of infection has been removed. You may be made a new person by proper treatment.

J. Z. Q.—Will you please tell me what causes my joints to crack and how I can overcome this trouble?

2. Is it all right for a person to marry, whose mother has become insane?

A.—This condition is probably due

The Daily Story

By CORONA REMINGTON.

"It's a well-known fact that if you put a thing hard enough you get it that is, hard enough and long enough."

John Winton straightened in his seat and stared at the lecturer. It was the first remark Dr. Jameson had made that had attracted his attention.

"The magic of wishing," the lecturer went on. "That's what you ought to call it—for its power is often magical, and I could cite hundreds of cases where the effect has been almost miraculous. Just get the image of the thing you want in your mind and dwell upon it. Think of it frequently and see it clearly and work for it. Make your every aim a step-stone toward that one goal. Don't get the idea that all you have to do is to pray for it; the Lord ordains the two—wishing and working. They're a great team, and an equal amount of both will have a far greater effect than three times the amount of one or the other. 'That's all today. Thank you.'"

Amid a short, enthusiastic applause the lecturer left the platform, and John Winton slowly worked his way out of the room with no crowd.

"Pretty good lecture, eh, Winton?" "You know I believe there's something in that wishing business."

"I'm inclined to think so, too," John answered.

"My kid believes in it, anyhow," laughed the other man. "Mrs. Macmillan and I were talking about these lectures the other evening at dinner and Gladys chimed in and said: 'I know it's true, daddy. If I wish for a thing hard enough and long enough Santa Claus always brings it to me the very next time he comes.'"

"And loud enough, she might have added," laughed Winton. "It might not be bad to put that into the requirements. Some folks want a thing they can't have for the asking, but they don't know how to ask, and the person who has it doesn't know it's wanted."

Winton gaped at Macmillan. "I wonder if that isn't my case," he said, after a pause.

"Your case? Pshaw! You've never wanted a thing in your life. You're the luckiest young chap I ever knew. You've got brains and an education and money and social position. How much more do you want?"

"I'd give it all for one thing that I haven't."

"You won't have to—just wish for it hard enough and long enough and loud enough and you'll get it."

"Do you really believe that?" asked the other man eagerly.

"Sure I do. I've been here longer than you have and I've seen it work too many times."

They were now on the steps of the building.

"Well, I've certainly wished for it long enough and hard enough," laughed the younger man.

"How long and how hard?" "Harder than I ever wished for anything in my whole life and every day for nearly three years."

"It must be a case of loud enough, then."

"I know it wouldn't do any good," the other replied dolefully.

"No harm in trying," his friend answered hopefully. "Well, so long—see you at the club tonight."

"Fraid not. I have an engagement."

"And loud enough," the words rang in John's ears all the afternoon. But what earthly use was there in being loud when you knew it was no good? Hadn't Alice Moore a good deal told him a thousand times she was in love with Bob Caldwell?

Wasn't she always and forever wishing him the lovely things Bob was endlessly sending her? And didn't she rave over all he did and said?

Why humiliate oneself unnecessarily? Why wanted to be the town down, anyway? If only she had given him one tiny atom of encouragement, but instead—

"Loud enough," the idea floated through his mind again. He certainly had not been very loud about it. Just to disprove the theory would be worth a try. What if he did get humiliated? He could stand it and no one would ever know except Alice. She certainly was not the kind of girl to boast about her proposals.

As he walked up the front steps of the Moore home that night his knees nearly gave way beneath him by the impassive servant evidently noticed nothing as he took his hat and gloves and showed him into the library. In a moment Alice would be there. In another moment he would be telling her—in another she would be turning him down gently but firmly. He must do it or he would lose all courage.

John Winton was not a professional proposer. In fact, he had never tried it before in his life and he had no idea how a fellow went about it, but he had mapped out a plan that he intended following strictly.

He would plead his cause eloquently and fluently and would then take her in his arms and kiss her to the hilt.

But he evidently got his order of procedure mixed for at the first sight of her he took her in his arms and murmured something about love and marriage. To his utter surprise she made no effort to free herself, but hid her face on his shoulder and slipped two timid arms around his neck.

When the first heavenly moments were over, they seated themselves on the Chesterfield beside the reading lamp. It felt very homely, and for a moment they imagined they were in their own home spending an evening together.

"Do you know," said Alice after a while, "I heard a wonderful lecture this afternoon by a Dr. Jameson and he said that you could get anything you wanted if you wished for it hard enough and long enough—and I believe it's true. I—I wished for something terribly hard and I got it today."

John held her closer and kissed the soft brown hair.

"But you must always be sure to wish loud enough, too, dear," he laughed.

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to the drying out of the synovial fluid. Massage the affected part with cocoa butter or olive oil. This will help you.

2. Some authorities claim that incontinence is hereditary, but there is plenty of room for argument on this question. You should consult your family physician and talk the matter over with him, and follow the advice he gives you in this particular case.

P. S.—Q—I am 22 years of age and dark-complexioned. Although I shave every morning, I never look clean-shaven. Will you kindly tell me how to remedy this?

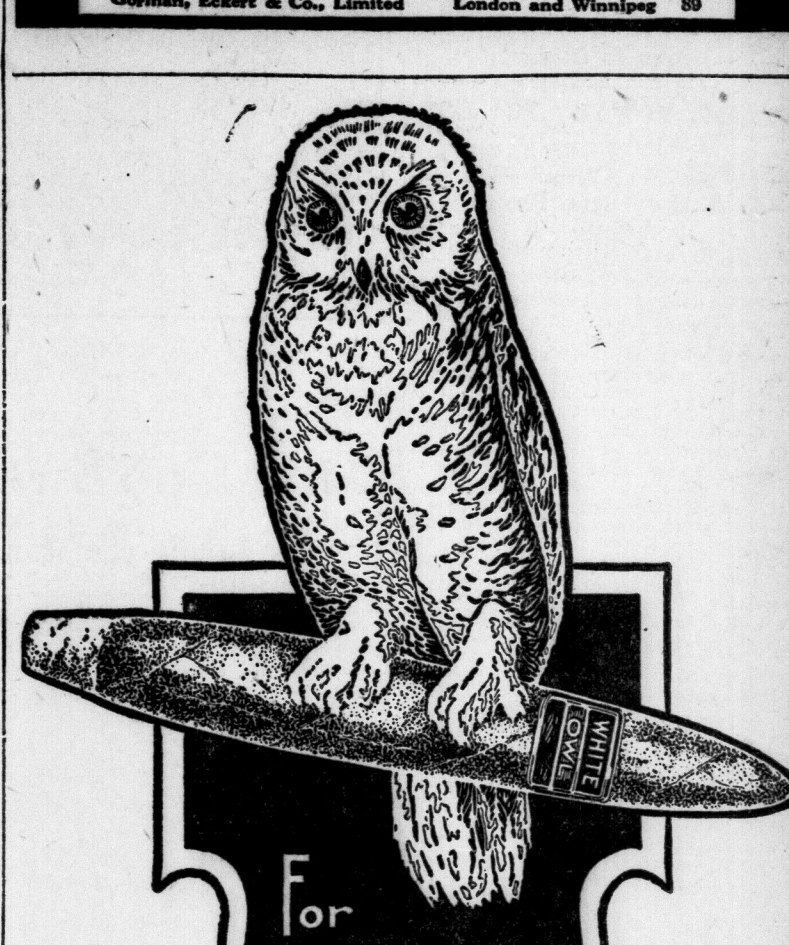
A.—This is a natural condition and nothing can be done to remedy it.

F. C.—Q—Will you please tell me whether sore eyes can be cured and how?

A.—Most eye conditions can be cured. If you have eye-trouble, you should consult an eye-specialist or attend an eye-clinic and have proper treatment.

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CHURCHES OBSERVE WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Askin Street and Centennial
Methodist Sunday School
Make Offering.

Yesterday was "White Gift" Sunday at Askin Street and at Centennial Methodist Churches.

At the special Sunday school services in both cases the altars were filled with gifts from the various classes, representing their offering of Christmas cheer for the various charitable institutions in the district, the Children's Shelter, the Orphans' Home, the Sick Children's Hospital, the Muncey Institute and others.

With special music and addresses, and the gifts tied prettily in white packages, and piled high about a white cross on the altar, the services were most impressive.

In the evening at Askin Street, addresses were given by the Sunday school superintendent, C. R. Walker, who pointed out the inestimable value of the Sunday school in the community; M. Moorehouse, who spoke on the value of the school in forming character; Dr. Partridge, who read the lesson, and Douglas Goodge, a student of the school. A reading was given by Miss Dobyns.

An offering of \$200 was given by Askin Street Sunday school. Of this amount \$110 will be devoted to the extension work, and the balance to the church benevolent fund.

BUS BADLY CRUSHED IN STREET CAR SMASH

A southbound Normal street car and a South London bus going in the same direction figured in a spectacular crash on Richmond street about 8 o'clock this morning.

The car driven by Motorman A. Osborne and in charge of Conductor L. Parker, struck the rear of the bus driven by H. J. Southam of 14 Rathmine street, and forced it against a heavy truck. The truck was almost completely wrecked.

Practically the entire right side of the bus was torn out and the windows smashed to fragments. Luckily there were no passengers in the bus at the time.

The driver of the bus escaped uninjured. It is not known yet whether Mr. Southam will take action against the Street Railway Company.

SCORES WEST ATTITUDE TOWARDS EAST NATIONS

Special to The Advertiser.
Brampton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Mr. Choo, a Korean, who is a student in Knox College, Toronto, told a large audience in St. Paul's Methodist Church last night, that the only way to deal with the question of admitting the inhabitants of the Orient to Canada and the United States is to remember that all men are brothers under God.

"These two countries are trying to settle the matter of forbidding the Chinese and the Japanese to enter. They must remember that they are not dealing with the people of a thousand years ago. These people can keep pace now with the western nations. If we teach hate, we are going to get hate in return."

MRS. PLAYER, of 26 Emery street, South London, fainted at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, about noon today and was removed to her home by the police ambulance.

Says Too Much Importance Attached to the Weather as Source of Colds

Dr. W. S. Downham, London's medical officer of health, is the authority for the assurance that people attach too much importance to the fallacy that the weather is always responsible for an epidemic of colds.

This is not necessarily the case, he explains. From the official remarks it can be added that colds more than often travel "in batches," as it were. One person is afflicted with the ailment and may pass it on to any number of persons encountered during the day. When they recover they may be missed for months or years.

While the weather is not responsible for such a number of cases as is popularly supposed, Dr. Downham explains, of course, that there is a greater possibility naturally for a cold epidemic during the real snappy weather, as the human power of resistance (the mucous membrane, to be precise) is at a minimum.

It is quite possible, however, for a lucky person to go from month to month, through all changes of weather, and escape an attack, with just the ordinary precautions.

Says Cocaine Served in Sugar Bowls at Wild Party Held by Movie Actors

Special to The Advertiser.
Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 18.—How cocaine was served in sugar bowls at wild parties of movie actors, was described today by Evelyn Nesbit, former member of the Hollywood film colony.

"I was a 'dope' once, but I fought my way back and cured myself," declared Miss Nesbit, sending a word of hope to Walter Reid, celebrated screen star, who, according to his wife, is fighting a desperate battle against the drug habit.

Miss Nesbit, a year ago haggard and worn with her struggle to break the grip of narcotics on her system, has greatly improved in spirit and appearance since she won her fight. Only a few months ago she attempted suicide by taking an overdose of drugs when her upstairs tea room in New York failed. Today, brisk, alert, she is the

manager of one of the most prosperous cabarets on Atlantic City's famous board walk.

"Oh, but it was a long, mean fight against 'the stuff,' as they called it," said Miss Nesbit.

"I began taking the stuff at Hollywood. There were dope agents at the time, and they were going to take orders. At one party the cocaine was put in a sugar bowl. Every few minutes somebody would say 'Pass the sugar.' It was a big job. At that time I wasn't taking it, but some time later a Follies girl gave me some for a toothache, and then the habit got the grip. Every cent I had went for dope. I put myself under a doctor's care to break away. He cut down the doses every day.

"It was a heart-breaking fight. The doctor told me it was all over. I was cured. Since then I haven't touched it."

Y. M. C. A. OPEN HOUSE TO VISITORS JANUARY 1

At a staff meeting of the Y.M.C.A. officials this morning it was decided to hold open house on New Year's Day and to hold also a demonstration of the club's activities in the way of practical exhibitions of boys' "gym" work and the various branches of educational training that is being carried on by the institution on behalf of the boys and young men in this work are most cordially welcome.

There will be a board meeting in the "Y" Thursday night at 7:30.

J. M. SPEERS HEADS INTERNATIONAL "Y"

New York Man Elected Chairman of Committee, Uniting Two Countries.

The election, just announced from New York, of James M. Speers, president of James McCutcheon & Co., linen merchants of that city, to the chairmanship of the Y. M. C. A., is of special interest to members and friends of the local association, because that committee is the general agent of all the 2,000 associations in North America.

The committee is composed of approximately 300 business and professional men of the United States and Canada, who with their employed staffs direct the service abroad, and certain features of the home work of the American and Canadian associations. Through it these associations carry on work in Europe, Russia, Siberia, Asia, the Near East, Africa and Latin America.

Mr. Speers succeeds Alfred E. Marling, former president of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, who had served as chairman since 1910.

Mr. Marling continues as a member of the committee, with which he has been actively associated for 30 years.

Mr. Marling was born in Canada—the son of a former pastor of Bond Street Church, Toronto. He has been a member of the Y. M. C. A. virtually all his life, having joined the famous Twenty-third street branch in New York City, the first Y. M. C. A. in the metropolis, when a boy.

During his chairmanship of the International committee, the extension of American Association service to foreign countries has had its largest growth. It was also during this period that the American Y. M. C. A. entered upon its service in Europe for soldiers and sailors, prisoners of war, and refugees. Mr. Marling was a member of the executive committee of the National War Work Council.

Mr. Speers was born in County Antrim, Ireland, coming to the United States in 1880. In the same year he entered the employ of the famous linen house of which, in 1912, he became president. He is officially connected with numerous secular and religious organizations and enterprises, among them the United States Life Insurance Company, of which he is a director. He was chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. He is a member of the Union League Club of New York City. His home is in Montclair, N. J.

Officers elected to serve with Mr. Speers follows: 1st vice-chairman for home work, Cleveland E. Dodge, New York City; 2nd vice-chairman for home work, Roger H. Williams, New York City; 1st vice-chairman for foreign work, William D. Murray, Plainfield, N. J.; 2nd vice-chairman for foreign work, Gerald W. Birks, Montreal.

Three Denver Bandits Take Advantage of Transfer From Mint to Bank.

Denver, Colorado, Dec. 18.—Three bandits today shot and probably fatally wounded Charles Linton, a federal reserve bank guard, and escaped with about \$200,000 in currency of \$5 denomination, which was being loaded onto a federal reserve truck in front of the Denver mint. The funds were being transferred from the mint to the local federal reserve bank.

The robbers seized the gold, and sprang into a large automobile. As their car sped away, armed government guards inside the mint building fired from the windows of the mint at the robbers.

The entire Denver police force quickly was called into action in an effort to apprehend the robbers. The robbery occurred at 10:40 o'clock, a few minutes after the government employees had begun to load the gold onto the federal reserve truck.

While loading was in progress, an automobile drew up in front of the mint building. Three masked robbers sprang from it. Before the government employees knew what had happened, the bandits opened fire from high-powered rifles. The government employees returned the fire, but the robbers acted quickly, sprang to the motor truck, grabbed the bags of gold and escaped. While the robbery was going on, according to witnesses, a second automobile, armed with shot guns and rifles, stood twenty feet from the bank car, apparently ready to give aid should the bandits need assistance.

Sheriffs in near-by counties were quickly notified by the police in an effort to apprehend the robbers. At 11:30 a.m. R. J. Grant, director of the mint, announced officially that the bandits escaped with the entire consignment of \$200,000 for the Denver Federal Reserve Bank.

OLD BOYS OF SHEDDEN HOLD ENTERTAINMENT

Special to The Advertiser.
Shedden, Dec. 17.—The old boys held their regular meeting last evening. Chief Doerkiller presiding. The evening was spent in games. The chief entertained the members by rendering several "shanty" songs, which were greatly appreciated. The meeting broke up at 12:30 a.m., with the members singing "My Wife's Gone to the Country."

Frank Trace, who has been seriously ill, is able to be around again. Dr. Aitken is on the sick list. Ed Down is very ill.

The public school Christmas entertainment will be held on Wednesday evening next in the school house.

BELIEVE HUGHES HAS MET DEFEAT

Australian Labor Party Is Leading With 40 Seats, While Government Is Second With 23.

Melbourne, Dec. 18.—(C. P. Cable, via Reuters.)—Although Premier W. M. Hughes expresses the opinion today that the Nationalists will still be the strongest party as a result of yesterday's general elections, present figures indicate the defeat of his government. It is impossible to forecast the result, owing to the incompleteness of the count and the effect of the last-minute change of preferences. The Labor party at present is leading with 44 seats, while the Nationalist or government party has 23, the Country party six, and Liberals and Independents 3.

Complete returns, however, will probably render necessary a cutting down of the total.

Minister of Customs Walter Massey Greene and Assistant Minister Lamont are being strongly pressed in their market, therefore, a return to the result is very uncertain.

Hon. Alexander Peayton, postmaster-general, will likely be defeated. In the event of a return to the result in Adelaide.

In 1917 Premier Hughes was in power at the head of a United Labor party, which, however, failed on a referendum. Mr. Hughes formed a coalition government known as the United Labor party, made up of the Labor party and section of the Labor party which favored conscription. The coalition government, however, failed to maintain itself in power until the recent dissolution. Success of the Labor party in the present election, therefore, would mean a return to the status of 1917, but with Premier Hughes eliminated as its leader. He has held office continuously for eight years. In the event of a return to the full strength of Australia to bear in the war.

REPORTS INCREASE IN FAMILY BUDGET

Cost of Living Takes Slight Jump in Month—Decreases During Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The average weekly family budget throughout Canada during November was slightly higher than in October, due to seasonal increase in farm products.

The budget was decidedly lower than in November, 1921, however.

The average weekly family budget of 29 staple foods in sixty cities was \$10.23 for November, as compared with \$10.23 for October; \$11.03 for November, 1921; \$16.82 for June, 1920 (the highest point reached), and \$7.78 for November, 1914.

The increase of six cents for the month was due to a substantial increase in eggs, with slight increases in milk, butter, cheese, sugar, which increases, however, were counteracted to some extent by slight decreases in meats, bread, flour, rolled oats, beans, evaporated apples, and potatoes.

Coal and wood averaged slightly lower.

Rent was also down slightly in the average.

The weekly budget, including fuel and rent, as well as foods, averaged \$20.38 for November, as compared with \$20.86 for October; \$21.60 for November, 1921; \$26.92 for July, 1920 (the highest point reached), and \$14.36 for November, 1914.

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CANADIAN NIGHT ENJOYED BY AILSA CRAIG YOUTH

Special to The Advertiser.
Ailsa Craig, Dec. 17.—The Young People's Club held their weekly meeting at the residence of Col. J. H. McKay Friday evening, and enjoyed a very pleasant time.

The meeting took the form of a Canadian night, each member, when the roll was called, responding with quotation or short poem from a Canadian author.

The principal feature of the program was a paper read by Alexander Stewart, on "Canada's Position Among the Nations."

DISMISS SLANDER CASE OF MCGILL PROFESSORS

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Judgment has been rendered by Mr. Justice Belzil at Montreal, dismissing with costs, a \$10,000 action for slander against Professor H. Walter of McGill University. The slander action was taken by Professor Morin, also of McGill University.

In dismissing the action, Mr. Justice Belzil reviewed the whole case and the controversy between the two professors which led to criminal proceedings, Professor Morin being arrested and held in the court of king's bench in Montreal on a charge of having attempted to poison his colleague by throwing pills given into the latter's well at Elgin Road, Que. Professor Morin was acquitted.

PROPOSES BOARD CONTROL STRAITS

Russian Foreign Minister Presents Plan at Near East Conference.

Lausanne, Dec. 18.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Russia proposed today to the Near East conference the formation of a board of control of the Turkish straits, a plan providing for an international board of control on which would be represented the Turkish straits, the United States, France, Japan, Italy and all the states bordering on the Black Sea.

LONDON CHURCHES HOLD PRAYER WEEK

Ministers Arrange Christmas Week Services For All Congregations Combined.

Arrangements for a special Christmas week of prayer in all the Protestant churches of the city, with a mass meeting at some central church were made at the meeting of the Ministerial Alliance in the Y. M. C. A. this morning.

All the clergy were asked to press home upon their people the need of attending the services and making of them a source of inspiration for the coming year, and final arrangements for the central meeting were left to the executive committee.

Rev. Prof. Anderson was the speaker of the morning, dealing with the subject, "The Incarnation," of the Doctrine of the Incarnation.

NAVIGATION CLOSES ON LAKE SUPERIOR

Only Three U. S. Grain Vessels Taking Last Cargoes to Ports.

Fort William, Dec. 18.—With the clearing of the only two steamers for which orders to load have been placed, the season of navigation closed here. Severe weather, following the storm of Monday last, hindered loading of last fifteen steamers, considerably, tugs being almost unable to keep the heavy ice broken sufficiently to allow of movement between elevators.

A large fleet cleared on the 12th before the insurance term expired, and they met with similar difficulties at the Soo. Unless the vessels loaded since then are able to get through the Soo without much delay some may have to winter at nearer ports than they are at present destined to.

As a result of the phenomenal volume of grain shipments since the middle of November, some 160 vessels will winter at Georgian Bay and lower lake ports with storage cargoes in addition to the cargoes which are for immediate unloading. Over forty of these will be in Canadian ports, some 75 or so at Buffalo, and 40 more at United States ports, if all reach the ports to which they are destined.

The cargoes in round numbers comprise 36,000,000 bushels of wheat, 3,340,000 bushels of oats, 1,644,000 bushels of barley, 178,700 bushels of flaxseed, and 1,996,000 bushels of rye. No further advantage has been taken of the temporary suspension of loading laws; vessels loaded last week, so only three U. S. vessels have taken last cargoes to Canadian ports. Six vessels will winter here, with grain for winter use, and one of these will be in Canadian ports, some 75 or so at Buffalo, and 40 more at United States ports, if all reach the ports to which they are destined.

The effects of the severe weather are seen in the movement of grain from farmers' hands to terminal elevators. Not until Dec. 10, did the daily marketings by farmers at country points fall below a million bushels. So far it is reported over 145,000,000 bushels of grain have been moved from the country to the terminal elevators, or about equal to the average daily deliveries for the first three months of the present crop year.

Inspections in the western division fell off considerably last week as compared to previous week. The high quality continues to be maintained, however.

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JAPANESE RELINQUISH AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY

Premier Hughes Brings Suit for Libel Against Newspaper as Result.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 16.—It appears that land which certain newspapers recently stated Japanese had purchased along the New South Wales coast, was bought by a Japanese merchant as a speculation. He has since disposed of most of his holdings.

A sequel to the announcement is a suit begun by Premier W. M. Hughes against a newspaper for damages for alleged libel. The charge of libel is due to insinuations made by the newspaper in question that the Japanese had subscribed towards Premier Hughes' memorial fund.

SURVIVORS BATTLE WAY TO SHELTER

Seven Out of 36 Who Were Aboard Wrecked Tug Reach Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 17.—Twenty-seven persons are missing and are believed to have been drowned or died from exposure following the disaster which overtook the tug Reliance when it struck off the rocks at Lizard Island four days ago.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 18.—Seven of the thirty-six persons, crew and passengers, known to have been aboard the Spanish River Paper Company's tug Reliance when she struck the rocks off North Lizard Island, 100 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, last Wednesday morning, reached here last evening on the Algoma Central train from Frater, and two more, Jack Harten, the cook, and his wife, are at a camp not far from Frater. Mrs. Harten is quite ill as a result of the exposure.

The fate of the others is not known, but it is thought probable that they reached shelter either on the island or the mainland, though no word has been received from them. It is also thought possible that some are still on the boat, which is a staunch craft. The seven who have reached Sault Ste. Marie are: Charles Currie, Sault Ste. Marie, second engineer; Victor Lindback, Elmer Thessalon, wheelman; John Cudotte, Garden River, passenger; Fred Gardner, Cananque, passenger; Eugene Longpre, St. Jerome, passenger; and Ernest Struck, Thessalon, passenger.

Currie fell at the time of the running on the rocks there was a bad snowstorm, which cleared up ten minutes after they struck. One of the three lifeboats was immediately lowered, and Currie was put in charge, but the survivors are not clear as to whether another boat was let down or not. They thought they saw one, but just then the waves and a recurrence of the snow cut off their vision.

They attempted to reach Jackson's Cove, but were forced to land on a land not far from the mouth of Sand River. At three that afternoon they caught their last sight of the tug, which was then still afloat, though listed to the port side.

After a 16-mile tramp over hills hundreds of feet high and crossing several streams, one of which they waded in water up to their waists, and spending two nights in the open, they reached Boisjournel's camp, Mrs. Harten, after a game struggle, had given out when only a short distance from the camp, but help was sent back from there to aid her.

Hours Without Food.
The members of the party were 36 hours without food, but with the exception of Mrs. Harten appear to be little the worse for their journey, though some suffered severe frost-bites.

The tug Gray, which has been trying to reach Lizard Island since Thursday, made another attempt to leave Boisjournel Bay this morning, but was forced back by a storm. She is being reinforced by the icebreaker Favorite and the tugboat, which left the Soo shortly after noon today.

Among those unreported who were also on the Reliance were:

Fred Egan of the forestry department of the Spanish River Company, Sault Ste. Marie; Walter Langre, St. Jerome, Que., cousin of Eugene Longpre; John McPherson, manager of the Booth Fisheries, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; John Corbett, Sault Ste. Marie, fireman; Bert Hanes, Sault Ste. Marie, fireman; Captain Williams, Sault Ste. Marie; George Harrison, mate, St. Joseph's Island; Herbert Harrison, deckhand, St. Joseph's Island; Fred Logdale, Sault, wheelman; Gus John, Sault Ste. Marie, raftman; Norman Stokes, wireless operator, Toronto, Walsh, chief engineer; Wm. Gould, St. Joseph's Island, fireman.

WINTERBOURNE

Special to The Advertiser.
Winterbourne, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Wesley Bright has returned to her home in Oshawa, after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mills.

William Mann, Jr., of Guelph, spent a few days here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown.

Last Friday evening a surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopkins, who were recently married. They were presented with a purse and a neat sum of money. The address was read by Miss Laura Nairn and the presentation made by Miss Blanche Millard.

Lunch was served at midnight, and everyone reported a fine time. Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and daughter Helen, of Bridgeport, spent Sunday with the former's mother here.

Miss Jean Daly of Kitchener spent Friday evening here.

Mrs. Ernest Ware of Detroit, who attended the funeral of her brother, Solomon Miller, Elmira, spent a few days in the village with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ware.

A Christmas entertainment will be given on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, in Victoria school. Drills, dialogues, songs and recitations will be given by the pupils.

On Friday evening, Dec. 22, the Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment in St. Andrew's Hall.

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St. Thomas Topics

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St. Thomas, Dec. 17.—Vern Harrington of Sparta appeared before County Police Magistrate Hunt Saturday morning, on a charge of assaulting Mrs. Donnelly of Sparta on the evening of December 2. The complainant charged Harrington with knocking at her door and desiring a kiss. Harrington gave strong evidence that he had never approached Mrs. Donnelly's house on that night. The charge was dismissed and the costs set for payment by the complainant.

THE ST. THOMAS Medical Association held their annual meeting in the city hall Friday afternoon. The following doctors were elected for office during the coming year: Dr. G. R. McKennie, president; Dr. Clarence McKillop, vice-president; Dr. Harold Buck, secretary; Dr. A. McPherson, treasurer, and Dr. G. A. Shannon, librarian.

THE COMMUNITY Christmas fund now represents a real treat for hundreds of St. Thomas kiddies who otherwise might have spent a cold and lonesome Christmas. Some splendid donations have recently been received. The St. Thomas Metal Signs Company and their employees made an excellent showing last week, when a donation of \$25 was acknowledged. The total figures to date show \$1,141.36.

The community Christmas tree has already been erected in front of the city hall, and is beautifully decorated and lighted. The fund will close this week, folks, so don't forget the kiddies in need.

OWING TO the steady increase of business, the local division of the Michigan Central Railroad took on four new brakemen Friday and set up two more crews Saturday morning. During last week ten brakemen in all were added to the local staff, and it is understood that more brakemen and extra car checkers will be taken on this week.

"Dr. Wood's" is 35c and 60c a bottle at all dealers; put up in a yellow wrapper; three pine trees the trade mark; manufactured only by the T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Adv.

Washington, Dec. 16.—By a vote of 251 to 9, the U. S. House today adopted a resolution making it order a provision in the naval supply bill requesting the president to negotiate with foreign powers relative to limiting the construction of war craft of 10,000 tons or less.

By this action the provision itself remained in the bill, secure from elimination on a point of order as unauthorized legislation and insuring that the whole question will be passed upon finally by the house. It probably will be reached late today.

You Won't Cough After Taking Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup

On the first appearance of a cough or cold do not neglect it; get rid of it at once before it has a chance to grow worse and gets settled on the lungs, causing bronchitis, pneumonia, or other serious lung troubles.

In Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup you will find a remedy that will relieve the cough or cold on its first inception by soothing the irritation, and healing the diseased lining of the lungs and bronchial tubes.

Mrs. Percy McRae, Little Shemogue, N. B., writes: "Three years ago I had the 'flu,' which left me with a very bad cough. I tried different medicines which did me no good, so I took Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. It relieved me of that awful cough in a short time."

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U. S. HOUSE PASSES BILL TO LIMIT BATTLESHIPS

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Seeing Week-End Market With Aunt Maria's Eyes

Never in all history of the London week-end market did so many and such variety of Christmas trees assemble themselves together on the Covent Garden Square as on Saturday morning. They were ranked up and banked up until the forestry department might have been justified in taking action to prohibit the despoiling of Western Ontario's woods, swamps and groves. Just in time for such an occasion, a mantle of snow had descended upon the earth. Gray-white as it was with the city smoke, the blanket of "the beautiful" formed an ideal setting. And even if the air nipped, the sun was radiant and the skies blue above, the Christmas spirit reigned royally, reflected in the faces of those who bought and sold, echoed in the shouts, the chuckles and the giggles of the little folk who darted in and out the dense forest of trees.

Sonny Boy was one of the happiest laddies in sight, his blue eyes snapping with excitement, his little round face radiant with smiles. "O-o-o-o," he exclaimed delightedly as he hugged up to the little tree his mother had selected to see how the branches of the diminutive spruce owned above him. It was his first Christmas tree, because in other years he thought he could remember Santa had come by the stocking route, mother's stockings and not Sonny Boy's, because mother's holds so much more.

The price of trees was what you were willing to pay. Wreaths in many styles afforded a variety of choice to gratify all tastes. There were simple wreaths of cedar and cedar wreaths decked with scarlet berries or bows. There were wreaths gorgeous with golden leaves, or brightened with everlasting flowers.

The market stalls in the basement had blossomed out with greenery, Christmas bells and streamers of red. Fascinating nooks were the florists' booths, with arrays of ferns, cyclamen, chrysanthemums, Christmas baskets, and the most dashing of all, pots of flaming salvia.

Too, Too Much. Honk, honk, honk, came again and again, from far away across the square. Not a motor horn, but a living throat that, surely, which emitted the nasal, throaty, and hoarse, Mr. Gander was doing his own advertising, and doing it most effectively. Many there were who flocked to see the huge bird, almost too tall for his crate cage. But nobody had bought him up to noon. There was either difficulty about the price asked, or objection to undertaking the responsibility of transporting and slaying.

Even in the Christmasy atmosphere, one old man had a gripe. He was a thing that strikes me about today's market," he said, "is the number of people, the quantity of poultry, and the fact that very little is being sold."

There was no doubt about the number of people and the amount of dressed poultry offered for sale. There were 50 cents a pound; geese, 23 to 30 cents; ducks, from 1 each up to 22; chickens, from 75 cents each up to 22.

Too much turkey seemed to be as great a disadvantage to the owner as too little turkey. The mammoth stock of one turkey, discarded was the reason why the woman who had watched it grow from a tiny fledgling out of the shell, was just asking 40 cents a pound and a gripe. She was her neighbors getting 5 for their offerings. Her turkey gobbler tipped the scales at 26 pounds.

A kind "fixer" suggested that two neighbors might buy the bird together and divide it. Failing to get rid of it on the market at her own price, the woman most concerned was confident restaurant keepers would be glad to buy it and serve turkey wings all day Monday.

Has 600 Pounds of Turkey. A woman out in the frosty square, standing guard over six turkeys, ranged on a shelf on the back of her car looked as if all was right with the world. Worried over still having half a dozen to sell at 12:30 o'clock? Bless you, she had seventeen, yet could keep on smiling.

She had sold 26 during the forenoon at 45 cents a pound. They averaged 13½ pounds each. The total weight of the Saturday load was on the heels of 600 pounds. And, if the whole amount was sold the price, which that would mean \$270 for the farmer's wife.

But think of the turkey-picking on that farm northwest of the city during the previous week!

Sweet Cider Advances. Sales were computed in wholesale terms on Saturday. The returned officer-farmer whose specialty has been sweet cider all autumn, announced he had sold over 2,000 gallons since the cider apples were first ready to use. He is still making fresh, sweet cider, and will have quantities of it next week as a suggested accompaniment to the Christmas dinner.

But the price of sweet cider has gone up from 40 to 50 cents a gallon. And there is an excellent reason, states the manufacturer. He is now making it of hand-picked apples. Further, there are only about 2½ gallons of cider to a bushel of apples, now where there were 3½ some months ago. There is less water in the apples now, he states, hence the juice is richer and heavier. The cider,

consequently, is richer than the earlier season's crop.

Flocks of Rabbits. Amongst the conspicuously wholesale personages was the man with 144 pairs of rabbits at 65 cents a pair. Neither hide nor hair of them was left at noon, yet a neighbor had been worrying over getting rid of 25 pairs.

Is it merchandising altogether, or is it an element of luck mixed up with the reason some farmers and market gardeners getting rid of their wares so quickly and effectively, while others linger on and on and on?

Honey, ideal for people with colds as the grandmothers of the good old days used to say, was going at 75 cents for a 5-pound pail, and 25 cents a section in the comb. Celery, 10, 15 and 20 cents a bunch. Know how the growers keep from getting it frozen when they bring it into market in such large quantities? One man solved the problem with a coal oil heater in the back of a hooded truck, inclosed driver's seat and all.

The tender things, easily nipped, such as lettuce, radishes, green onions, were mostly relegated to the basement, where spinach sold out in record time at 50 cents a peck.

Then There're Eggs. And again there were eggs. Hens must have started laying again with enthusiasm during the past week, judging by the number of people who had eggs to sell with the turkeys. They were all laid in the preceding seven days. A farmer told Aunt Maria he would give her an egg for nothing if she could find one laid in his basket—all laid within a week.

"But how am I to find out?" she asked.

"Break 'em and see," he said.

"And who pays for them?"

"Eggs was eggs" to the tune of 80 cents a dozen, and the price was set.

Just to let someone else have the fun of experimenting with them.

Eighty cents was the general price for eggs, though a man outside asked for a dozen and he and his family had brought in a number laid in the previous week, for which he only asked 70 cents.

"And it is a curious thing about people," he commented cynically, "they get suspicious if you don't ask them enough money. Out of our crate I gave my little daughter a couple of dozen and told her to go down in the basement and see what she could do with them. I told her the price was 70 cents. She came back after a while discouraged. Said nobody would buy them because they were fresh, or buy them because everyone else around was selling for 80 cents a dozen. And there you are!"

Lacked Kick. Revenge is sweet, perhaps, in theory. But what does it avail when the other person doesn't seem to mind in the least what he is doing to you?

A real alibi? A lot of quotations like that flashed into the mind of Aunt Maria at a certain triumphant moment at the week-end market.

Also she remembered, "the mills of the gods grind slowly," and "be sure your sin will find you out."

Her sin, however, put the sins of the party of the second part. And he walked all unwittingly into a trap of his own setting.

He hailed her as she passed by.

"What price are you putting down for eggs?" he called.

"What do you mean?" asked Aunt Maria, in order to give him time to walk all the way into the trap.

"What is it?" he asked, looking at her.

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MRS. A. T. EDWARDS.

As convener of the civic relief committee for Northern Ontario for Christmas, Mrs. Edwards was responsible for the assembling and packing of enough supplies to fill a Christmas car which left on Saturday for Halleybury. The car included Christmas stockings, books and toys, in addition to furniture, bedding, stoves and warm clothing. She is now seeing that 52 needy local families are provided with Christmas dinners and visits from Santa Claus.

MAKES GIFT OF READING TO PEOPLE OF GRANTON

Women's Institute Opens the Public Library—Achieved Soldiers' Memorial for Village.

Granton Women's Institute, under the energetic presidency of Mrs. J. Middleton, has added another notable achievement to its credit in the way of outstanding public service, through purchasing and opening for public use a well equipped library.

The opening ceremony took the form of a meeting in the Presbyterian Church, largely attended notwithstanding stormy weather. Addresses were given by the resident ministers and reviews of several of the books, in order to increase interest in them. Songs and instrumental numbers added variety.

The Granton Women's Institute was instrumental in having erected in the village a beautiful memorial to the men of the village and district who gave their lives in the war. This was dedicated last summer.

UNDERTAKES TO PROVIDE FOR FIFTY-TWO FAMILIES

Scarcely had Mrs. A. T. Edwards, convener of the civic committee for fire relief in Northern Ontario, seen the Christmas car for Halleybury all securely loaded, before she turned her attention to another big task, local Christmas welfare work.

From day nursery and other sources of information had come to her a list of 52 families that will be needing good friends if Santa Claus is going to visit the children, and there is to be any holiday cheer in their homes. Several of the families have already been "adopted" for Christmas, thanks to the effort of Mrs. Edwards on their behalf. The names and addresses of a number not yet claimed can be obtained from Mrs. Edwards by people who want to find out if it is really more blessed to give than to receive.

North Street W. M. S. "So you want that for eggs? The gremlin on the price on the market. You are the man that sold me my quinces," sternly.

"Yes," he said, in tones of polite and rather bored interest. "You asked me a dollar for a small ham, she continued, about twenty quinces."

"Well, I could have sold them all at a dollar a basket," and his voice implied, "Oh, is that all?"

"But," said Aunt Maria, "the point is I walked along Dundas street every day and saw eleven-quart baskets of quince for just \$1."

"But, you have got to consider the difference in quality," he retorted. "Now about the price of eggs, remember, 80 cents."

And what would you do with a man like that?

Paris, Dec. 16.—Some of the most popular wraps today are being made of a rough velvety cloth in the fashionable new eucalyptus shade. This color looks especially well with Persian lamb.

The collar often encircles the throat tightly, slants across the front to one hip, and hangs there from a long panel.

TRIM WITH SHINY RIBBON. London, Dec. 16.—Shiny black ribbon bands are seen everywhere just now as trimming for afternoon frocks. As many rows of ribbon as possible is the rule. On blonde crepe remains, for instance, there may be trimmings both horizontal and vertical of this black ribbon in groups of nine rows each.

WRAPS SELF IN BEADS. New York, Dec. 16.—Beads form almost the whole of an evening gown, the foundation being white georgette, which is on display in a Fifth Avenue window today. Both back and front of both bodice and skirt are shining shields of iridescent beads, with simple folds of white georgette hanging from the hips to give a softening touch.

CRYSTAL NECKLACE NEW FAD. New York, Dec. 16.—Not the least beautiful necklaces being shown today are of crystal fantastically cut. It is likely that crystal necklaces will have a vogue as great even as that of amber, since crystal may often be worn with costumes when amber would be a clash with the color scheme.

GIVES SPANISH TOUCH. New York, Dec. 16.—Spanish heels are seen today on some of the newest pumps. Usually they are in the same shade as the pump, or in one of the two shades of which a pump nowadays is usually made. But often they are in an entirely different color, such as green heels on gray pumps, or red on black.

SMART SKIRT. A smart skirt noticed on a new frock has a front and back elaborately braided and pointed side panels guilottes of adornment, but almost touching the floor.

Address orders to Pattern Department, The Advertiser, London, Ont. Are (if child's or miss's pattern).

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Personals

Miss Connie Masurek has returned home after spending the past few weeks in Toronto.

Gerald Jordan, Appleby School, Oakville, is returning home for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jordan, "The Grange," London South, entertained at a dinner of twelve covers Saturday evening.

The artistic portrait of Mrs. Joseph Leech, reproduced in Saturday Advertiser, was made by Sanders Studio.

Mr. Owen Ferguson, Windsor, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ferguson, Maitland street.

Following the closing performance of "Thirty Days" Saturday evening, the Men's Press Club entertained the caste at a delightful supper party at the De Luxe Cafe.

The many friends of Mrs. Raymond Delisle, Austin, Texas, will be pleased to know that she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Legg, Cathcart street.

Miss Cecile McClure was the hostess Saturday afternoon of a charming tea given at her home in St. James street. Christmas decorations were used throughout the rooms, and the tea table, which was covered with a shiny cloth, was adorned with red roses and tall unshaded candles.

At the tea hour Mrs. Arthur Smith poured out tea, and Mrs. Brown, Miss Lorna McGillivray and Miss Madeline Sharpe assisted in serving the guests, who numbered thirty-five.

Mrs. Thomas Woolley was the hostess Saturday of a trossau tea given at her home in Richmond street north, in honor of her daughter, Miss Helen Woolley. Mrs. Woolley received the many guests, wearing a gown of black and white. Mrs. Woolley was charming in a frock of black and white. The tea table was covered with a shiny cloth and centered with pink roses arranged in a silver basket.

Mrs. Gordon Gerald, Lakeridge, was married to Mr. Ethel Teasdale, who is now in the tea-room. Misses Winona Bryden, Edna Holland, Mae McAvoy, Lottie Garrahan and Lillian Woolley acted as assistants.

CLUB NEWS

The candy roll call was an interesting and novel feature of the December meeting of Lyons Women's Institute, held in the home of Mrs. James Berdon. Each member responded by giving a recipe and a box of candy as sample. A peculiar feature of this was that in spite of the unusually large number present no two gave the same recipe.

An excellent paper was read by Mrs. E. A. Shaw, of Luton, on "The Building of the Home." This was followed by an interesting and instructive "Conversation Over the Telephone," by Miss Laurel Shaw, and instrumental music by Mrs. McNeil and Miss Reta Tappell. The report of the London convention was read by Miss Dorothy Mitchell and Mrs. L. M. Pettit, and the institute donated \$5 toward the deficit of the W. I. ward of the Children's Hospital.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Shaw, on Wednesday, January 10. A paper will be given on "The Social Side of Farm Life" by Mrs. J. E. Everell, and the roll call will be answered by comrades.

North Street W. M. S. "So you want that for eggs? The gremlin on the price on the market. You are the man that sold me my quinces," sternly.

"Yes," he said, in tones of polite and rather bored interest. "You asked me a dollar for a small ham, she continued, about twenty quinces."

"Well, I could have sold them all at a dollar a basket," and his voice implied, "Oh, is that all?"

"But," said Aunt Maria, "the point is I walked along Dundas street every day and saw eleven-quart baskets of quince for just \$1."

"But, you have got to consider the difference in quality," he retorted. "Now about the price of eggs, remember, 80 cents."

And what would you do with a man like that?

Paris, Dec. 16.—Some of the most popular wraps today are being made of a rough velvety cloth in the fashionable new euc

THE SKY LINE OF SPRUCE

by Edison Marshall

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PART ONE.

The Awakening.

CHAPTER I.

Groping in the Dark.

THE convict gang had a pleasant place to work today. Their road building had taken them some miles from the scattered outskirts of Walla Walla, among fields green with growing barley.

The convicts themselves were in a genial mood, easily moved to wide grin, and with a single exception they looked much like any other road gang. Curiously enough, whenever the warden's thought dwelt upon the inmates of his prison, there was always one wind-tanned, vivid face, one brawny, towering form that seemed to demand individual consideration. The man who was listed on the records as Ben Kinney was distinctly an individual.

"That's the queerest case we ever had here at Walla Walla," Sprigley told his fellow guard, as they watched the man's pick swing in the air. "Sometimes I wonder whether he ought to be here or not. Look at that face—he hasn't any more of a criminal face than I have."

The other guard, Howard, scanned his companion's face with mock care. "Now let me tell you how they happened to catch him. Maybe you heard—he and Dago Frank were in the act of breaking into the Western-Danish Bank. They were caught in the act of jimmying a window, and all at once Kinney straightened up as if something had hit him and let the jimmy fall with a thump on the pavement. He put his hands to his head, like a man with a headache. And the next instant a cop came running from the mouth of the alley."

"Kinney was heated, but he didn't even pull his gun. Now let me tell you another queer thing. You know, the chief has started a system here to keep track of all the prisoners. He has them all fill out a card. Well, when this man Kinney turned in his card, he had written 'Ben' on it, but the rest was absolutely blank."

"Mr. Mitchell thought at first that the man couldn't write. It turned out, though, that he can write—an intelligent hand, and spell good too. Then Mitchell decided he was just sulking, but I'm confident I know the answer. The reason he didn't fill out that card was because he couldn't remember."

"He couldn't remember where or when he was born, or who were his folks, or where he had come from, or how he had spent his life. Amnesia—that's what the doctors call it—amnesia following some sort of a mental trouble. In the end you'll see that I'm right."

There had been quite a northern migration lately, these late spring days. The last of the waterfowl had

passed by now, but the northern migration was not yet done.

Ben thought about them as birds of passage, and the thought amused him. And at the sight of a small, stooped figure advancing toward him up the railroad right-of-way he paused, leaning on his pick.

Because Ben had paused, for the first time in an hour, his two guards looked up to see what had attracted his attention. They saw what seemed to them a white-haired old wanderer of sixty years or more; but at first they were wholly at a loss to explain Ben's fascinated look of growing interest.

As he paused to scrutinize the convict guard neither insolence nor fear, one of which was certainly to be expected, became manifest in his face. Both guards were held and amazed by the apparent fact that at the first scrutiny of the man's outline, his carriage and his droll, wrinkled face, the prisoner Kinney was moved and stirred as if confronted by the risen dead.

The old man himself halted, returning Kinney's stare. Kinney's mind seemed to be reaching, groping for some astonishing truth that eluded him.

The old man ran, in great strides, toward him. "Aren't you Ben Darby?" he demanded.

The convict answered him as from a great distance, his voice cold and calm, and with an infinite stateliness. "Of course," he said. "Of course I'm Darby."

For the moment that chance meeting thrilled all the spectators with the sense of monumental drama. The convicts stared; Howard, the second guard, started abnormally, rather gullibly, when the old man whirled toward him.

"What are you doing with Ben Darby in a convict gang?" the old man demanded.

"What am I doing?" Howard's astonishment gave way to righteous indignation. "I'm guarding convicts, that's what I'm doing."

The old man had turned his eyes again to the tall, trembling figure of Ben. "Ben, Ben!" he said, evidently struggling with deep emotion. "What are you doing here?"

"Five years for burglary," he answered simply. "Guilty, too—I don't know anything more. And I can't remember—who you are."

"You don't know me?" Some of Ben's own bewilderment seemed to pass to him. "You know Ezra Melville."

Sprigley stepped quickly to Melville's side. "He's suffering loss of memory," he explained swiftly. "This is the first time he ever recalled his own name."

Melville gazed at him in incredulous

astonishment, then turned to Sprigley. "I talk to you about this case?" he asked quietly. "If not to you, who can I talk to? There are a few points that might help to clear up—"

Many and important were the developments which arose from their conference. Melville's northward journey was postponed for some days, and within a week this same white-haired, lean old man was pleading his case to the governor of the state of Washington. It came about, from the same cause, that a noted alienist, Forest, of Seattle, visited Ben Darby in his cell; and finally that the prisoner himself was taken to the capital at Olympia.

The brief inquisition that followed, changing the entire current of Ben Darby's life, occurred in the private office of McNamara, the governor. The alienist from Seattle conducted the examination.

"You don't remember this man?" Forest asked him quietly, indicating Ezra Melville.

Again Ben's eyes studied the droll, gray face, with the vaguest kind of memory. "I know I've seen him before—often. I can't tell anything else."

"He's a good friend of your family. I should say he was a very good friend, to take the trouble and time he has in your behalf."

Ben nodded. The explanation was beyond him.

Forest leaned forward. "You remember the Saskatchewan River?"

Ben straightened, but the dim image in his mind was not clear enough for him to answer in the affirmative. "I'm afraid not."

Melville leaned forward in his chair. "Ask him if he remembers winning the cause race at Lodge Pole—or the time he shot the Athabaska Rapids."

Forest turned brightly to him, but slowly shook his head. "I can't remember ever hearing of them before."

"For the moment that chance meeting," Forest remarked, "they must have been interesting experiences. Now what do these mean to you?—Thundarby's life, the cause race, the Athabaska Rapids?"

Abner Darby! It was curious what a flood of tenderness swept through Ben as, whispering, he repeated the name. Since his own was Darby, Abner Darby was, in all probability, his father; but his reasoning intelligence, rather than his memory, told him so.

The name of Edith Darby occurred up in his mind a childhood playmate—a girl with towzled yellow curls and chubby, mischievous little hands. . . . But these dim memory-pictures went no further; there were no later visions of Edith as a young woman, blossoming with virgin beauty. The third name of the three, MacLean's College, called up no memories whatever.

"They'll strengthen in time, I'm sure," Forest told him. "Put them out of your mind for now. Let it be blank. The alienist again leaned toward him, his eyes searching. There ensued an instant's pause, possessing a certain quality of suspense. Then Forest spoke quickly, sharply. "Wolf Darby!"

In response a curious tremor passed over Ben's frame, giving in some degree the effect of a violent start. "Wolf Darby," he repeated hesitantly. "Why do you call me that?"

"The very fact that you know the name refers to you, not some one else, shows that that blunted memory of yours has begun to function in some degree. Now think. What do you know about 'Wolf Darby'?"

Ben tried in vain to find an answer. A whole world of memory lingered just beyond the reach of his groping mind; but always it eluded him. Forest suddenly spoke to old Ezra Melville, and the latter put a small cardboard box into his hands.

"I want you to see what I have here," Forest told Ben. "They were your own possessions once—you sent them yourself to Abner Darby, your late father—and I want you to see if you remember them."

Evidently this was the climax in the examination. Forest opened the box, taking therefrom a roll of white cotton. This he slowly unrolled, revealing two small ribboned ornaments of gold or bronze.

Ben's starting eyes fastened on them. No doubt he recognized them. "The Victoria Cross, of course," he said slowly, brokenly. "I won it, didn't I—the day—that day at Ypres—the day my men were trapped?"

His words faltered then. The wheels of his memory, starting into motion, were still more. Again the great darkness dropped over him. Yet to Forest the experiment was an unqualified success.

"There's no doubt of it!" he exclaimed. He turned to McNamara, the governor. "His brain is just as sound as yours or mine. With the right environment, the right treatment, he'd be on the straight road to recovery."

(Continued Tomorrow)

SALAD

By BERTHA E. SHAPLEIGH

Of Columbia University.

THIS salad is to be arranged individually, and for each service the following ingredients will be needed:

2 heart leaves of lettuce.

6 white grapes, seeded.

1 cup celery, cut into small pieces.

1 apple, pared, and cut into thin slices.

1 green pepper, parboiled, and cut into strips.

1 tomato, cut into eighths.

2 tablespoons oil.

1 teaspoon vinegar.

1/4 teaspoon sugar.

1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Mix white grapes, apple and celery, separately, and serve in lettuce leaves. Pass mayonnaise. An attractive arrangement is to put the grapes, celery and apple mixture into one lettuce leaf, the tomatoes in a second, and peppers in the third. Arrange these on plate, having the stems of the leaves toward centre. In this centre, place a spoonful of mayonnaise.

TORONTO FINANCIER, CASIMIR GZOWSKI, DIES

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The death of Casimir Stalinski Gzowski occurred today at his residence here. At one time president of the Toronto Stock Exchange, he was one of the most widely known of this city's financiers, and he was identified with brokerage, shipping, mining and financial interests.

His multitude of business activities, however, never occupied the entire measure of his attention, and he gave generously of his means and services to many works of philanthropy.

Born in Toronto in 1847, he was the son of the late Colonel Sir. Casimir S. Gzowski, K. C. M. G., who held the honored position of A. D. C. to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

OF RED SATIN.

Red satin, of a particularly vivid shade, is made into the smartest of frocks for a debutante, and trimmed with bands of black monkey fur. The lines are long and unbroken.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

Some people seem to take delight in giving other people fright.

—Unc' Billy Possum.

It wasn't really Bobby Coon's fault that Unc' Billy Possum got in trouble, dreadful trouble, yet had it not been for Bobby Coon Unc' Billy probably would not have had that dreadful experience. All through life you'll find that things often work out that way. Others suffer because of us, or we suffer because of others, and no one really is to blame.

It happened this way: The hunting season had opened—that season which is so dreadful for many of the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows. Bobby Coon was one of those for whom this was a dreadful season. You see, there were certain men and boys who delighted in hunting Bobby Coon. They hunted him at night, for they knew that that was when Bobby was most likely to be abroad. They hunted him with dogs. Had it not been for the dogs Bobby would not have been afraid of the hunters, for they never would have been able to find him.

It happened that one night several men and a dog entered the Green Forest to hunt for Bobby Coon. The dog knew just what was expected of him. He was expected to find Bobby's tracks with his wonderful nose and follow Bobby until he would be obliged to take to a tree. Then that dog would bark at the foot of the tree for the hunters to come.

So as soon as they were in the Green Forest that dog began to run swiftly this way and that way, with his nose to the ground, hoping to find the trail of Bobby Coon. Now, it happened that Bobby Coon had not been in that part of the Green Forest that night and the dog hunted for a long time without getting so much as a whiff of Bobby Coon's scent. He was getting rather discouraged, when unexpectedly he almost ran into Unc' Billy Possum, who was out hunting for his dinner.

Now, Unc' Billy isn't very much of

a runner, but he is a good climber. Anyway, the meeting with that dog was so unexpected that there wasn't time to run. Instead Unc' Billy promptly climbed a tree. It happened that the nearest tree was a pine tree and it was up this that Unc' Billy promptly scrambled. That dog was

almost at his heels as he started up that tree and he promptly began to bark excitedly. He knew it wasn't a Coon, but that didn't make any difference. It was some one who could climb a tree and he wanted his master to know about it. So he barked and barked and barked.

Unc' Billy wasn't afraid. He didn't like that barking, but he wasn't afraid. He knew that dog couldn't climb. He was more angry than afraid. You see, he was hungry and he wanted to be hunting for food, and not sitting up in a tree.

But presently Unc' Billy heard shouts and the sound of heavy feet hurrying in that direction. Then he was afraid. Pretty soon those hunters had gathered at the foot of the tree and began to talk in great excitement. Unc' Billy crouched and tried to make himself as small as possible where the branches were thick. He thought if he could keep out of sight those hunters would go away. But they didn't. Instead one of them began to climb that tree.

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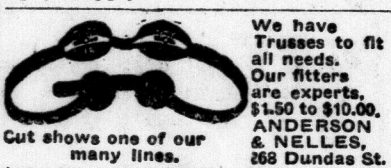
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Chatham, Dec. 18.—Right Eminent
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The officers installed were: Pre-
siding Preceptor, D. W. McDonald;
immediate past preceptor, J. C. Ste-
wart; constable, J. L. Challinor; mar-
shal, W. H. Ferguson; sub-marshal,
Joseph Sullivan; almoner, W. J.
Easton; captain of the guard, F. A.
Steinke; auditors, D. McLaughlin and
J. N. Eddington; guard, H. Wine-
garden; registrar, E. W. Garen;
treasurer, A. E. Green.

**B. C. COMMONS IN SESSION
PASS HUNDRED BILLS**

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18.—The Brit-
ish Columbia Legislature was pro-
ceeded Saturday by Chief Justice
McDonald. In the seven weeks the
house was in session one hundred
bills were passed, in addition to the
usual routine business and the vot-
ing of supply.



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**THIEVES TOW AUTO
TO STEAL PARTS**

**E. Cushing Suffers Loss of
Tires and Bumper in Dar-
ing Robbery.**

Thieves towed a seven-passenger
car, owned by Ed. Cushing of 272
Wharfedale road north, from the cor-
ner of Dufferin avenue and Richmond
street, to the east end of York street,
and stole a bumper, two tires and
the cushions from it. When the car
was found, nuts and bolts were scat-
tered around it, and a wrench had
been left behind.

Mr. Cushing parked his car in
front of St. Peter's Cathedral on
Dufferin avenue, early in the evening,
locking it in two places. When he
returned the car was not there. He
followed its tracks until finally he
lost the trail. The tracks showed it
had been towed down Richmond
street.

Later R. W. Thorne, 830 York
street, reported an auto had been
abandoned in the vicinity of his
home.

Mr. Thorne remembers seeing two
men working on the machine, but
stated he paid no attention to them
at the time. He heard one of them
remark: "We'll have to get a truck
on this job."

**BISHOP M. FALLON
BLESSES CHURCH**
Solemn Ceremony Is Per-
formed Sunday At St. Pat-
rick's Edifice, Dun-
das Street.

The remodeled and enlarged St.
Patrick's Church on Dundas street
east was solemnly blessed by His
Lordship Bishop M. P. Fallon on
Sunday at 10:30 o'clock, with all the
ceremonies characteristic of such an
occasion.

The procession of clergy and altar
boys formed at the rectory with the
cross-bearer leading, followed by
acolytes and the bishop in his mitre
and cope, accompanied by Monsig-
nors McKee and Brady and Fathers
Brisson, Forristal, McCrea, Pocock,
Berry, Sholy, W. McLaughlin, J. Mc-
Laughlin, McPhail, Doyle, Carney
and Valentine.

The procession went around the
outside of the church, and during the
singing of psalms by the clergy his
lordship blessed the exterior walls.
On entering the front door the bishop
reited the many of the saints in
Latin, and the priests made the sig-
n of the cross. After the bishop had
blessed the altar and sanctuary the
procession formed again and the in-
terior was blessed. The choir then
sang "Vivat" as a welcome to the
bishop.

At the conclusion of these cere-
monies a solemn high mass was sung
by Rev. A. J. Coughlin, assisted
by Rev. P. Doyle and Rev. J. Mc-
Candlish.

Delivers Stirring Sermon.
After the gospel His Lordship the
Bishop delivered a stirring sermon on
the significance of opening new
churches, which was a sign of the
continued growth of the church, and
laid special stress on the untiring
efforts of the Redeemptorist Fathers
in building up the parish of St. Pat-
rick's, and at the same time carrying
on missionary work all over the
diocese.

"Truly this is," he said "none other
than the house of God and the gate
of Heaven. Such events as this occur
daily in some place throughout the
civilized world. Some people ask,
'How does this come about?' Is there
an explanation of this progress?
The Catholic Church is the most uni-
versal and far-flung influence in the
world. No power, no political organ-
ization ever had the number of sub-
jects, or extended over the time and
space that the church has. There
have been in history of the world
great powers, which have lasted seven
and eight centuries, but none of them
has experienced the universal sway
in both period of years and extent
of dominion that the church has
known. This is a prominent fact,
but at the same time something which
we take too much for granted. It is
vicious times, most widespread and ob-
vious times, that we do not think
of. The Catholic Church is so universal
that we fail to realize the significance
of the fact.

This morning's service here is ample
explanation of the truly catholic
nature of our church and the many
millions of its adherents.
Wherever our missionaries have
introduced Christianity their first act
was to set up an altar to the living
God, after which they would gather a
congregation around them, and as
time went on and the parish prospered
and grew, build a larger and
more substantial edifice to shelter the
altar where God is always present.

Goes Back 2,000 Years.
What does the altar mean? Let us
go back nearly 2,000 years and con-
sider the Jewish temple in Cap-
sarnum. The people had gathered
there to hear a wonder worker who
had miraculously cured the blind,
the deaf and the dumb, and of whom
everybody was talking. Let us think
of the miracle He had performed but
a short time before, when he fed the
hundreds of his followers who num-
bered about 5,000, on a few loaves of
bread and a small basket of fishes.
This miracle occasioned a great in-
terest in the one who had caused it,
and when the Jews met in the syna-
gogue and Christ began to speak to
them of bread they said to one an-
other: "This is the man who fed
5,000 of us the other day on five loaves
and a handful of fishes; what is the
next step in the development of this
man as only a man, and not as a
divine being?" They thought of
Jesus had them listening. He said:
"The bread I will give you is my
flesh for the life of the world." At
this statement a commotion ensued
and the Jews questioned His word;
some of them arose and uttered the
query which has always been the
question that unbelievers have ut-
tered since that time: "How can a
man say such things as this?"

There were twelve here, however,
who did not doubt the Master, but
who believed in Him and followed
Him.

Their leader was Peter, and he was
a real Catholic and did not ask our
blessed and broke it, and said to His
apostles, "Take ye and eat; this is
my body. Do this in commemoration

of me."

That is the meaning of the altar,
be it an humble altar or a magnifi-
cent one, or a magnificent one in a
cathedral. The church itself merely
shelters the altar, and if the altar
is taken away the church is gone.

Met Response Promptly.
I rejoice to see that the Church of
St. Patrick's has been enlarged, and a
better opportunity given to the
parishioners to worship as they
should. I, as bishop of London, wish
to acknowledge what the Redeem-
torist Fathers have done in this parish,
and throughout Canada as well. I
have never made a request that they
have not promptly met. They have
gone all over the diocese preaching
missions and retreats, and in every
way furthering the cause of religion.
It is my pleasure to return to the
Redemptorists the thanks of the
clergy of the diocese of London for
their untiring efforts in promoting
Catholic interests in this district, and
I trust that St. Patrick's, with a larger
church, and Jesus Christ in the holy
eucharist and mass, will give you
peace and concord and implant a
spirit of joy in your hearts, that your
priests may lead you in the ways of

Practical Gifts Now More Welcome Each Christmas



If there is any uncertainty in your mind as to what to give, you can
get much inspiration from a visit to this store. We have anticipated
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utterly irresistible. A gift set is a very discerning choice—one of the delicate orchid or peach shades.

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de chine, trimmed with pretty laces, tucks geor-
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trimmed with pretty lace. Prices \$3.50 to \$12.50
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chine, in a lovely assortment of different styles. Prices
..... 98c to \$4.50

Second Floor.

The Rambler Visits the Silverware Section



Seeking a Christmas gift the last word in ultra
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For the bride or the proud housewife, no more
effective gift is possible than a bit of silverware to
gleam from her snowy napery.

One finds the new Grosvenor pattern in Com-
munity ware, a full range of the many other graceful
designs, a glistening trifle in the form of salt and
pepper shakers, or a lovely vase for flowers.

And then there is the new French-gray silver, in
elaborate design (and be it whispered that this
metal is known never to tarnish).

In a card tray or an urn-like flower vase, it
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Baby Spoons 65c each
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Main Floor.

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cotton filling, well quilted, large size, 70x70 inches \$2.95 each

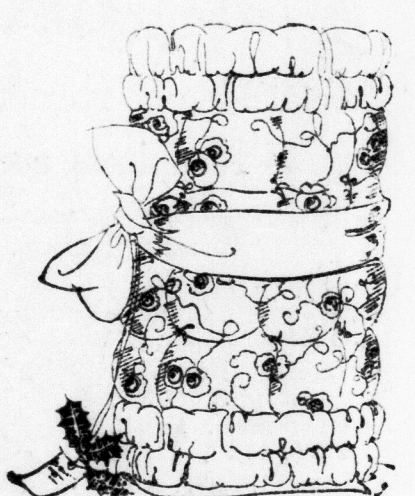


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ELECTS 1923 OFFICERS**
At the last regular meeting of Kil-
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and A. M., held Friday, Dec. 15, the
following officers were elected for the
year 1923: W. M., Bro. George E.
Perry; I. P. M., Bro. Thomas W.
Copp; S. W., Bro. George E. Cope-
land; J. W., Bro. W. G. Doidge;
treasurer, Bro. R. W. Glover; secre-

tary, W. Bro. Whit. Lancaster;
chaplain, Right W. Bro. W. L. Ar-
mitage; S. D., Bro. J. C. Anderson; J.
D., Bro. W. E. Wilmer; I. G., Bro.
W. A. McWilliams; D. of C., Bro.
Bro. N. P. Walsh; S. S., Bro. W. M.
B. Boyd; J. S., Bro. W. A. Adams;
organist, Bro. R. Hodgins; auditors,
Bros. G. C. Copeland and W. G.
Doidge; Tyler, Bro. W. A. Young;
representative to Masonic Hall Co.,
Wor. Bro. S. F. Glass; representa-
tive to board of relief, Right Wor.
Bro. U. A. Buchner; representative to
board of finance, Bro. G. E. Perry,
Wor. Bro. J. T. May and Bro. W.
G. Doidge.

**INQUEST INTO DEATH
OF CONSTABLE DEFERRED**
Toronto, Dec. 18.—General Victor
A. Williams, commissioner of the
provincial police, was notified yester-
day that investigation by coronar
the University of Toronto, will pre-
sent his report for an analysis of the
stomach contents.
General Williams, for the purpose
of the police investigation, has re-
ceived a verbal report from Professor
Rodgers to the effect that no poison
was found, and that death was proba-
bly due to shock.

**THREE PERISH, FOUR HURT
WHEN AKRON HOME BURNS**
Akron, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Three men
were burned to death and four others
were injured, one probably fatally,
early yesterday, when a fire destroyed
a cottage in which they were sleeping
at Little Wadsworth, near here. The
dead and injured lived at Massillon,
where three of the men were attor-
neys.

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DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER

CRY TO CLEAN UP MOVIES
FAILS TO GAIN RESPONSE

Suggestion To Drop Certain Stars From Roll Goes by Unheeded—Wallace Reid Scandal Again Brings Up Question of Necessary Action in Matter.

FEAR OF LOSING MONEY HALTS WORK

By FOREST WHITE.
Special to The Advertiser.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Several months ago a group of clean, high-minded and conscientious men in the motion picture world, under promise of co-operation by the men in control of motion picture production in Hollywood, made an earnest effort to clean house from the inside.

They conducted a painstaking investigation of the private lives and habits of the members of the film colony in Hollywood, whose names are prominently linked with the industry. As a result of this they prepared a list of "unsafe" persons, chiefly actors or directors, then in motion pictures. The list contained 117 names. This list was to be directed to the attention of the heads of production with the recommendation that the persons named therein should be denied further employment at the studios.

Confident in the promise of co-operation so readily given when the matter of reforming the motion picture industry from the inside was broached, the members of this committee approached the head of production of one of the larger motion picture concerns. He received them smiling, took the list and glanced at it; then a frown replaced the smile. "You men should know that we are asking the impossible," he said. "Why it would mean at least a two million dollar loss to us to do a thing like that in the case of this one man."

"We are willing to do our part," he said, "but a thing like that would be suicide. We must remember that we are practical men and business-men."

The name at the head of the list was that of Wallace Reid. The reason given for placing his name on the list was that he was a drug addict, and was known to use seven kinds of narcotics.

Fail to Gain Co-operation.
The members of the committee, wiser than when they came, took back their list and departed. Failing to gain the co-operation of such a powerful figure in motion picture production as the man they had gone to first with their list made their efforts hopeless. The list was filed away for safekeeping.

Today the country is talking about another scandal in Hollywood. Wallace Reid, one of the most popular actors on the screen, is a fallen idol. Newspapers throughout the world are playing up the news that his physical collapse, which has brought him almost within the shadow of death, is due to the use of narcotics.

The fact that Wallace Reid was

addicted to drugs has now been news in Hollywood for more than two years. He was a good fellow, though, and his own worst enemy, and no newspaper man who knew Reid was willing to "break" the story. But now that the truth has found its way into print, it is just as well that the full truth should be known, and how the present scandal could have been avoided through far-sightedness and a higher regard for moral fibre than for mere dollars on this part of the men who control the making of motion pictures.

Wallace Reid's name has been checked off on the list of unsafe persons prominent in motion pictures production. He is making a hard and game fight to come back free from the drug and liquor habit, and deserves all sympathy. But will he again take his place as an actor for the screen? Probably not.

116 Names Remain.
That leaves only 116 names on the list of unsafe ones in motion picture production, with only 116 potential scandals in store to blast further reputations among screen players, directors and producers, and reflect upon the entire industry. Probably any call boy in the motion picture studios could rattle off at least twenty of these names at the first asking.

Only 116 names on the list, "hopeless" "chances," the person of bad habits and worse associates, persons lacking in moral responsibility and all liable at any time to bring disgrace to motion picture industry—all listed and catalogued.

But are they money-makers for the producers? Aye, there's the rub. Most of them are, and, under present conditions, will have to kill themselves off through scandal and loss of earning power before they disappear from the motion picture industry. Will there be a change in conditions?

Will Hays, ruling head of the motion picture industry, indicate his opinion in Los Angeles right now. He was on the ground when one of Hollywood's scandals broke right under his nose, and he is not at all happy about the present situation.

The Reid scandal caught him unaware. It was put up to him. He has been quoted as misquoting the "Chicago Herald-Examiner" as saying that he really said when the matter was first brought to his attention was that there was nothing for him to say except that he was not going to help in hoping that Reid will win back his health and be himself again.

LOOKS FOR OPINION
ON VOLSTEAD ACT

Harding Strives to Find Out Whether States Will Back Measure.

Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Harding in a White House luncheon with a group of governors today will call upon the states to assume equal responsibility with the federal government for prohibition enforcement.

The president will point out, it was learned, that in giving the states and the federal government concurrent power to enforce prohibition, the federal government has placed a great responsibility on the governors for Volstead law enforcement as it does on the federal judiciary to the general conference of governors which is to be held in January, according to present plans. By this means the president will be able to tell the governors what their experience within the past two years has taught them.

It was considered unlikely that any effort will be made today to get down to formulation of any definite program for co-ordination of state and national enforcement.

After expressing his views that the federal government and the states are jointly responsible for prohibition enforcement, the president, in a result of the meeting today, opened:—1.—To get a clear survey of popular opinion as to prohibition enforcement; to learn from the executives of the several states just how their people feel as to strict or lenient enforcement; whether they want the Volstead act amended or strengthened.

2.—To get from the governors a frank and candid statement about enforcement, whether they favor greater federal and state co-operation and want the task handled almost entirely by the federal government; whether they are willing to strengthen state enforcement wherever necessary; in short, whether the states will back up the federal government if it goes the limit in enforcing the Volstead act.

ST. MARYS RESIDENT
DIES ON TRAIN IN U. S.

Special to The Advertiser.
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—T. J. Stillman, 45 years old, of St. Marys, Ont., died Tuesday morning on Erie passenger train No. 475, while it was a few miles out of Attica, N. Y., en route to Buffalo. Stillman's body was taken from the train and sent to an undertaking establishment in Attica. With Stillman on the train were his two brothers, Robert and David Stillman of Campbellton, Ont., near St. Thomas. The cause of Stillman's death had not been determined last night. He leaves a wife and two children in St. Marys.

QUEBEC RAILWAY
MAY BE LIQUIDATED

President Predicts Move Unless Substitute Bills Are Passed by House.

Special to The Advertiser.

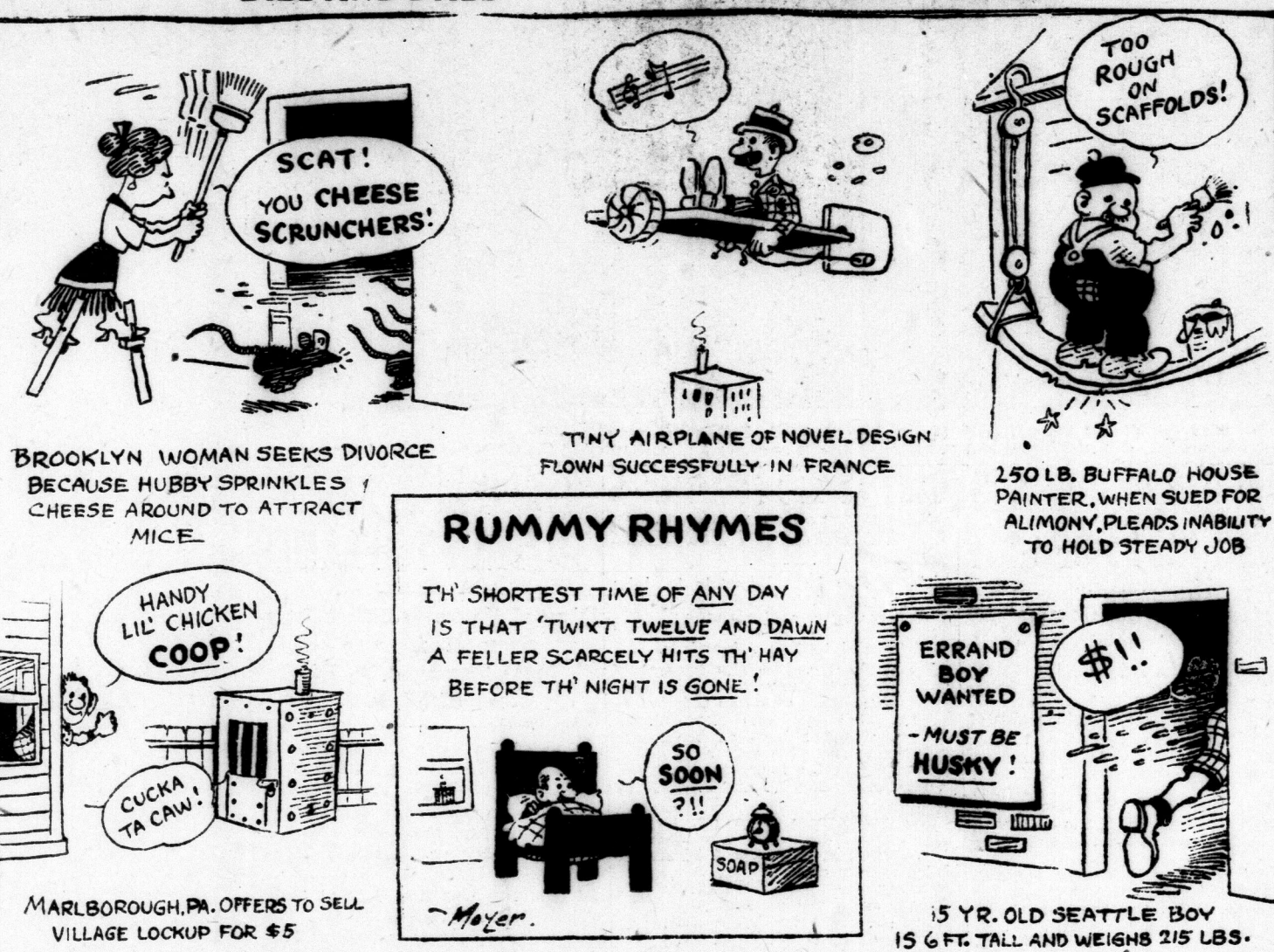
Montreal, Que., Dec. 18.—The Gazette this morning publishes the following: "E. A. Robert, president of the Quebec Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company, told the private committee of the Quebec legislature, that unless the substitute bills he has put before that body are passed, the system of which he became the head last spring, would have to go into the hands of a receiver, owing to its inability to finance itself."

That will be a striking piece of information for shareholders and the public in general, who ever since the present administration took hold, have been led to believe, through official and semi-official information, that the Quebec Railway was becoming a very attractive proposition. And from the statements shown these assertions seemed to have a certain degree of substance.

"What is to be concluded?" "Prior to any talk of segregation of the three companies, Mr. Robert had publicly expressed his belief in Quebec railways. He caused to be issued a statement of earnings, showing the company to be making very favorable progress. Now he says that unless these bills pass the company must go into liquidation. There is a growing disposition on the part of the public to demand more enlightenment as to the corporate conduct of companies whose securities are placed before them in the markets."

This is a justifiable inclination, particularly in the case of public utilities, and the present Quebec railway developments are adding confusion to a situation, which was already rather confused. The province of Quebec securities of all classes enjoy the general confidence of the public, and that confidence would be enhanced, if any skeletons there may be in the Quebec railway closets, were drawn out on this occasion and steps taken to lay them finally to rest.

The income bond situation, for one thing, needs explanation. And this is something that in no way reflects upon the present administration. There are many who saw with no little justification, distinct possibilities for the Quebec Railway Light, Heat and Power Company, as it stands at the present. Included among the latter, according to his own statements, was Mr. Robert, unless he had the ultimate passage of the bills in mind, when he expressed himself. And before the bills are finally passed it seems very likely that the legislators will insist upon knowing in detail just how this new scheme is going to bring improvement.

ATTACKS ATTITUDE
TO UNEMPLOYED

Labor Member Declares All Should Have Right to Petition King.

London, Dec. 18.—Canadian Press Cable.—George Lansbury, the Labor member of the House of Commons for Poplar, speaking in Trafalgar Square after the unsuccessful effort of the unemployed to present a petition to the King, said that every individual had a right to approach the King by letter or petition.

They had not the right to go in a crowd and attempt to get into Buckingham Palace, he said, but the King was no more inaccessible than the mayor.

"We have come to a pretty tight pass," Mr. Lansbury declared, "if the prime minister is regarded as sacred. Then the King is to be prevented from receiving your petition. I want to say to Mr. Bridgeman, secretary for home affairs, and the authorities of Scotland Yard, that they are destroying the power of the Labor leaders to preserve the constitution. There was never a time in the history of the labor movement when the police were so active with provocative agencies."

MONTREAL GREEKS SING
MASS FOR DEAD OFFICERS

Montreal, Dec. 18.—There was a gathering that crowded the Greek Orthodox Church yesterday morning, when a solemn requiem high mass was chanted, under the auspices of the Greek Constitutional Society of Montreal, for the repose of the souls of the ex-members of the Greek cabinet, who were recently executed at Athens.

The mass was sung by His Grace Archbishop Germanos Troinos of Monemvasia and Sparha and of New York, assisted by the Archimandrite, Arsenios Pallikaris, pastor of the parish.

Rev. John Farthing, Anglican bishop of Montreal, attended the service. He did not wear his episcopal robes, nor take part in the service, but was given a place of honor in the sanctuary.

SAW SMOKE BEFORE FIRE,
BUT DID NOT RING ALARM

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 18.—Fire Chief C. J. Defields and Deputy Provincial Fire Marshal Burnett, who conducted an investigation into the fire which destroyed the McGregor Block on the morning of Dec. 10, wiping out the Molsons Bank, a branch of the United Cigar Stores, two auto supply companies, and a billiard parlor, have decided that the blaze was caused either by an overheated furnace or burglar who broke into one of the places of business.

It was brought out at the investigation that several citizens smelled smoke, and one even saw smoke issuing from the windows of the bank an hour and a half before the alarm was turned in, but took no action to notify the fire department.

Will Not Ever Find Murderer
of Blanche Garneau Is Belief

Foster Parents Hopeless of Bringing Criminal to Justice — "It Is Too Late!" They Say.

Special to The Advertiser.

Quebec, Dec. 17.—"The murderer of Blanche Garneau will never be found," thus spoke Michael Barbeau, the girl's foster-parent, to The Advertiser, and his aged wife nodded her corroboration.

A strange couple these two. The advertiser met them in the home where Blanche Garneau had lived, in Stadacona, a suburb of Quebec, on a narrow street lined with ramshackle houses.

They owned the top floor of a two-story structure more pretentious than the other dwellings, painted, and with storm windows.

The Barbaus are old, and show it; Michael, heavy-set, clean shaven, pale cheeks freckled with red veins; his wife small, with face bronzed and wisdom, one eye whitened, with sight destroyed, one eye black and piercing. And they are fatalists.

Blanche Garneau is dead. The police couldn't discover the murderer. Why all this reawakened sensation? Why the formation of a royal commission? Why the interest of Premier Taschereau? Why the declarations of Sauve and Lavergne? It is useless, say the Barbaus—the criminals will never be caught.

In Ten-Foot Room.
When The Advertiser talked of the murder of the young girl, it was in the largest of the Barbaus' four small rooms, ten feet square. Barbeau paced between a stove and a cupboard, three steps, and back again. His wife sat huddled in a chair, the unseeing eye wide open, the other half closed in reverie.

"How do you know that the criminal will not be caught?" Barbeau was asked. "Are you one of those who say that the government did not do its duty and did not search as it should?" He stopped his pacing.

"What of the government?" said he. "It is the police. They have searched well and found nothing. How do I know that the murderer has escaped? I don't. I just feel it."

"It was said," we reminded, "that the sons of members were mixed up in it, and that you had been given money to be quiet."

"That's all wrong," he replied. "I never got money from anyone. And those men had nothing to do with it."

Who Is Murderer?
"Have you any idea who is the murderer?"

He resumed his pacing, but, stopping suddenly, said: "No, I cannot tell. They had two men for it. But that was two years ago. It is too late now." "Yes, it is too late now."

Mrs. Barbeau had come out of the past. Her eyes were moist with memories. "It is too late now," she reiterated. "They can never catch anyone." Then they spoke of the girl. The Garneau had been their distant relations, and they died while Blanche was young. The Barbaus had adopted her. They had given her an education, and then she had gone to work in Rousesau's tea store. She was a quiet girl, and good. She didn't go out much, and she had no boy friends.

"What of Martin Griffin, the lame boy, whom the police questioned?"

He was dismissed with a wave of the hand. Blanche Garneau just knew him.

Special to The Advertiser.

They had met eight days before her death at a choir picnic. Griffin had come in from the country to visit his uncle, a street car conductor. The uncle, whose car carried the picnic, took the lad along with him. At the picnic the boys and girls wanted to play football, but they were one person short to make up the two teams. They asked Griffin to play, but he was lame, and said he couldn't. He agreed to go in the goal. Blanche Garneau and he were on the same side.

Girl Ran After Ball.
The girl was running after the ball near the goal when she fell. Griffin limped towards her and picked her up. After the game he joined a group to have a picture taken.

When they came home from the picnic these two sat together, and Griffin paid the fare. They did not see each other again. In the eight days before her disappearance they talked once over the phone. Miss Garneau called him to say that the picture taken at the picnic was no good. She was sorry. They might get another taken some day in the future.

The next day was July 22, 1920, and she had not come home from work at the usual hour, but they thought she might have stopped to see her aunt. At the time they called the aunt, Blanche Garneau had not been there.

"This was the first time she had ever been away at night," said Mr. Barbeau. "And it was the last," interjected his wife.

Fearful Foul Play.
From the first they had feared foul play. They called the police. Then they called the body. Mrs. Barbeau began to weep when she spoke of this. The body was so decomposed they could hardly recognize their girl. They prayed that the men who had done this thing be caught. They prayed that they be punished.

"But it is two years and a half," continued Mr. Barbeau. "And they have no one, and that is why I say they never will find anyone. But Premier Taschereau has formed the royal commission. He is a powerful man," said Mr. Barbeau. But to him such a commission was something vague. Mr. Barbeau might have been from Missouri. He had to be shown. He could understand a policeman in uniform arresting a man, but a roomful of men arguing was different. Arguing that the government had done its duty and the government had not done its duty was just a roomful of men.

"Duval confessed that he knew who killed the girl, and he was brought before the commission. So did Binet," replied Mr. Barbeau. "But he said it was a lie, and they let him off. I tell you, there are lots mixed up in it, but you cannot say who murdered my girl; no one can tell; they'll never find the murderer."

"They'll never find them." Again Mrs. Barbeau repeated her husband's words, for this belief is held in common.

EXPLOSION OF POWDER
KILLS 2 IN COAL MINE

Drumheller Alta., Dec. 18.—Wm. McKinnis, fire boss, and Harry Reece, a miner, were killed at Gibson Syndicate Mine last night when the powder magazine exploded while they were inside getting powder for the shift about to go on duty.

25 DEAD IS TOLL
IN SHIP DISASTER

American Gobs Play Heroic Part in Rescue of Survivors.

Special to The Advertiser.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—At least twenty-five persons, including three children and their mother, were drowned, burned or crushed to death in the disaster to the French hospital ship Vinlong in the Sea of Marmara Friday, in which American gobs played a heroic part as rescuers of 482 survivors.

The American destroyer Bainbridge, Commander W. A. Edwards in command, was quickly at hand following the first outbreak of flames on the French vessels, which was crowded with refugees. Seeing the Vinlong's peril, Commander Edwards shoved the Bainbridge bow amidships of the Frenchman and held her there; a terrific explosion followed. Passengers on the hospital ship were in a panic. In forty minutes the crew of the Bainbridge had saved 482, despite the terror and confusion.

The formation of persons jumped from the Vinlong to the deck of the Bainbridge, one being killed and several injured in this manner. American gobs performed many acts of heroism, two diving into the water to save five persons hanging to a hawser, one of the latter proving to be the wife of the French admiral, commanding the Beyroust squadron.

Stomach of the Deceased Has Been Examined by a Government Analyst of Toronto, but no trace of poison was found, so it is now concluded that death was caused by shock when the car which he was driving overturned at a bend in the road between Ridgeway and Sherbourne.

The four people in it being pinned under it. Customs Officer Muir crawled out and helped to release the two young women, who, having missed their last train at Port Erie, were being taken to Port Colborne. When Officer Smythe was taken from under the car it was found that he was dead.

Mounted Policeman Walsh, Bridgeburg, examined the scene of the accident and found a broken motor spring, which may have caused the accident. The remains of Officer Smythe were interred at Greenwood Cemetery on Wednesday under military auspices. He belonged to Antrim, Ireland, where his wife and child also parents, live. It will be shown at the inquest that the sad affair was a pure accident.

U. S. NOVEMBER EXPORTS
ESTABLISH NEW RECORD

Washington, Dec. 18.—Exports for the month of November established a record for 1922, the department of commerce announced today. The value of exports totaled \$533,000,000, or \$12,000,000 greater than October, which was the best previous month for the present year.

November's exports were \$90,000,000 in excess of November, 1921. Exports for the eleven months ending November totaled \$4,903,450,750, compared with \$188,352,983 for the corresponding period last year, or a net decrease of \$698,451,233.

PERU SAYS "COERCION"
PERMEATES PARLEY

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 18.—The Chilean foreign office has received a note from the Peruvian foreign office in which Peru accepts "in principle" an invitation to a Pan-American conference. Peru, however, reserved final acceptance, declaring a Peruvian delegation could not attend until certain "coercion" was eliminated. Such "coercion," the Peruvian government claims, is being exercised by officers of the Chilean army and by local police against Peruvians residing in Chile.

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Members of the chief's party said they chose the Netherlands to bring their case before the league because Hollanders were the first white people to settle near their land. The Six Nations, they said, were descendants of Indians who supported Great Britain in her 18th century wars, and who were rewarded in 1784 by a grant of the land they now occupy in place of the domain they lost in support of the crown. During the world war, they said, they sent many young Indians abroad to fight on the side of the Allies.

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HOLD LAST RECITAL BEFORE CHRISTMAS

At the regular weekly recital—the last until after the Christmas recess—by the students of the Institute of Musical Art, held on Saturday afternoon, the following were heard: Phyllis Prescott, Margaret Trout, Marjorie Lister, Philip Gleason, Leonard Crawford, Marguerite Gibson, Marjorie Watson, Marion Tomlin, Anna Day, Doris Boylan, Bernard Cottle, Ruth McConnell, Helen Kerwin, Gordon Melvin and Muriel Lancaster. The undermentioned teachers were represented, viz., Misses Laura Kirkwood, Ullah B. Kennedy, Dorothy Davis, Irene Foster, Hazel Taylor, Irene Burns, Jennie Steele, Gurli E. Hausch, Mrs. Fred Schofield, and Leo Herbert and Charles E. Percy.

PROMPT, EFFECTIVE REMEDY FOR GRIPPE, INFLUENZA, COLDS

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AT YOUR DRUGGISTS.
"The First Dose Gives Relief."
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DEVASTATION WROUGHT BY ASTORIA, ORE., FIRE. Ruins are all that is left of 33 business blocks in Astoria, Ore., following a fire which caused a property loss estimated at \$20,000,000 and killed one person.

WINDOW WEDGES.

Wedges for the window which show a tendency to rattle on wintry nights are the latest conception of those who create little trifles for the gift shops. The wedges are decorated with birds, butterflies or urchins.

E. N. HANNAH HEADS KNIGHTS OF GRIP

Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association Install Officers For 1923.

Election of officers, consideration of plans for the coming year and other important matters were the features of the 46th annual meeting of the members of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association held at the head office in the Dominion Savings Building in the city on Friday last.

About 150 travelers were present, and the following officers were installed for 1923: President, E. N. Hannah; 1st vice-president, F. E. Harley; 2nd vice-president, A. E. Cowley; 3rd vice-president, C. I. Secord; treasurer, A. E. Barbour; trustee, J. M. Dillon; secretary, G. T. Hair.

The directors for London are: G. C. English; A. J. Smith; J. H. Laughlin; J. H. Grierson; A. W. Howe; I. W. Kingswood; A. Morrison. Outside directors: George Watt, Brantford; M. E. Sherwood, Woodstock; G. W. Sulman, Chatham; F. Lashbrook, Galt; H. E. Callender, Guelph; R. B. Griffith, Hamilton; H. Tolton, Kitchener; W. D. Martin, Stratford; L. W. Hamby, St. Thomas; W. T. Goodison, Sarnia; H. V. Kennedy, Toronto; J. H. MacGuire, Windsor.

The financial statement for 1922 was presented and adopted, showing a capital account of over \$540,000 invested in government and municipal bonds and first mortgages. Benefits amounting to \$18,840 were paid out during the past year to relatives of deceased members.

The insurance actuary's report as received evidenced the society as progressing favorably.

The association has already donated \$1,000 to the Sick Children's Hospital to endow a room in memory of the members of the association who fell in the Great War. At this meeting an additional grant of \$1,500 was voted to the hospital.

Christmas donations were also made to Salvation Army Rescue Home, Victorian Order of Nurses, Women's Sanatorium Aid Society, Children's Aid Society, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

President, E. N. Hannah and First Vice-President, F. E. Harley were chosen as Western Fair committee.

The travelers' rooms were filled with members from both London and outside points. Messrs. J. H. Laughlin, F. E. Harley and George Hair were appointed as a delegation from the Ontario Commercial Travelers to submit a report to the hotel investigating committee. They visited Toronto last Friday and held an all-day conference with the above named committee.

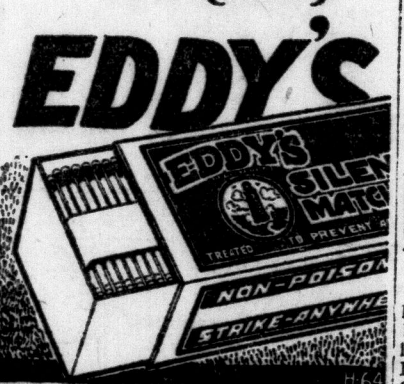
FOUND GUILTY OF THEFT, GETS 3 MONTHS IN JAIL

Chatham, Dec. 18.—Convicted on a charge of stealing sugar from the plant of the Dominion Sugar Company, Earl Harewood was Saturday morning sentenced to a term of three months in jail by His Honor Judge Stanworth at the close of the general sessions of the peace.

Following the disappearance of six bags of sugar from a freight car, the city police conducted an investigation which resulted in the arrest of the prisoner. A subsequent search of his house disclosed two bags of sugar.



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Everybody knows
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Not like the mule, who works in fits and starts—Maltby's.

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Give instant relief.
25 Cents a Tube.
At Your Druggist.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF WATFORD RESIDENT

Citizens Pay Last Respects to John Humphries, Pioneer Carriage Maker of District.

Special to The Advertiser. Watford, Dec. 18.—The funeral of John Venard Humphries was held Friday afternoon and was largely attended. His pastor, Rev. W. K. Hager, officiated both at the house and the grave. He was assisted in the service at the house by the Revs. T. De Courcy Rayner and J. H. Hosford.

The pallbearers were Dr. George Hicks, and Messrs. W. E. Fitzgerald, D. Maxwell, A. D. Hone, I. Hastings, and J. J. Conkling.

Among the out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral was R. L. Le Sueur, M.P., for West Lambton, a nephew of the deceased.

The late Mr. Humphries was an old resident, having spent most of his life in this district. He was in business as a carriage-maker in Watford for many years, and had lived in Watford since his retirement about 15 years ago.

Besides his widow, he leaves to mourn his loss two sons, Kenneth in Calgary, Alta., and Verden in Saskatchewan; and four daughters, Miss Loren at home; Mrs. J. MacKay and Mrs. Clarence Hogg in Watford; and Mrs. Cecil Perkins of Calgary.

The D. O. B. Club of Watford held its monthly meeting at the home of Miss Jean McCorkick, Kingscourt, on Wednesday afternoon. The young ladies were kept busy sewing most of the afternoon, while music added to their enjoyment. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, and a pleasant half hour was spent.

GRAND TO PRESENT REAL LIVE PROGRAM

Charlie Chaplin Impersonator and Special Christmas Santa Claus Novelty On Attraction List.

A real live Chaplin impersonator, a feature picture, presenting Constance Binney in one of her best roles, an excellent vaudeville bill, and a special Christmas Santa Claus novelty will provide the entertainment at the Grand Opera House for the week commencing today, and from a standpoint of merit will be big value at that popular theatre.

Jack Gerard is the Chaplin impersonator, and he is rated as one of the best in the business. He will bring graphically to the audience all the peculiarities of the famous screen comedian, a feature which will be particularly interesting in connection with the showing of the Chaplin comedy, "Pay Day," which is also on the bill this week.

The feature picture, "Room and Board," is one of the best in which Constance Binney has yet appeared. It tells a real story and gives this star a splendid opportunity for her talents.

The vaudeville bill includes The Veggos, who will present a high-class singing and bag punching act, and Conroy and the Noel Sisters in a song and dance revue.

The visit of Santa Claus is expected to be a particularly strong feature and elaborate arrangements have been made for it. A special stage set has been built, showing a house with the snow-covered surroundings. Santa arrives in his sleigh drawn by his favorite blooded steed, and enters the house by the chimney route. Then bedroom shows the children's slumber dreaming of Christmas joys. Santa fills the stockings and Christmas method—just a wave of the hand and the work is done, which partly explains why he is able to cover so much territory on Christmas Eve.

He will also entertain the theatre patrons with stories and musical selections. Hay Nash will assist Santa in a clever cartoon act, entitled "Faces You All Know." There will also be a distribution of surprise gifts to the total value of \$1,000, for which all patrons will have a chance.

The policy of three shows daily at 2, 7 and 9, will be continued for the week with a complete vaudeville program at every performance. A percentage of the proceeds will be given to the Free Press Santa Claus fund.

Obituaries

DAVID BERRY.

The funeral of David Berry was held on Friday from the family home at Oxford street west, being conducted by Rev. Geo. W. Dewey of Emmanuel Avenue Methodist Church, to the Hyde Park Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Young of Kensal Park Baptist Church and Rev. Mr. Lucas, a retired minister, assisted at the service.

A large number of friends gathered at the home of the deceased to express sympathy with the family and to show the deep respect in which Mr. Berry was held.

With the death of Mr. Berry the community has lost a good citizen, the church has won another representative in eternity, while the family feel there is a vacant place that can never be filled.

The pallbearers were George Dean, Harry Hull, R. F. Gray, Elvin Berry, John Locking and Robert Berry, all relations of the deceased.

OLD CHURCH FALLS PREY TO FLAMES

Disused Colborne Street Presbyterian Mission and Contents Damaged To Extent of \$6,000.

One of London's old landmarks, the disused Presbyterian mission on the corner of Oxford and Colborne, was almost destroyed by fire at midnight Saturday, the damage to the frame building and contents being estimated at \$6,000.

The alarm was turned in at 11:20 o'clock Saturday, and the last fire company returned to its hall at 1:50 o'clock Sunday morning.

For a time it appeared as though the entire building was doomed, such headway did the flames make, and of such little avail were the first two lines of hose playing on the fire. However, extra lines of hose were laid, and the fire was confined to the rear section of the building and the roof. Fire in the studding gave the firemen the hardest battle. The heaviest damage was done to furniture stored in the frame structure by S. J. Henderson, the mover.

Although it is suspected the fire was of incendiary origin, no official opinion of the cause was given. Hot cinders burned holes through a flat car on the St. Marys siding of the G. T. R. Sunday morning. The department was called at 7:44 o'clock.

REFUSES APPEAL FOR DR. SERVICE

Judge Finds Divorce Secured in Wisconsin Was Not Valid.

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Dec. 18.—The application made by Peter White, R.C., of Toronto, on behalf of Dr. H. E. Service, formerly of Tilsonburg, asking for a stated case and leave to appeal against the verdict of Judge Wallace, who sentenced the doctor to serve five years in Kingston Penitentiary on a charge of bigamy, has been denied by the judge. Service secured a divorce in Wisconsin from his first wife, who lives in Dereham, and then married a Toronto girl in Detroit. The judge found that the divorce secured in Wisconsin was not valid and that the marriage to the Toronto girl was bigamous.

It was clearly demonstrated on Saturday that buttermilk can be put to various uses. Dick Winters discovered a car on fire on one of the leading thoroughfares of the city, and when he looked into the car he found a can of buttermilk. He pulled the top off the can and poured the contents over the burning part of the fluvier, extinguishing the blaze. The car was damaged to the extent of \$50 or \$60 before the buttermilk got in its work.

ARREST BRANT FARMER SUSPECTED OF ARSON

Special to The Advertiser.

Cargill, Dec. 17.—A Brant farmer, near Eden Grove, was arrested Thursday, suspected of arson in connection with the recent barn fires in that section, which are believed to have been of incendiary origin. He was lodged in the county jail. The accused is a married man and has a family.

EMPIRE WAISTLINE.

Long, slender graced dresses with high waists, obviously fashioned after directoire and first empire models, have been put forward by one or two designers. They declare that the radically high waistline will be the next "move" from the extremely low line, now dominant.



Always Have a Case In Your Home!

And a few bottles in the ice box, ready to serve. Let the whole family and your guests enjoy their wholesome, delicious, and refreshing qualities.

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Specials for Xmas Week

Here are a number of Special Values selected from different departments of the store which should help to relieve the drain on the over-worked pocketbook. These are only a few of many similar values throughout the store.

Women's and Misses' Coatees, \$1.49
Women's and Misses' All Wool Coatees and Tie Backs, with girdle, in plain colors and two-tone combinations, with long and short sleeves. \$2.50 value. Christmas special \$1.49

Women's Cashmere Hose, 69c
All-Wool Cashmere Hose, in plain shades as gray, silver, bamboo, tan, brown, black, some sub-standards. \$1.00 values. Christmas special 69c

Linen Tablecloths, \$4.69
Pure Linen Tablecloths, in large size, 70x88, good weight, excellent designs. \$6 value. Christmas special \$4.69

Pretty Boxed Handkerchiefs, 59c
20 dozen Women's Handkerchiefs, with pretty designs, embroidered on corners in three colors. Three in box. Christmas special 59c

Women's Vests and Drawers, 49c
Women's Winter Weight Vests and Drawers, in ribbed cotton, in white. Vests with round neck and long sleeves. Christmas special, per garment 49c

All-Wool Serge, 98c
This Pure Wool Cloth is excellent for skirts and dresses. It is 42 inches wide and of good weight and comes in these shades—navy, brown, copen, black. Christmas special 98c

Suede Gloves, 98c

Women's and Children's
Unlined Suede Gloves, in gray, beaver and tan shades; all sizes. \$1.50 value. Christmas special 98c



Linen Guest Towels, \$1.25
Here is an exceptional value in Pure Linen Guest Towels, with hemstitched and scalloped ends; good size and weight. Christmas special, per pair \$1.25

Beautiful Madeira Linens
Here are three big specials in round Madeira Cloths, in 36-inch, 45-inch and 64-inch size. You must see these to appreciate the wonderful value at \$5.50, \$7.25 and \$10.25

Wool Blankets, \$4.95
Here is one of the best values we have shown in Blankets in a long time. These Blankets are of good size, with nice soft finish, and should give excellent wear. Christmas special, per pair \$4.95

Satinette Bloomers, \$1.98
Satinette Bloomers, with double elastic knee and extra gusset, in shades of rose, mauve, purple, brown, navy and black. \$2.75 value. Christmas special \$1.98

Lovely Silk Scarfs, \$1.89
This is one of the best values we have ever shown. Don't fail to see them. In fancy stitch, double weight, with fringe, in burnt orange, maise, canna, goldenrod and many other beautiful shades. Christmas special \$1.89

Wash Satin Camisoles, \$1.39
Pretty Camisoles with deep lace tops and shoulder straps in heavy weight washable satin in pink and white. Christmas special \$1.39

Women's Fancy Heather Hose, 49c
24 dozen Women's Heather Hose in medium and light shades, in plain and ribbed styles. Christmas special, per pair 49c



Pretty and Useful Tea Aprons
One of these useful articles makes a pretty and inexpensive gift. They come in many new, novel and dainty designs to please the most fastidious. Prices range from 50c to \$1.00

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BURGLARS ENTER STORE AT SIMCOE

**Boldest Robbery in History of
Town Is Perpetrated
Saturday Night.**

SPEED AWAY IN MOTOR CAR

**Owner of Place and Constable
Give Chase, But Without
Success.**

Special to London Advertiser.
Simcoe, Dec. 18.—One of the boldest burglaries ever perpetrated in the town of Simcoe occurred shortly after midnight Saturday when two youthful disciples of Jesse James forced a window in the cellar of Wark's Northward grocery store, tore the cash register till, containing \$50, from its socket, walked calmly from the front door to their waiting auto and sped away northward. The victim of the robbery, Clarence Wark, was aroused when the handbells tinkled, and he endeavored to stop the intruders, but was unable to do so. He called for help, but no one came. The burglars were seen to enter the store, and the owner secured a gun just as the marauders emerged from the store. Unfortunately the fire-piece was not loaded, and though Mr. Wark ordered them to stop under penalty of being fired upon, they made a quick getaway.

Chief Muir and County Constable Alway, with Wark, took up the midnight chase. At Waterford an M.C.R. train halted the fugitives' progress, but they escaped their pursuers and doubling back struck eastward. The local police, on being forced to give up the chase, telephoned Hamilton officials, from whom it was learned this morning that the car used in the number of which Mr. Wark had taken, was stolen in that city during the past week.

The owner of the Simcoe store motored to Hamilton in the early morning, apprising police officers of all towns along the route of the robbery and subsequent chase. He returned at 3 o'clock this afternoon with no further information regarding the plunderers' whereabouts. William Peterson of Charlotteville and Joseph Karns of Simcoe were fined \$10 and costs amounting to \$9.50 each, in police court this afternoon on a charge of mutual assault. The twin participated in a fracas here on Dec. 2, in which Peterson, who is a big Dane, donated a pair of colored optics to Karns.

LIVER TROUBLE Pairs in Stomach

Most of the misery and ill-health that humanity is burdened with arise from disorders of the liver, stomach or bowels.

If you are feeling out of sorts, have pains in the stomach, especially after eating, sour stomach, bilious spells, sick or bitious headaches, heartburn, water brash, etc., you should take few drops of the laxative Laxa-Liver Pills. They will loosen up the liver, regulate the bowels, and tone up the stomach.

Mr. T. C. Hallman, Highgate, Ont., writes: "I have had liver trouble and pains in the stomach for a long time. I started to use your Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills, and in a short time I noticed they were helping me. Now I would not be without them and cannot recommend them too highly."

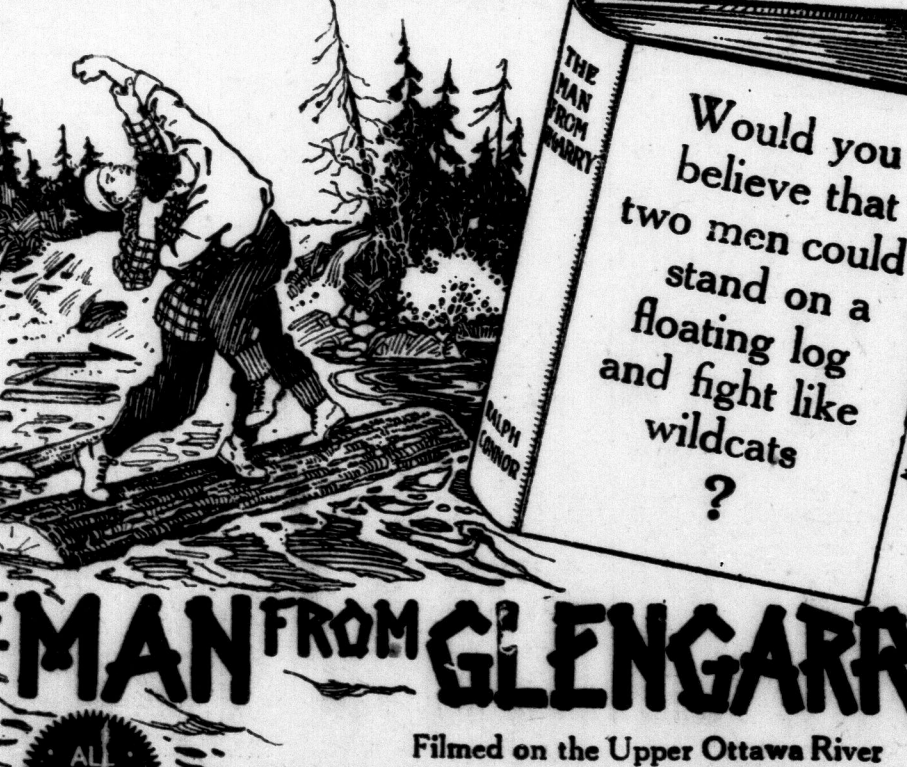
Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c a vial at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Adv.

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THE CANADIAN MASTERPIECE OF THE SCREEN

Waterloo Mayor and Councillors Will Seek Re-election at New Year

Special to The Advertiser.
Kitchener, Dec. 18.—Mayor Weichel of Waterloo and all of the town councillors, with the exception of Councillor Bauman, will seek re-election at New Year, according to an announcement made by Mayor Weichel, who stated that the entire council with the one exception would seek the favor of the electors. That there will be opposition is a foregone conclusion, but just what section of the community it will come from is still a matter of speculation. It is taken for granted, however, that Labor will have a strong ticket in the field this campaign, and it is

HEALTH CONDITIONS BETTER IN CHATHAM

Statistics Compiled by Medical Officers Evidences Minimum Number of Diseases in 1922.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Dec. 18.—Dr. T. L. McRitchie, medical officer of health, has compiled a special chart, which compares the health conditions in the city since 1917.

The chart shows that 1922 health conditions in the city have been somewhat better than in previous years. So far this year there have been recorded 7 typhoid fever cases, in which 2 deaths are reported; 49 cases of scarlet fever, 11 cases of measles, 42 cases of chickenpox, 2 cases of smallpox, only 1 case of tuberculosis, 36 cases of diphtheria, including 5 deaths; 11 cases of mumps and 7 cases of whooping-cough. The largest number of deaths from infectious diseases took place in 1918, when seven died from diphtheria, one from cerebro spinal meningitis and erysipelas.

From Jan. 1, 1917, to Nov. 30 of this year there has been 36 deaths in all, of persons suffering from contagious diseases, making an average of six deaths per year.

LAMBTON'S WARDENSHIP WARRANTS KEEN CONTEST

County Electors Concede Reeve Parker of Wardship Most Probable Choice.

Special to The Advertiser.
Watford, Dec. 18.—Already indications are pointing to a keen contest for the warden's chair of Lambton County for 1923. Reeve W. E. Parker of Watford is being mentioned prominently as having a good chance of election as warden. It is quite awhile since a Watford man was elected warden of Lambton.

W. G. Willoughby, manager of the Lambton Farmers' Insurance Company, has moved into town, and is now settled in his home on Huron street. The Watford Township Council held its closing meeting of the year Friday. Lambton's 149 I. O. E. held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. George L. Harper this week, with the regent, Mrs. T. A. Adams, presiding. The regent reported progress regarding the proposed soldiers' memorial for the village, and the chapter unanimously pledged its support to help carry the bazaar at the municipal elections. A committee was appointed to plan and purchase the usual Christmas cheer. Following the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Harris.

CAYUGA MISSION BAND ELECTS 1923 OFFICERS

Special to The Advertiser.
Cayuga, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the Senior Mission Band of Knox Church was held at the home of Mrs. Eric Lewis Friday evening, Dec. 15. An enjoyable social evening was spent.

At the business meeting the following officers for 1923 were elected: Leader, Miss Kerr; president, Audrey McClung; vice-president, Viola Currie; secretary, Gladys Lewis; treasurer, Jean Quinlan.

Imperial Oil Refinery at Sarnia Is Scene of \$25,000 Conflagration

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Dec. 17.—The plant of the Imperial Oil, Limited, was the scene of a spectacular fire on Saturday night when one of a trio of agitators filled in the oil refining process caught fire and burned merrily for nine hours. The fire was preceded by a slight explosion, which, however, caused no damage. Officials estimated the loss at approximately \$25,000. All the employees of the

company were called out, and with the aid of volumes of steam, the principal mode of fighting fire at the plant, the blaze was confined to the one tank, although numerous oil-filled tanks stood within a few feet of the blazing one. The sky was lighted up for miles around and hundreds of citizens watched the conflagration for hours. This was the fourth fire of a serious nature which has occurred in Sarnia within the last week.

INGERSOLL LOOKS FOR DARK HORSES

Many Surprises Likely To Be Sprung On Nomination Day On Friday.

Special to The Advertiser.
Ingersoll, Dec. 18.—Although practically no new names have been added to the list of probable candidates for municipal honors for 1923, it is believed that there will be many surprises sprung at the nomination meeting on Friday evening next. It is difficult to see all the currents that are usually working in connection with elections. Of one thing the electors are quite satisfied and that is that Mayor McCarthy and Councillor William English will be in the field for the mayoralty. Other names, both for the mayoralty and for the other offices, are not being freely mentioned, but this same condition has prevailed in former years when at the last minute there was a long list of candidates.

In North Dorchester township interest is beginning to develop in the coming elections. It is understood that Reeve Byron Marsh will retire from public service for the time being at least. He has served the township for a number of years. Deputy Reeve Calvert will be in the field for the reeveship, and there is a possibility of him getting the position by acclamation.

The funeral was held to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery this afternoon of Thomas W. Dunn of Cowansville, Que., whose death in his sixty-seventh year occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Brown, Thamesford. He came to North Oxford several weeks ago for the purpose of doing some building on his farm there. He had been in failing health for some time. He was born in Ingersoll, and for many years had been connected with cheese factories in North Oxford, Embro, St. Marys, and for twenty years a large creamery at Cowansville, Que.

Local charitable societies are giving much thought to the distribution of Christmas cheer. The missionary circle of King's Daughters is a leader in this work, and they will receive substantial aid from the Kiwanis Club.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RECORDS.

We have in stock the following special Christmas records. Any or all will be gladly demonstrated for you in one of our eight sound-proof rooms:

Vocal Selections.
"Joy to the World" and "Adagio Fideles" record No. 216122, 75c; "Silent Night" and "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown" record No. 16258, 75c; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night" record No. 17164, 75c; "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks From the Realms of Glory" record No. 216349, 75c; "The Birthday of a King" and "Jerusalem" record No. 216346, 75c; "When the Christmas Chimes are Ringing" and "Star of Faith" record No. 216377, 75c; "Christians Awake" and "Watchman Tell Us of the Night" record No. 18958, 75c. Also several instrumental records, including chimes, orchestra, violin, flute and harp, and some children's selections. If you are looking for an ideal gift, then visit our warehouses and procure one of the records which will give continuous pleasure the year round. Mason & Risch, Limited, 248 Dundas street, London.—Adv.

PREMIER CELEBRATES.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King celebrated his 48th birthday today. The prime minister was born at Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 17, 1874.

ARREST SUSPECTS IN TAXES ROBBERY

Oecil Stevenson and Eugene Collins Apprehended At Burford.

CARRIED SUM OF MONEY

Brantford Police Claimed To Have Located \$773 of Missing Money.

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, Dec. 18.—Four with a sum of money totaling \$773, which police claim was taken from the residence of Charles Kelly, tax collector at Cathcart, about 8:30 yesterday morning, Cecil Stevenson and Eugene Collins were both placed under arrest by High Constable Fred Kerr and License Inspector Eacrett at Burford late last night. Stevenson is well known to the local police, as he has been up on other occasions on charges of theft and robbery. The last charge against him was the theft of seeds from the store of Douglas & Roy, local seed merchants, some months ago.

It is stated that there are checks totaling over \$1,400 still missing. According to Mrs. Kelly, who was interviewed by The Advertiser on Saturday afternoon at her home at Cathcart, there were three men in the robbery.

Local police state that they have located \$773 which is about two-thirds of the total haul.

Albert Topping, a farmer's helper, in the general shop of a critical condition as the result of being run over by a Ford car on the Hamilton road, about three miles below Cathcart, shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning. It appears that the unfortunate man was walking in the direction of Hamilton, and the Ford car was passing him when he stepped over immediately in the path. The base of Topping's skull was literally crushed to a pulp.

Dr. Flew of this town was called, and the man was brought to Brantford in the ambulance. Delirious from his injuries, the ambulance arrived at the hospital at 11 o'clock, bringing the injured man to the hospital. Dr. Flew stated this afternoon that no hope could be held out for his recovery.

BLENHEIM BYLAW STARTS FIREWORKS

**\$2,500 Request For New School Causes Verbal Bar-
rage Between Council
and Board.**

Special to The Advertiser.
Blenheim, Dec. 18.—At the last meeting of the council for the year held Saturday the request of the school board to raise \$40,000 to build and equip the new continuation school was withdrawn by the board, and a request that the amount be \$25,000 was substituted. After a most heated discussion a notice to grant the request carried by a vote of 3 to 2.

The board was represented by Chairman R. L. Gossnell, Messrs. A. W. Ross, J. L. Rose and Secretary, Treasurer W. J. Baird. They stated that under the circumstances they were requiring a smaller amount than formerly, as there seemed to be a general feeling against spending the larger sum. They felt that by building the new school they would be replacing by a permanent concrete floor next spring. The new abutment has been constructed with

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Mayor Little censured the board for coming at the last meeting and asking for the amount without having anything definite to offer. He was met by Chairman Gossnell, who pointed out that it was the business of the board and not the council to select the site and decide on the building. Several members expressed themselves as much annoyed at the arbitrary attitude of the mayor towards the board.

Heated arguments resulted between several members and the mayor, and there were some accusations of falsehood flung around the floor of the council chamber.

Councillors Ferguson and Labadie urged the application be left over to next year. Reeve Clinis called for the yeas and nays on the question with the result: In favor of granting the \$25,000 request—Messrs. Reeve Clinis, Councillors A. G. Shillington, Glen Rutherford, C. McPherson and J. J. Cookson; against, Mayor Little, Councillors J. H. Ferguson and P. Labadie.

WATFORD CIVIC OFFICIALS CONCLUDE YEAR'S AFFAIRS

Retiring Reeve Harper Lauds Co-operation of Fellow-Members of Municipal Council.

Special to The Advertiser.
Watford, Dec. 18.—The municipal council of the village held its closing meeting of the year Friday evening. Routine business was transacted, winding up the business of the year. The reeve, George L. Harper, who is retiring from the council, delivered his valedictory, and thanked the councillors and the clerk for their assistance and support during his term of office. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the reeve for his services.

The other members present were Councillors W. G. Connolly, P. E. Muller, Paul Kingston and J. Donat. These, Councillors Connolly and Kingston are contesting the election for the reeve's chair, while Councillor Muller will seek re-election to the council.

The Women's Institute of Watford forwarded Friday two more boxes of bedding and clothing for the Northern Ontario fire sufferers. This makes five boxes the institute has sent, besides assisting in the fund that is being raised in town.

At the regular meeting of the institute held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Humphries it was decided to send small gifts of Christmas cheer to the town of the town. There was a good attendance of members, who responded to the roll call with "Suggestions for Christmas gifts." Mrs. C. C. Leigh gave an enjoyable reading, and several musical selections were also given.

29 ARE INJURED AS TRAINS CRASH

**Panic Reigns On Subway Line
As Crowded Trains
Collide.**

AGENT'S ACT SAVES LIVES

**Threw Emergency Switch and
Prevented Deaths On
Third Rail.**

New York, Dec. 18.—Twenty-nine persons were injured and hundreds were thrown into a panic last night when a swiftly moving train on an elevated "shuttle branch" of the Interborough Transit Company's Lexington avenue subway, crashed into the rear of a stalled train.

Seven women and children were among the victims. The motorman of the moving section, Patrick Keogh, is believed to have been fatally injured.

At Fordham hospital, where he was taken after being removed from the wreckage, officials of the transit commission ordered him under guard on charges of criminal negligence. The collision involved two southbound electric trains crowded with passengers, which were running only a few minutes apart on theatre rush schedules. As they came together in the semi-darkness the concussion was heard for blocks, and the frantic screams of the injured and imprisoned passengers brought thousands of helpless spectators to the scene.

Train Vestibule Demolished.
The vestibule of the moving train, where Motorman Keogh was caught in his tiny cab was demolished, as was the rear end of the train it encountered. Keogh's car mounted and partly telescoped the one it struck. Fifteen men were believed to have been thrown from the cars through the tightly closed vestibule, and thence across the tracks and live third-rails to the street below the elevated structure. Many are believed by the police to have been saved from electrocution by the station master at Hunt's Point, who saw the collision and immediately threw the emergency switches, cutting off power along the system.

Emergency ambulances from every hospital in the district were hurried to the scene, while all police reserves in the Bronx and several fire-fighting units, were summoned to hold the crowds and prepare against an outbreak of fire.

REOPEN BRIDGE AT PORT STANLEY

**Temporary Plank Flooring
Laid To Allow For Resump-
tion of Traffic.**

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 18.—The bridge at Port Stanley, which has been closed for the past two months or more, will be reopened to traffic on Monday, County Engineer James A. Bell announced Saturday. A temporary flooring of planks has been laid over the bridge, and this will be replaced by a permanent concrete floor next spring. The new abutment has been constructed with

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Chests of Silver

Rogers', Old Colony or Ambassador, 26-Piece Silver Sets, in plush-lined cases. \$30.85

English Silverware

Entree Dishes, each \$17.50, \$18.00
4-Piece Silver Service \$70.00
Gravy Boats \$8.00 to \$10.00
Muffin Dishes \$8.00
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a view to the enlargement of the bridge in the future, and is reinforced sufficiently to bear the weight of a swing or lift bridge, or a much heavier stationary structure. It has also been built sufficiently wide to accommodate a bridge with a 24-foot roadway, as well as providing for sidewalks on each side.

County Engineer Bell is well pleased with the manner in which the repair work has progressed, only two or three minor delays being experienced.

Work on the construction of the foundation piers for the new steel bridge over the Slater Gully in Bayham is also progressing very satisfactorily, the engineer reports, and it is expected that the third pier will be in place early next week. The third pier is regarded as the most difficult one of the four to sink, on account of the depth of the quicksand to the clay foundation.

The contractor in charge of the foundation work hopes to have the fourth pier nearly completed by Christmas.

FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE OF GEORGE BARCLAY, TARA

**Fire Department Unable to Combat
Flames in Arran Township
Blaze.**

Special to The Advertiser.
Tara, Dec. 18.—The brick residence of George Barclay, two and one-half miles west of Tara, on the 11th concession, Arran, was entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Part of the contents of the house was saved. The chimney had been on fire during the afternoon and was extinguished, but a short time later the occupants of the house noticed sparks flying off the roof, and rushing out they discovered the whole roof in flames.

The Tara fire brigade was called, but were unable to quench the blaze. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

**NEW YORK GLOBE AIDS FIRE
SUFFERERS.**
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Mayor Plant has received \$1,065 from the New York Globe for Northern Ontario fire sufferers. John F. Flynn, managing editor, in forwarding the check, writes that it was the proceeds of a concert given by the Globe.



TRAFFORD'S CHRISTMAS SPECIALS—

Bedroom Suite
Two-tone, in gray and cream, comprising bow-foot Bed, Dresser and Chiffonier.
3 pieces for
\$195

**Specials for the
Kiddies**
DOLLS' BEDS—White enamel with brass knobs, doll bed complete with spring, mattress and pillow; size 14 x 22 inches long, complete with castors \$3.75
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**Special in
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From \$18.50 up. These are genuine Tennessee red cedar and are absolutely mothproof.

**Floor Lamps
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\$31

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Form Ladies' O.H.A.

Organized Ladies' Hockey Association On Saturday

Miss Mac Maxwell of St. Thomas, First Vice-President—Miss Lucy Milne Local Girl, Elected To Executive.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Delegates from over a score of teams located at various points throughout Ontario attended a meeting in the Temple Building on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the Ontario Ladies' Hockey Association, and the motion to form such an organization was passed unanimously, and the motion was proposed by Mr. Campbell of Dunville, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Greer of London, a member of the O. H. A. executive.

Many Clubs Represented. The delegates present were: Hamilton—Miss E. B. Cook, Welland—Frank Best, Owen Sound—Miss Mary Miller, Chelmsley—W. M. Davidson, Kitchener—E. J. Schmitt, Bowmanville—Alan Campbell, Bechtel—A. A. Clyde Mitchell, Toronto Hockey League—A. O'Halloran, Aurora—Mrs. P. B. Bowdell, Miss Mabel Wesley, Miss J. Allen.

FRISCH MAY LEAD BASEBALL UNION

McGraw of the Giants Is Opposed to New Plan.

New York, Dec. 16.—Manager John McGraw of the New York Giants today made public what he said was the tentative slate of officers of the proposed new baseball players' union, naming Frank Frisch as president, and George Burns of the Cincinnati Reds for president, and at the same time announced his opposition to the union.

STRATFORD TENNIS CLUB BECOMES ACTUAL FACT

N. O. Crow, First President—Clubs To Be Built Along River.

Stratford, Dec. 17.—The tennis club now a reality, and the following officers are in charge of the club's affairs: honorary presidents, Hon. Peter Smith, Dr. F. H. Sloan, H. W. Strudwick, Dr. Rankin, W. O. Crow, vice-president, S. M. Johnson; secretary, E. Rubin; treasurer, K. H. Crow.

An executive committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Dand, Chester, Manning, Mrs. T. Brown, Mrs. G. Harrison, Miss Jean Makins, Miss Queen and Leon Lang.

The parks board has undertaken to provide courts along the river.

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St. Pats and Tigers Win

ST. PATS NICKED HABITANTS 7-2

Irish Champs Showed No Ill Effects of Long Trip Home.

JOLIAT IS FIND

Lalonde's Successor Was Pep of Whole Canadian Attack.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—St. Patricks were said by some to be "for weary" after their long tour to the coast, but the 7 to 2 victory which they scored over the Canadiens in the opening game of the National Hockey League Saturday night gave little indication that their trip put the Irish off their stride. The Irish clan stepped into the arena with a will, and after holding them to under a one-goal lead for two periods, broke away in the third and ran in four goals.

The line-up: St. Patricks. Goal. ... Canadens. ...

BASKET BALL QUIZ by Referee

START PLAY. When is the proper time for the referee to blow his whistle when he puts the ball into play in the center?

CENTERS. What is the proper time for the referee to blow his whistle when he puts the ball into play in the center?

BALL IN PLAY. How is the ball put into play after it comes out of bounds?

OPPONENT'S BALL. When a ball goes out of bounds how does the referee designate who shall put the ball in play?

TENPINS

CITY TEN PIN LEAGUE. Moose, No. 2. Won. Lost. ...

PITTSBURG BEATS OTTAWA. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 16.—The Pittsburgh hockey team easily outplayed the Ottawa last night, winning 6 to 1.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE.

OH JACK DEAREST, DO BE CAREFUL! REMEMBER, THAT IS FANTHAW'S ONLY SHIRT YOU ARE WEARING—STRIKE TH' WRETCH DOWN AN' TIE KNOTS IN HIS SHOE LACES!



"DALL MAGNATES MEET IN NEW YORK."

Johnny Evers, "Kid" Gleason and Eddie Collins (left to right) chummed around with Judge Landis during the New York baseball meeting. While they talked some baseball, there was much more talk of the old golf game.

Invasion of American Five Tonight Causes Basketball Circles To Buzz

Being in a college conference in the United States has about as much weight in basketball circles as having a batman ancestor in William the Conqueror's time. The fact that the Western "U" first came crew at the "U" tonight is causing a small-sized furor among the patrons of the game.

BIG STRING TO GO ON AUCTION BLOCK

Nags Owned by Late John C. Welty Will Be Sold in Chicago.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—The coming week will see the horse holdings of the late John C. Welty, of Chicago, who for years, up to the time of his death late in September, occupied the position of president of the Trotting Association, closed out at auction in Chicago.

She would have been a champion if she were sound," was the pronouncement of Walter Cox, who had trained the mare practically all of her racing life and drove her in most of her races. Unfortunately the daughter of Peter the Great was troubled with a pair of bad knees, particularly when she was a 3-year-old, although she was much improved the past two seasons.

Cox came out with his filly for the final, but found no officials and few spectators present. He persuaded the other two drivers to race it off that night, a "gentleman's agreement," and the Great finished in front.

BY AHREN. HEH-HEH! BEFORE YOUR HEART FEELS TH' CHILL OF MY COLD STEEL, JACK DASHLEIGH, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I FILLED TH' FOUNTAIN PEN YOU USED TO SIGN TH' PAPERS WITH INVISIBLE BLOTS!—AND NOW, YOU DIE!



PRODGER STARS IN TIGERS' 4-3 WIN

Ottawas Had Much Best of Play, But Not of Forbes.

HAMS LACK SHOT

Much Improved Over Last Year's Cellular Occupants.

Hamilton, Dec. 17.—Buttling as if defeat meant elimination from the National Hockey League race, Hamilton stepped into Ottawa Senators Saturday night and defeated them by a count of 4 to 3 in a game which went three and a-half minutes overtime. By so doing they sent home a howling mob of 6,500 spectators who were on their toes from song to song, partaking of the numerous thrills that the game afforded.

The Ross-coached crew did show improvement over their work of last season, but they are still far from being the squad that Hamiltonians expect to capture an N. H. L. pennant.

The line-up: Hamilton. Goal. ... Ottawa. Goal. ...

BRITISH SOCCER

Canadian Press Cable. London, Dec. 16.—Results of the football games played in the old country today follow:

English League—First Division. Arsenal 1, Huddersfield T. 1. Aston Villa 1, Newcastle U. 1.

Second Division. Blackpool 0, Hull City 0. Bradford City 2, Fulham 1.

Third Division, Southern Section. Newport City 1, Brighton and H. A. 0. Portsmouth 1, Luton Town 2.

Fourth Division. Blackpool 0, Hull City 0. Bradford City 2, Fulham 1.

BRITISH RUGGER

London, Dec. 16.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Results of rugby union games today:

Harlequins 5, Richmond 18. Old Merchant Tailors 0, Black Heath 10. London Scottish 46, Old Leysians 0.

Redmen On War-Path Already

Warton, Dec. 17.—Because ice doesn't form as quickly in the deep waters of Colpoys Bay as it does in the shallows at Oliphant, the Warton Redmen motored to the erstwhile Lake Huron summer resort for several workouts last week.

MCLARYS LEAD IN CARPETBALL LEAGUE

The standing of the City Carpetball League, including Saturday's games, shows McLarys Foundry leading with 7 wins and no losses, while Pigeon Club is second with 6 wins and 1 loss.

McLarys Foundry ... Pigeon Club ...

EDMONTON GOING STRONG

Edmonton, Dec. 16.—Three victories in the last three games in the record of the Edmonton Eskimos in the Western Canada League, the locals defeating Newry Lalonde's Crescents in the game here last night, 5 to 4, after playing overtime.

MAY CHALLENGE LEONARD

New York, Dec. 16.—Chubby White, hard-hitting Chicago lightweight, stood out today as a leading challenger for Benny Leonard's title as a result of his sensational victory over Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee last night at Madison Square Garden.

GALT HOPES TO OPEN HOCKEY TUESDAY NIGHT

Galt, Dec. 17.—Weather permitting, the hockey season will open on Tuesday evening with an exhibition game with the Milton Intermediates.

THIS ELABORATE ASSORTMENT OF GIFTS WILL PLEASE THE MOST DISCRIMINATING SHOPPER.

Each possesses practicability as well as luxury, quality and good appearance—and every gift in our store reflects our holiday spirit of price concession.

NEW TIES

Bright colors for the younger generation only, and a subtle color scheme for older men. \$1.00 to \$2.00. \$1.00 will buy a Pure Silk Tie good enough for any Jack we know.

GLOVES

Tan Cape, Gray Suede, Brown Mocha, Pickering, Sterling Silver Buckle, \$1.50. Lisle and Fine Wool Gloves, 50c to \$4.50.

WOOL SWEATERS

What color do you want this winter, and plain white for skating; coat, V neck and "pullover" styles. At \$1.00. Boys' sizes. \$1.50 to \$5.00. Wool Jersey Styles, at \$1.25 to \$2.50.

SCARFS

We have the colors you'll want in these new Wool Scarfs at \$1.50 to \$3.00. Silk Scarfs, \$2.00 to \$5.00. Colors. Priced at \$1.50 to \$5.00.

HOUSE COATS

A good house slippers (perhaps a pipe) and a jacket of the right kind—what more does a fellow want? Priced at \$1.00 to \$3.00. Dressing Gowns, \$5.00 to \$35.00.

UNDERWEAR

Penman's, Turnbull's, Coates, Mercury Mills, Tru-Knit, Stanfield's and Tiger brand; midweight and heavy winter weight. Priced at \$1.00 to \$10.00.

SHIRTS

Every Christmas brings out something new in shirts. Get the newest stripes, checks and dots at Oak Hall while you can. Prices start at \$1.50.

O. H. A. SUGGESTS SOME PENALTIES

Guide Sheet For Referees Being Issued This Week.

The O. H. A. this season, as in the past, is issuing instructions for referees, and as a guide to the officials in charge of O. H. A. games suggests penalties as follows:

One-Minute Penalty. Goalkeeper or any other player throwing the puck. Any player kicking the puck deliberately or showing it along the ice with his hand or arm.

Two-Minute Penalty. Accidental trip. Player throwing own stick. Player throwing opponent's stick. Off-side interference, second offense.

Three-Minute Penalty. Deliberate tripping of opponent. Throwing stick to prevent a goal. Any player charging a goalkeeper.

Five-Minute Penalty. Abuse of language by officials. Kicking at opponent with skate. Hitting of opponent on head or face with stick.

Ten-Minute Penalty. Deliberate mutilation of opponent. Assault of officials. Jabbing opponent with butt-end of stick.

Special Penalties. Teams not ready to play promptly after the 10-minute interval to leave the ice for every minute's delay.

These penalties are at the discretion of the referee, who may use his own judgment in increasing or decreasing same, according to circumstances.

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Free, wins its hockey season Monday night, when the Hamilton Tigers seniors play there.

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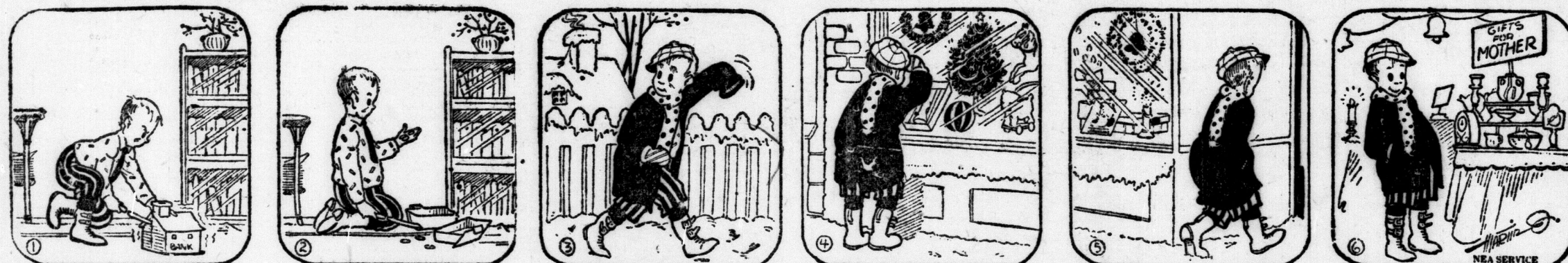
THE GUMPS—I'VE GOT THE SMALLPOX—I'M LAUGHING



TAKEN FROM LIFE

For Mother

BY MARTIN



POLLY AND HER PALS

Polly Is a Real Life-Saver for Pa

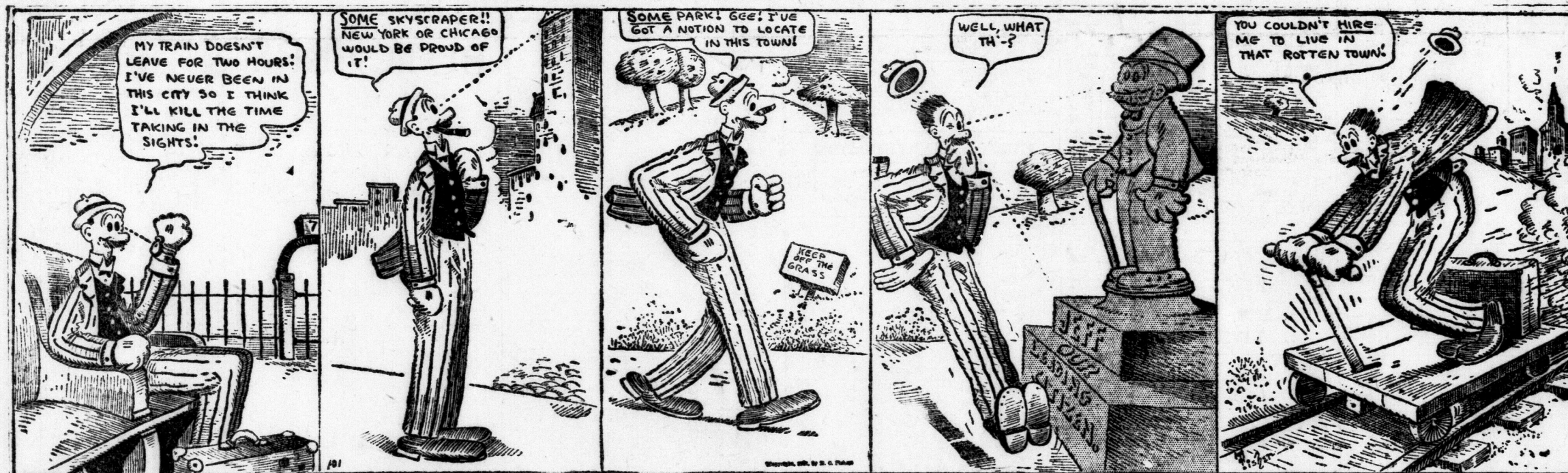
BY CLIFF STERRETT



MUTT AND JEFF.

Mutt Lamps the Leading Citizen of a Thriving City.

BY BUD FISHER.



TOOTS AND CASPER

A Good Figure Does Catch the Eye!

BY JIMMY MURPHY



GAS BUGGIES

BY BECK



THE HOME BANK OF CANADA
The Banks and Your Dollar

THE handling of a single dollar is a worthwhile transaction to your bank when it records an addition to your savings account. (24)

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FIFTEEN BRANCHES IN ELGIN AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES.
London (three offices), St. Thomas, Belton, Delaware, Iderton, Iona, Komoka, Lawrence Station, Melbourne, Middlemiss, Mount Brydges, Thorndale, Walkers.

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF GALT SUCCEUMS

Fred P. Palmer Was Actively Identified With Business Enterprises of City.

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, Dec. 18.—Another of Galt's prominent citizens has been summoned by death in the person of Fred D. Palmer, of Brant road, who passed away Saturday afternoon at 5:30 from a combination of pneumonia and heart trouble. While in poor health for three months, his condition was only serious for three weeks. He was in his sixty-third year, born in Rochester, N.Y. He came to Galt when 17 years of age and had lived here ever since. For many years he was office manager of Shurley & Deitrich, and ten years ago retired. He was one of the incorporators and a director of the Canadian Porcelain Company, Hamilton; organizer and director of the Great Western Felt Company, Elmira; vice-president, Galt Stove Company, and director of the Galt Chemical Company. He was a member of the Galt Club and president of the South Waterloo Conservative Association. He was interested in every branch of sport and was active in golf, curling, bowling and fishing. A widow, one son, Douglas, Toronto, and one daughter, Mrs. Bradford Ellis, Los Angeles, survive; also three brothers and one sister in Rochester and Mrs. J. C. Dietrich, Galt, a sister. The funeral takes place Tuesday.

There were no turkeys on Saturday's market, but plenty of other fowl, selling at geese 30 cents pound, ducks 40 cents, and chickens 25 cents. Eggs have reached the high water mark for the season, 75 cents a dozen. There will be a four-man contest for the two offices on the public utilities commission at New Year's, A. W. Mercer and R. B. McGregor being opposed for re-election by W. A. Dixon and H. O. Hawke.

With only the interior woodwork to be completed, it is expected that the new depot of the G. R. R. and L. E. & N. radial lines on upper Main street will be formally opened next Saturday.

Hespe's new Carnegie library will be completed next month, and it is hoped to have it in use by the first of February.

WISCONSIN GOVERNOR DIES.
Madison, Wis., Dec. 18.—James O. Davidson, governor of Wisconsin from 1906 to 1911, died here yesterday morning.

PEEL'S Great Christmas Sale

Specials On Sale At 7:30 Tonight

BIG BEAUTIFULLY DRESSED DOLL

Bisque head, hair, moving eyes, fully jointed, about 15 inches high. Biggest value ever offered. **\$1.49**

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Complete with battery, ready for use. each **27c and 54c**

MAPLE LEAF REGISTER BANKS

hold \$20.00 in 10c pieces; registers every time, and adds. Big special **\$1.49**

STEAM ENGINE

The small boys' delight, sheet brass boiler, goes like sixty. Big special **\$1.49**

VICTORY CANARY SONGSTER

A Canary Bird for every boy and girl, simple in operation, full directions how to operate. Each bird in box, extra special, **25c**

SAIL BOATS AND YACHTS

Fine Painted Sail Boats, full length, 18 and 19 inches. Extra special clearing price **99c**

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Plaintiff Constance Banney as an impoverished young Irish noblewoman, whose ancestral castle is covered with moss and mortgages.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

In his laugh-
ing success
"PAY DAY"

The Vagabonds

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Novelty Bag-
Punching
Exhibition.

JACK GERARD

Presenting his best laughing im-
personation of Charlie Chaplin.

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Christmas
Fantasy with
Songs and
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See Santa arrive on the
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Good Music. 22c

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EMERGENCY meeting, Tuscan Lodge,
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Past Master's night. Conferred 3rd
Degree. F. Greenlee, secretary.
J. E. Magee, W. M.

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Lessons any time. Social dancing
Wednesday and Saturday nights.
LONDON and Middlesex Historical
Society, Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, in
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Saunders on Pope, the Canadian
painter of birds. Public invited.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Black and white hound, tan
spot on head, pup, nine months old.
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LOST—Foxhound, black, white and tan,
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GOOD wages for home work—We need
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necessary, distance immaterial; posi-
tively no canvassing; yarn supplied;
particulars, 3c stamp. Dept. 75-C.
Knitter Co., Toronto.

I NEED a man who wants to better his
position: one who can impress me as
being genuine, an honest and a
man who will be well rewarded. See Mr.
Jackson, 307 Royal Bank Building.

MEN—One or two to handle Contin-
ental Life Insurance for London Dis-
trict. Good contract. Apply 313 Do-
minion Savings Bldg., London.

TICKET SELLER assistant for concert
company: \$150 cash bond required;
good salary. Box 139, Advertiser.

YOUTH or man wanted to work on farm
for the winter. State wages expected.
Apply to John Mackay, Thorncliffe,
R. M. E.

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with fireplace, built-in cupboards, oak
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2-story terrace brick house 26x28,
8-foot veranda, 3 living-rooms, 4 bed-
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being genuine, an honest and a
man who will be well rewarded. See Mr.
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Five Pins

NASH TROPHY DOUBLES.

Grisman and Forbes were defeated the Nash trophy doubles on Saturday night at the National Alloys by Schelling and Marley. Grisman, getting a total of 1,117 for five games and high single of 371, but his partner fell down badly.

Grisman's scores for cup games up till Saturday: Six games, 1,214; 5 games, 855; 5 games, 1,192; 5 games, 1,116; 5 games, 1,165; 5 games, 1,117.

Forbes: 153 155 215 170 189 882

Totals: 348 339 439 541 294 2091

Schelling: 316 217 213 268 188 1092

Marley: 216 291 251 192 169 1119

Totals: 432 508 464 450 367 2011

LAWSON & JONES LEAGUE.

Artists.

C. LeSueur 571 79 99 349

G. Huyette 159 133 85 377

W. Symmonds 100 193 155 358

E. Millerson 162 129 138 430

L. Austin 116 141 151 408

Totals: 708 586 648 1922

Transfers.

S. Merritt 141 138 141 440

A. Thorogood 123 117 141 440

H. Skinner 132 176 141 440

H. Skinker 157 141 189 437

W. B. Orr 126 138 459

Totals: 734 708 2552

Printers.

Donahue 200 240 262 686

Baker 171 116 160 437

Munro 114 162 115 391

Cross 184 79 140 403

Shute 119 177 153 429

Totals: 788 758 700 2196

Wood 202 187 180 570

Morfin 108 208 299 685

McGowan 234 147 138 519

Catalano 290 181 166 637

Horne 118 107 105 330

Totals: 1071 835 862 2765

H. J. JONES LEAGUE.

Artists.

Ferris 243 198 324

Morehouse 181 163 217 561

Bull 156 129 140 416

Elliot 132 167 148 448

Totals: 632 694 703 1949

Printers.

Needham 132 262 206 600

Freel 123 165 288 576

Low score 83 120 243

W. J. Freel 137 162 153 452

Totals: 485 709 787 1981

Bindery.

A. Morrison 234 140 219 593

E. Ford 184 140 153 477

S. Wyeth 112 136 182 430

E. Clark 151 144 148 443

Totals: 681 560 694 1935

Label Office.

D. Thomson 115 137 199 449

W. Hobbs 60 173 172 305

C. Hobb 85 102 105 292

S. Cature 105 87 91 283

Totals: 263 481 564 1408

Litho Office.

Bollman, Jr. 172 145 166 473

Pearen 108 118 119 345

Bollman, Sr. 189 157 172 488

Herschler 121 208 137 461

Totals: 540 615 564 1719

Lithographers.

Hocken 175 173 132 479

Swift 141 121 170 432

Turner 171 140 173 484

Conn 89 108 109 301

Totals: 576 598 583 1656

BELL TEL. CO. LEAGUE.

Supervisors.

Ion 191 157 115 463

Drew 146 147 152 445

Donahue 167 147 157 465

Costello 139 116 190 445

Clark 165 197 138 500

Totals: 608 764 746 2318

Installers.

Anderson 187 148 244

Whitehead 97 139 148 384

Ballantine 163 124 121 418

Clark 124 111 139 374

Betteridge 166 142 109 417

Totals: 674 716 547 1937

Inspectors.

Earl 116 186 125 427

McClary 283 131 172 586

Booth 83 83

Wilson 72 104 63 239

Putnam 105 172 155 432

Totals: 658 673 604 1733

Line.

A. Hexter 139 172 160 501

T. Barratt 146 117 142 405

W. Worrall 96 117 230 445

R. Burthwick 151 207 145 503

R. Bradshaw 186 172 157 515

Totals: 748 785 822 2367

Central Office.

A. Bryant 150 153 157 460

B. Spear 171 218 189 555

W. Hamilton 158 125 128 421

O. Wilcox 188 139 152 479

Totals: 673 833 759 2472

STANDINGS

D. S. C. R. LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

76s 18 12

084s 16 14

244s 16 14

62s 16 14

50s 16 14

LAWSON & JONES LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Lithos 10 8

Transfer 10 8

Artists 8 10

LIGGETT'S LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Klenzo 10 2

Jonetel 10 2

Care Name 10 2

Pepton 10 2

Puretest 4 11

Paradise 1 14

Klenzo wins first series.

McCLARY'S LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Gas 20 13

Electric 18 15

Coal 17 16

Oil 11 22

Gas wins first series.

FOREST CITY LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

George Whites 26 21

P. R. 21 29

Thistles 21 29

Alerts 20 29

Civil Service 13 12

Trotting Mills 13 12

D. S. C. R. 14 13

Canadian Press 11 16

Gas Meters 11 19

Dowlers 10 20

Silverwoods 10 20

Empire Brass 10 20

Railway Drug 7 20

MANHATTAN LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Hustlers 19 11

Tigers 18 12

Aces 11 14

Pirates 16 14

Cubs 13 18

BANK OF MONTREAL GIRLS.

Won. Lost.

Coin-Wrappers 12 12

Greenbacks 12 12

BELL TELEPHONE LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Exterminators 17 7

Has-Beens 13 13

Short-Circuits 11 13

Waps 7 17

BELL TEL. INTER-DEPT. LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Central Office 21 21

Cable 13 13

Supervisors 17 13

Line 16 14

Installers 10 20

Inspectors 8 22

M. A. A. LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Civil Service 21 9

Penmans 21 9

City Gas 18 12

Tablets 13 13

Hayden Press 15 13

McClary 13 13

Rolling Mills 13 11

H. J. Jones 10 14

Lawson 10 15

Murray Shop 8 19

Beatty Bros. 7 17

Bell Telephone 7 17

BELL TELEPHONE GIRLS LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Bluebells 19 19

Begs 18 12

Owls 13 13

Brownies 36 14

Beavers 13 24

Larks 13 13

Bluebells win first series.

GIRLS' CITY LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Moose 14 10

Hoovers 14 10

Thistles 14 10

Bell Telephone 14 10

Canucks 12 12

Silverwoods 0 9

McCLARY GIRLS LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Elms 12 12

Flappers 12 12

Lightweights 16 14

Hustlers 9 15

INTER-CLUB LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Orients 20 11

Albion 16 16

Moose 16 11

Syrians 14 16

Forest City 13 13

Is of C. 5 25

HYDRO LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Line, No. 1 5 5

Salts 4 4

Operators 4 4

Stores 3 3

Line, No. 2 2 2

Garage 2 2

Waterworks 0 6

D. S. PERRIN LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Malto-Creams 2 2

Gee-Whizzes 2 2

Lollypops 1 1

Peggy O'Neils 1 1

Hundings 1 1

Beechnuts 0 1

GEORGE WHITE LEAGUE.

Won. Lost.

Zettas 14 7

Kays 11 10

Benas 9 9

Gwens 9 12

REVEALS LABORS OF BISHOP WHIPPLE

Dr. William Beattie Gives an Interesting Address at the First Presbyterian Church.

To a large congregation last night at First Presbyterian Church, Rev. William Beattie, D.D., gave an interesting talk on the life of Henry Whipple, an outstanding bishop of the United States. Dr. Beattie, who has been giving a series of lectures on the lives of heroes, told many instances which proclaimed the broad-minded bishop a real hero. Becoming Bishop of Minnesota in 1859 at the age of 37, he began his greatest work and service, which was for the Red Indian of America. There were in his diocese 20,000 of these people whose shameful treatment at the hands of corrupt officials aroused his bitter hatred for bullying. Risking even his life, for his attitude was far from popular, he fought through to the highest courts of Washington and obtained the Indian commission. The work of this commission has done much to make the Indian an ideal citizen. In concluding, Dr. Beattie stated that Whipple was one of the first to prophesy that church union would be a reality.

The rendering by the choir of a Christmas cantata, in which Miss Chrissy Wright ably took the solo parts, was a pleasing feature of the service, and the social hour afterwards was a great help for strangers and young people who worshipped at this church to get acquainted.

MARITIMES DISCUSS PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 18.—Negotiations looking to the formation of a Nova Scotia professional hockey league were commenced between Cape Breton and the mainland over the week-end. The proposal is for a four-team league, to include New Glasgow, Stellarton, Glace Bay and Sydney.

At the same time an effort is being made to organize another league consisting of Amherst, Springhill and possibly Truro, the winners in these leagues to play off at the end of the season for the professional championship of the Maritime Provinces.

URGENT NEW HOTEL BE BUILT IN CITY

Members of Chamber of Commerce Present Answers to Questionnaire.

A new hotel, better street railway transportation, pure milk and the juvenile court are subjects demanding the immediate attention of public-spirited citizens, according to answers received from a questionnaire broadcasted to all members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The local chamber distributed a questionnaire asking each member to record his ideas regarding the immediate necessities of London. The results of the questionnaire are being compiled and a preliminary announcement will include the architect's plans, agreement with the exhibitors, etc.

In order that members may grasp the significance of combining athletics with municipal government, Dr. George A. Smith of the physical department of Western University, will present the modern point of view of those directing the movement to the chamber.

Dr. Smith will take up the topic from the point of its value to health, its relation to environment, and its ultimate effects on character, business efficiency and good citizenship.

The talk will be delivered on Dec. 20 at the Tecumseh House.

The committee appointed to confer with local manufacturers regarding a spring show of London products has met with much encouragement. A meeting to draw up plans will be held shortly.

GOODNESS IS A POWER POSITIVE IN SERVICE

Preaching on the "Modern Good Samaritan" as Southern Congregational Church Sunday evening, Rev. Herbert B. Stone declared:

"Christ made the good Samaritan embody the ideal of a good man. We are apt sometimes to think of a good person as one who is correct in his religious beliefs, a harmless sort of inoffensive creature, who never makes any mistakes or does anything really aggressive."

"But nobody is really good, who merely does no harm, who starves himself once a week, or takes his turn at keeping vigil before some altar."

"Goodness is not something vague and spineless, but a power that is positive in Christian service. 'Christianity is not a matter of words, but of character, not merely a question of creedal statement, but of life and service.'"

FLAMES THREATEN AT GRAND THEATRE

Large Audience Unaware of Danger—Manager Denies Damage Great.

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5c Everywhere

others to their little friends, as little presents — tokens of youthful goodwill.

See how delighted all will be. Take \$1 to the nearest store and get two dozen little bright red boxes now—full of healthful seedless fruit-meats that are both good and good for them any day.

REVEALS LABORS OF BISHOP WHIPPLE

Dr. William Beattie Gives an Interesting Address at the First Presbyterian Church.

To a large congregation last night at First Presbyterian Church, Rev. William Beattie, D.D., gave an interesting talk on the life of Henry Whipple, an outstanding bishop of the United States. Dr. Beattie, who has been giving a series of lectures on the lives of heroes, told many instances which proclaimed the broad-minded bishop a real hero. Becoming Bishop of Minnesota in 1859 at the age of 37, he began his greatest work and service, which was for the Red Indian of America. There were in his diocese 20,000 of these people whose shameful treatment at the hands of corrupt officials aroused his bitter hatred for bullying. Risking even his life, for his attitude was far from popular, he fought through to the highest courts of Washington and obtained the Indian commission. The work of this commission has done much to make the Indian an ideal citizen. In concluding, Dr. Beattie stated that Whipple was one of the first to prophesy that church union would be a reality.

The rendering by the choir of a Christmas cantata, in which Miss Chrissy Wright ably took the solo parts, was a pleasing feature of the service, and the social hour afterwards was a great help for strangers and young people who worshipped at this church to get acquainted.

URGENT NEW HOTEL BE BUILT IN CITY

Members of Chamber of Commerce Present Answers to Questionnaire.

A new hotel, better street railway transportation, pure milk and the juvenile court are subjects demanding the immediate attention of public-spirited citizens, according to answers received from a questionnaire broadcasted to all members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The local chamber distributed a questionnaire asking each member to record his ideas regarding the immediate necessities of London. The results of the questionnaire are being compiled and a preliminary announcement will include the architect's plans, agreement with the exhibitors, etc.

In order that members may grasp the significance of combining athletics with municipal government, Dr. George A. Smith of the physical department of Western University, will present the modern point of view of those directing the movement to the chamber.

Dr. Smith will take up the topic from the point of its value to health, its relation to environment, and its ultimate effects on character, business efficiency and good citizenship.

The talk will be delivered on Dec. 20 at the Tecumseh House.

The committee appointed to confer with local manufacturers regarding a spring show of London products has met with much encouragement. A meeting to draw up plans will be held shortly.

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Single Rocking-Horses

Harnessed and with real flowing manes. Should sell for \$8.00. **\$3.69** now

Double Horses (Shoofly), painted white and black, heavy rockers. Specially priced.

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SLEIGHS

Boys' and Girls' Coasters and Rail Sleighs

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Talking Dolls

Stands all by itself, 14 inches in height, curly headed, veiled and dressed. Late in arriving for our Christmas trade, so must sell. Regular \$4.00, **\$2.19** for

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CHILDREN'S ROCKERS...\$2.25

HIGH CHAIRS...\$3.95

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Ball-Bearing Coaster Wagons, heavily built. At \$5.75, \$8.75, \$10.00

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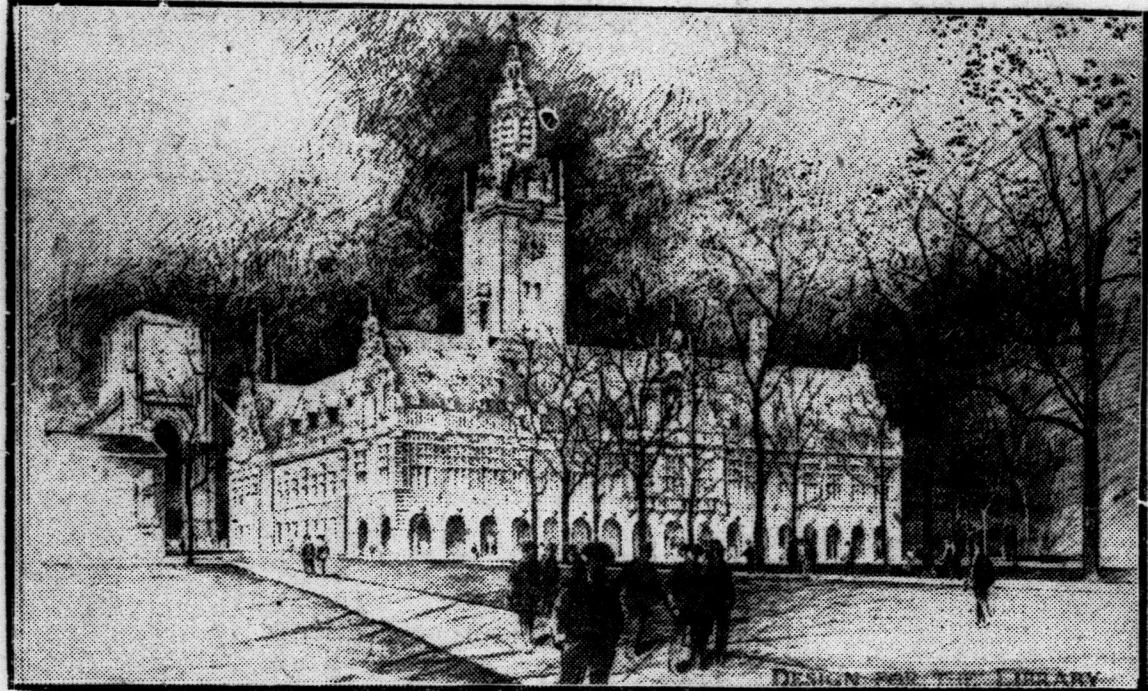
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Design for the new library at Louvain, to replace the one destroyed by the Germans in 1914.



Mrs. Amery, wife of Right Hon. L. C. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty in Bonar Law's cabinet.



Chief Alvone Hailstorm of the American army of occupation in Germany, returning home with his German bride.



W. W. Pearson, fifth officer (left) and J. Law, fourth officer of the S.S. Pittsburg, who were in charge of two lifeboats which saved 45 men from the Italian ship Monte Graffa, loaded with grain and in a toppling condition. The Pittsburg sighted the Italian ship 180 miles away. Coins were flipped and from the five officers on duty these two won the opportunity to save 45 persons.



Dinosaurs at a drinking fountain, done in snow and ice at Davos, Switzerland.



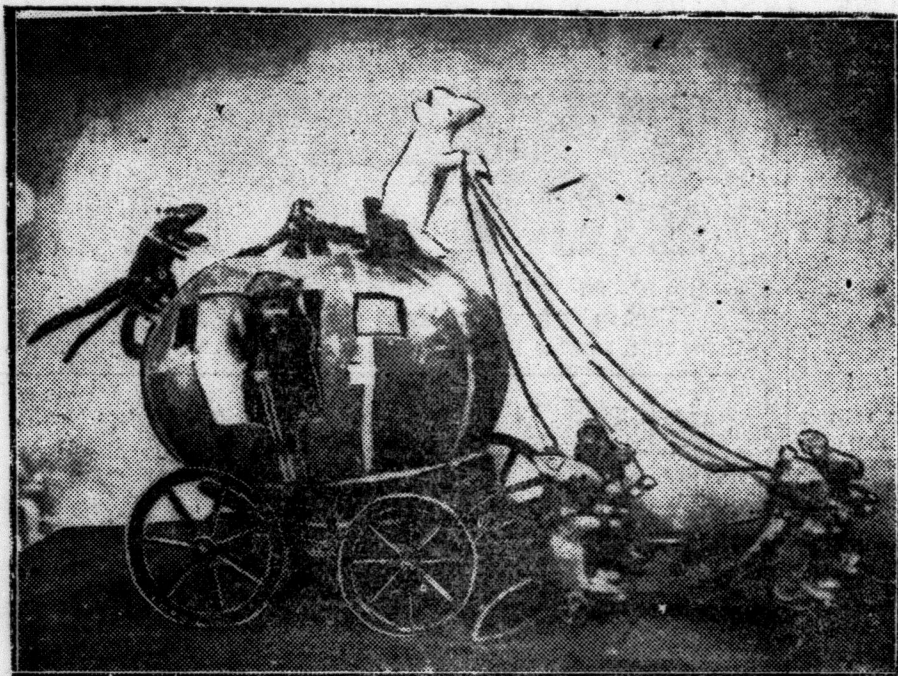
A warm and comfortable ski-ing costume.



This woman, Miss Parnell of Chelsea, London, England, is said to earn \$10,000 a year by modeling.



Max Goberman, 11-year-old son of a motorman in Camden, N.J., has won a scholarship at the Philadelphia Musical Academy and gives promise of being a good violinist.



Cinderella arrives in her pumpkin chariot drawn by the four mice. A Christmas toy idea developed in London, England.



Dolls must have homes; therefore this London, England, artisan is working overtime to finish his row of houses for Christmas.



Mason Mitchell, American consul at Malta, who was shot but not seriously injured. Several arrests have been made.



Pupils of the Kittredge school of athletics in New York, who swim to music.



The Deutschland, the spectacular submarine of the Germans during the war, has been sold by public auction in London, England, for \$800. It was bought by a French company for exhibition purposes.



Barbara Kemp, a German operatic singer, who will be with the Metropolitan Opera Company this winter.



Edith Sterling, a film actress, spent the American Thanksgiving Day in Los Angeles jail for speeding, but didn't seem to be sad about it. Bebe Daniels was in jail for a similar offense last year.