

The disturbance which was over Nov. 26, Saturday morning has remained nearly stationary and another is centred over Georgia. Snow has occurred in the Maritime provinces and in some

THREE MAYORALTY CANDIDATES LIKELY TO ENTER CONTEST

Nomination Day, Friday, May Disclose Some Others— Probable Line-Up.

Nominations for municipal offices will be held on Friday next. Names for the positions of mayor, board of control, utilities commission and hospital trust will be received on that date from 10 to 11 a.m., and for the board of education from 12 to 1 p.m. Nominations for the aldermanic board will be held in ward centres in the evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The elections for Ward 1 will meet in Simcoe Street School where Inspector McCullum will preside. Ward 2 elections will meet in the Talbot Street School, with Martin O'Sullivan presiding. Ward 3 will meet in the East End Hall, and Stephen Grant will receive the names. Ward 4 will hold its session in the city hall, where City Clerk Baker will receive the names. There is little excitement so far, and from what can be learned, the probable lineup will be:

For Mayor—Dr. H. A. Stevenson, W. W. Gammage, E. H. Johnston. For Board of Control—John M. Moore, J. J. Webster, Adam W. Palmer, J. B. Saunders, John P. Pauls, J. Frank White, Dr. R. W. Shaw. For Aldermen—Ward 1—Dr. S. P. Reynolds, Thos. Copp, J. J. Dyer, John Sussner; Ward 2—W. G. R. Barran, Geo. H. Haney, M. J. Donahue, W. A. Wilson; Ward 3—Chas. R. Summers, Max Lerner, Fred W. Valentin; Ward 4—E. S. Little, James Donnelly, Chas. J. Moorehead, H. B. Asplund. For Utilities Commission—F. G. Mitchell, J. G. Richter, T. W. McFarland, J. P. Board of Education—Harry Hayman, Dr. W. M. Shoebottom, W. T. Strong, A. A. Langford, Jas. Hussey. There may be more candidates in some contests, but they have not made themselves known.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

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ACCLAMATION FOR EVERY OFFICER OF TRAVELERS' ASSOC.

Flourishing Condition Cause of Congratulations.

FIFTY-SIX NOW OVERSEAS

Association Carrying Free All Who Volunteer, and Paying All Claims.

Acclamations at the November meeting obviated any elections at the annual meeting of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association held in the board rooms, Dominion Savings Building, on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was a large one, the attendance being considered exceptional in view of the conditions. Revision of bylaws occupied the attention of the members for the most part.

The flourishing condition of the association, with its membership of considerably more than 3,000, was a subject of congratulations to the members and to executive was publicly complimented on the good surplus that had been added to capital account during 1916, despite the war conditions and the sequel in all lines of commercial trade.

In all 31 deaths occurred during the year, and the mortuary benefits paid to the beneficiaries of the members totaled \$17,585. The honor roll of the O. C. T. A. is being added to constantly, and now includes 29 names. Of these, two have been killed in action and four wounded. The association is carrying all members who have already enlisted, and those who enlist in the future will be accorded similar treatment. Full mortuary claims are paid to beneficiaries of those who have the misfortune to be killed in action or in the service of King and country.

The officers elected by acclamation: President—C. W. McGuire, London. First Vice-President—J. H. Grant, London. Second Vice-President—O. Morley Adams, London. Third Vice-President—John Lennox, Hamilton. Directors for London—F. E. Harley, E. N. Hannah, A. E. Cowley, I. W. Kingswood, W. B. Sceraton, A. W. Howe, J. H. Laughton. Secretary—J. H. Hiscok. Treasurer—A. E. Barbour. Trustees—J. M. Dillon.

NEWS

EXPECTING TO GET WATER.—It is expected that water will be struck on the second Foster well some time today. Driller Harvey is down to about the same level as the water on the Macgregor property, and indications are plentiful that water will be struck.

SKATING ON TUESDAY.—There will be a skating rink at Victoria Park this winter. It will open on Tuesday evening, if the present weather continues. General Manager Buchanan and his staff have it completed, and will start flooding it at once. The lighting arrangements will be better than usual.

FINAL MEETING.—The city council will hold its last regular session of the year this evening. The order paper is not cluttered with much controversial business, but this does not mean that the meeting will be brief. Preliminary speeches may be made, and a lot of material for public consumption will likely be emitted. The aldermen will then cease their labors for the year.

NOW PREVENTIVE OFFICER.—The appointment of Wellington Miller, better known as "Loot" Miller, to the position of preventive officer in London division of the inland revenue department, was announced in the Canada Gazette. Mr. Miller has been in the service for about eighteen months, and temporary excise officer, and the new appointment will date back to April 1 of this year. He will have charge of the city's cigar factories' inland revenue business.

ELECTED NEW OFFICERS.—The Brewery Workers' Union No. 381, at its annual meeting elected the following officers for the year: President, W. Brimacombe; vice-president, R. Irvine; financial secretary, P. Collins; treasurer, H. Ivey; recording secretary, G. Baker; shop stewards, Labatt's—H. Clark, Carting—J. Deveny; trades and labor council delegates, J. Clark, J. Ladell, W. Kilgallon; auditors, F. Campbell, L. Hammond. A social evening will be held on January 19, 1917.

CHINESE ARE GRATEFUL.—The Chinese Mission students and members entertained their teachers and friends at a banquet in the mission on Thursday evening. Superintendent Leask explained that as the Chinese were grateful to express in English their gratitude for what is being done, they took this method of showing their appreciation. The program included a song by the Chin children, songs by Miss Ming and Chinese boys, solo by Miss Jessie Copeland, and by Miss Nickle, readings by Miss Hubert, Miss Jeacock and Mr. R. Galbraith, addresses by Rev. H. B. Bingham and J. Wong, and instrumentals by Miss A. Cline.

BUSINESSMEN DECIDE TO HUSTLE UP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL SCHEME

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Saturday—Whole \$100,000 To Be Raised at Once.

An enthusiastic meeting of representatives from the board of trade, the Rotary Club, the Builders' Exchange, the Ad Club and the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association was held on Saturday afternoon to discuss a campaign to raise funds for the Industrial Expansion Association. It is proposed to raise \$100,000, and while a large block has been subscribed to this stock, it is proposed to get the whole amount in a few days. "They were all much in favor of the scheme," said Gordon Philip, secretary of the board of trade. "There is no reason why it should not be a success."

Those present were George H. Bolton, F. E. Leonard, Lieut.-Col. W. M. G. Gahner and others of the board of trade; A. E. Silverwood of the Rotary Club; A. C. Nobbs and L. H. Meritt of the Builders' Exchange; T. H. Yull of the Ad Club, and C. W. McGuire and J. H. Laughton of the Travelers' Association.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF 500 MORPHINE TABLETS FROM VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Sidney Sayre Committed in Trial—Pleads for Some "Dope."

Said by the police to be a hopeless dope fiend, Sidney Sayre appeared in the police court today charged with the theft of 500 morphine tablets from Victoria Hospital dispensary at an early hour on Friday morning. He was committed for trial and will appear before one of the judges in a few days. Detective Down testified that he had assisted in the arrest of Sayre on Saturday morning, and when searched he found a number of tablets and a cake of geraniol soap.

Superintendent Heard of Victoria Hospital stated that on Friday morning the theft of the morphine tablets was reported to him. He identified the tablets and soap as found in possession of Sayre as some that had been stolen from the dispensary. An order on duty at the hospital testified that Sayre was the man who saw jump from the window at 2 a.m. Friday morning.

At the conclusion of the court today Sayre pleaded with Superintendent Heard of giving him some of the tablets. He was told his case would be given attention by the jail physician.

CHARGE DISMISSED

Hotel Boarder Not Guilty of Offence Under Temperance Act.

The charge of having liquor in his room contrary to the provisions of the Ontario Temperance act was dismissed against a boarder of the Brunswick Hotel, who appeared in police court today and pleaded not guilty to the offence.

The evidence of Inspector Keenley, side, Serkis, Bolton and Birrell was taken first, each testifying that on Sunday morning, December 3, he had entered the room at the hotel and found whisky in a bottle and a glass with a small portion in it. Mrs. Burton proprietress of the hotel, testified that she had absolutely no knowledge whatever of the whisky being in the hotel and could not account for its being there.

The boarder, in his own defence, testified that two friends, who were leaving on a train, came to the room early in the morning and left the bottle. There was only a tumbler in it when found, as he had poured out the remainder.

Crown Attorney McKillop prosecuted and A. H. M. Graydon defended. Henry Macklin, J. P., and Ald. William Wilson presided.

Mrs. Edwards of Cannington, Ontario, is a visitor in town for a few days on her way to spend Christmas in her former home in the United States, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Donald Campbell, 255 Huron street.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR NEW BATH HOUSE AT PORT

London Firm to Erect It for L. & P. S. R. at Cost of \$20,000—No Dance Floor.

The London and Port Stanley Railway Commission, at a meeting this morning, awarded contracts for building the new bathhouse at Port Stanley, Victor Blackwell of Watt & Blackwell, presented the plans, which were approved. He also reported on the tenders, and the contracts were given as follows: Every painter work, painting, glazing, etc., Sam. Willis, \$12,562; plastering, Slade & Profford, \$2,250; plumbing, Chas. West, \$989; a total of \$15,811. The foundations were constructed by the L. & P. S. R. at a cost of \$2,500. The figures given above do not include wiring and hardware. The building will be completed for about \$20,000. The building will be 320 feet by 50 feet, one story in height, with the exception of the centre portion, which will be two stories in height, and will contain the janitor's headquarters, etc. There will be no dance floor. An increase in wages was given the employees. Passenger motorcars and brakemen were raised from 26 cents an hour to 29 cents, and freight conductors from 23 to 29 cents an hour. Brakemen were left at the same scale, namely 25 and 26 cents an hour. Freight handlers were also increased. They have been paid 21 cents an hour straight, and will now get 23 cents an hour, and time and a half for overtime. The new schedule will go into effect on January 1.

PHONOGRAPHS ARE NOW MADE IN LONDON

London Phonograph Company Now Making "Rayola" Machines—Selling Many.

London's big new industries is growing rapidly. Practically every day a new firm is added to the long list of the latest, and one that is meeting with considerable success, is the London Phonograph Company, which are manufacturing the latest addition to the phonograph family, "The Rayola."

The firm met with almost instant success. It has not been in business very long, but already its output is large; in fact, it is almost impossible to keep up the demand for "The Rayola," as they are coming in from all over the country.

Mr. W. J. Wray, manager of the company, is well known in London and throughout Western Ontario. He has been in the wholesale and retail jewelry business for a number of years and has established a large connection with the new industry.

Rayola is made in four styles and is the result of a wide test and careful research, according to Mr. Wray. The aim of the company was to produce a perfect home entertainer at a price that would meet with the approval of every one. Agencies have been established in a great many towns in Western Ontario, and the firm expects to have an agency in every town as soon as their capacity is sufficient to supply the demand. The People's Outfitting Company, the Wray Piano Company, the McCracken Show Case Company and the W. J. Wray store at 234 Dundas street will be in London.

CHILDREN GIVE THOUGHT TO THE POOR "BELGIUMS"

Even When Writing Santa They Are Not Greedy for Everything.

Santa Claus will have to work overtime if he is to meet all the demands made on him in letters sent to the Advertiser. The Santa Claus of many a London family will spend his Christmas trade in the shops in the well-known trenches of Flanders and France. The stockings of his boys and girls will remain unfilled unless Saint Nicholas, patron saint of all children, through the aid of possessors of plenty, is able to take his place.

A truly unselfish spirit is expressed in one short little missive to "Dear Santa Claus," asking him to bring "a big doll, and my sister one, and a story book and a scarf, please."

"If you think a big doll is too much don't bring me one," says another. "A little one, because the Belgians don't get much."

Boys as well as girls take the kindly of the following letters to their confidence, "Dear Santa: I hope you are well, my name is Willie, I am ten years old my birthday is seven. Now please will you send me a rifle and a game my brother would like some toys we are pleased with whatever you send, my oldest brother is in the army in England. Dad is a soldier also so you see we are doing our bit."

"Thanking you for all your kindness," "WILLIE."

WESTERN MEDS HOLD INAUGURAL BANQUET

The inaugural banquet of the Western University Medical School was held at the Hotel Windsor on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance and a pleasant evening was spent.

The toast to the King and Canada was proposed by R. L. Murray, and responded to by Dr. H. H. Hill, J. S. P. Collins proposed the toast to Western University Medical School, and Dr. H. A. McCullum responded. The toast to the profession, proposed by J. A. McAlister, was responded to by Dr. R. C. Rogers, and that to the ladies, proposed by J. G. Featon, was responded to by Dr. D. A. Craig. The honours were toasted by C. J. A. McKillop, and a response was made by Ed. I. Loughlin. The freshmen were toasted by Bern W. McDougall, and the response was made by W. H. Thinks. Dr. Paul F. McKillop proposed a toast to "Our Faculty," F. J. H. Campbell was toastmaster.

WEDDING BELLS

GERFEN-BOYD. Francis Gerfen, 21, returned soldier of the 3rd Winnipeg Battalion, and Miss Marion Frances Boyd were the principals in a pretty wedding at the home of First Methodist Church Thursday. Rev. Dr. Flanders officiated.

The bride wore blue silk trimmed with fur, and a white velvet hat. Miss Oliver Miller was the bridesmaid and the best man was a returned soldier, Serk, Bonser. A large number of friends attended the ceremony. The wedding supper was served at the residence of the bride's mother, 73 Cartwright street.

The bridegroom returned from France suffering from shell shock, and was discharged December 2. At the beginning of the war he enlisted with the 18th battalion, but was discharged as medically unfit. Later he enlisted with the 3rd Battalion in Winnipeg, and with this battalion he went to the Gring line.

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Cigar Bargains

10c Cigars. All the well known brands. Packed in boxes of 10, 25 or 50. Singly or by the box...
5c Panatelas 8 for 25c
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Give Her a Bottle of Perfume

Exquisite odors, in dainty packages, at all prices from 10c to \$5

75c Solid Alcohol Stoves 39c
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50c Emulsified Coconut Oil 28c
50c Peroxide Vanishing Cream 24c
25c Fluid Magnesia 16c
50c Bovril 36c
25c Pond's Vanishing Cream 19c
15c Cakes Morina Glycerine
Soap 3 for 25c
25c Carter's Pills 3 for 25c
\$1.50 Syr. Hypophosphites 79c
50c Ingram's Milkweed Cream 28c
35c White Liniment 19c
50c Williams' Pink Pills 28c
50c Pine, Tar and Cod Liver Oil 33c

Give Him Military Brushes

Real Ebony or White Ivory Sets at greatly reduced prices.
\$1.75 set, English Military Brushes 98c

A Hot Water Bottle

Will bring more comfort to the old folks than any other gift.
\$2.50 Taylor Special Bottle, red rubber, 2-year guarantee. The best bottle you can buy at any price \$1.69
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\$2.00 Hair Brushes, real ebony, pure bristles, for 98c

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Is the only remedy sold under a written guarantee to cure the worst cough, cold or bronchial irritation. It is at least five times as strong as ordinary cough syrups or mixtures. Throat and Lung Balm acts on the eliminating organs of the body as well as on the throat and lung passages and in this way enables the system to quickly throw off the worst cough or cold without upsetting the stomach. Get a 25c bottle today on our no-cure-no-pay guarantee.

50c Emulsion Cod Liver Oil 29c
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THE APPRECIATED GIFT. Willards, Nylo or Beaumont Chocolates, in several assortments. Prices 25c to \$5.00
Guaranteed strictly fresh.

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A large assortment of beautiful Christmas packages. 25c to \$2.00
This stock was purchased before the big advance in the price of paper.

25c Mennen's Talcum 11c
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60c Hydrogen Peroxide 29c
25c Hydrogen Peroxide 2 for 25c
50c Dodd's Kidney Pills 28c
35c Healing Ointment 18c
\$1.00 Dr. Morin's Kidney Tonic 49c
25c Baby's Own Tablets 15c
50c Thermogen 32c
50c Household Ointment 28c
25c Syrup White Pine and Tar 28c
50c Peerless Hair Restorer 28c
10c Lux 2 for 15c
25c Compass Oil 16c
25c Nerviline 18c
25c Witch Hazel Cream 16c
50c Sage and Sulphur 33c
25c Carbolic Tooth Powder 18c

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Hamilton Rd. Br.—Hamilton and Anderson. Phone 405
London South Br.—Wortley Rd. and Craig. Phone 1920

THE TRAGEDY OF SERBIA

Apart From War, Typhus Has Caused 300,000 Deaths.

Major Sharpe, late commandant British Naval Mission Hospital, Belgrade, Serbia, in writing of the Serbian people, says:

"They are a moral, temperate, kind-hearted, grateful race, intensely patriotic, with a fervid love of their small country."

"Every man owns and tills his own soil, and he is not more proud of his small farm than he is of his country."

"In the midst of the war, the people have shown a heroic courage and endurance, and have suffered in silence and without complaint."

"The outbreak of typhus fever in the early months of 1915 carried off 300,000 of the population, 20,000 of whom alone being left after this outbreak."

"Those who escaped the ravages, first of the invaders and then of the terrible winter journey across the frozen mountains, have found shelter in the allied countries, where they are dependent on the food and shelter afforded by the Serbian Relief Fund."

As Major Sharpe says: "They have given freely of their best that tyranny might forever perish." The question of the future of the Serbian people is a question that should be answered by contributions to the Serbian Relief Fund.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM SPECIAL SERVICE ACCOUNT CHRISTMAS EXCURSION TRAFFIC.

Special service via Grand Trunk Railway from London in connection with the above will be operated on Saturday, Dec. 23, as follows:

For Toronto—Leave London 4:20 p.m. For Winnipeg and Intermediate Stations—Leave London 4:15 p.m. Extra section of regular train No. 19 due to leave London at 7:13 p.m., will be operated leaving London 7 p.m., carrying special car.

Extra special car service will be provided London to Toronto on train No. 18 due out of London 4:25 p.m., for Toronto, on Dec. 25 and 26.

Reservations and full particulars from city ticket office, R. E. Russell, C. P. and T. A. "Clock Corner," Phone 80.

LITTLE DAMAGE.

The fire alarm was called to Samuel Anderson's residence, 4 Watson street, Sunday evening. The blaze started from a gas jet near the wall. The damage amounted to about \$15.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Housecleaning Needed.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Dear Sir—I am fully convinced that one of the methods used by our governing bodies, especially the school council, are not only wrong, but are a serious detriment to the welfare and progress of our fair city, which, I claim, is not making the progress it ought to. The people should take such measures at the coming election that will stop forever those mis-naming and quarrelling sessions which are occurring from time to time in our governing bodies.

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WILL GARRY CONTRACTS OVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR

Board of Control Decides Paving Work Would Be Dearer Otherwise.

The board of control's last session was rather a short affair, there being little business to be disposed of, and no debates.

It was decided to recommend that the contracts for the paving of Reade street, Reade street, Wellington street north, Richmond street north, and Bathurst street, a total of about 12,000 yards, held by the Standard Paving Company, be carried over to next year, at the same price paid this year, namely, \$2 a square yard.

"We will not get anywhere near that price next year," said Controller White. "It is good business to hold the contract."

City Engineer Brazier thought so, too, and it will be held over. It was recommended that the mayor, vice-chairman of the board of control,

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

FUNERAL OF J. GILBANK.

The funeral of John Gilbank, who died on Wednesday, held from his late residence, 323 Dufferin avenue, was conducted by Rev. Dr. Flanders. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Matthews, Service, English, Isaac, Dundas and St. Clair.

DEATH OF DANIEL WAIDE.

The death of Daniel Waide occurred Saturday at his residence, 333 Adelaide street, after an illness of a month. Mr. Waide was born in London Township 25 years ago. He was the son of the late A. Waide, whose death occurred a few years ago. Mr. Waide was engaged in the manufacture of bricks and in the retail lumber business.

Besides his wife he is survived by three sons and three daughters, Gordon, Gerald and Russell, all at home, and Frederick reside in this city. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at Webster's Cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. McKay of St. James' Presbyterian Church.

DEATH OF MRS. BRODIE.

Mrs. Maggie Brodie, wife of Daniel Brodie, died suddenly in Victoria Hospital on Saturday. She was in her 57th year. Her husband and father—John Fisher of Forest-survivor here—as well as three brothers—John Fisher of British Columbia, Archie Fisher of Lethbridge, Alta., and Frank D. Fisher of Fleming, Manitoba, and one sister, Mrs. George Brodie of Forest.

The body was forwarded to Forest today. The funeral will be held on Tuesday from her late residence in Forest, and interment will be made in Forest.

Mrs. E. M. Hawless and son Donald of 865 Hackett street, spent Saturday with friends in Stratford.

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PLAYER ROLLS

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CONTROLLER ROSE WILL RETIRE, HE DETERMINES

Controller G. E. Rose, who has been a member of the board of control since it was inaugurated here, and who was for many years an alderman, will resign his swan song this evening at the city council.

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When you are buying your rubbers today have them fitted to your shoes.

We have the exclusive sale in London for the Patented Leather Inner Heel. They fit all kinds of high-heel shoes. The ordinary rubber is very short-lived with the heel in. In such a way that it nearly doubles the life of the rubber. Price 90c a pair.
Before leaving the store look over the Gift Goods in the Richmond Street store. The window display reflects a large and well-selected stock of LEATHER NOVELTIES, MANICURE SETS, CLUB BAGS, etc., which make it an easy matter to select "the one desirable thing." Those who come early in the day get the best service, as the clerks have more time to give them during the morning and noon-day hours.

Do your shopping early if you can, all this week.
J.P. COOK & CO.
"The Store that Serves You Best!"
Two Stores - Dundas & Richmond Sts.

LIEUT. LYON AIKEN HOME
One Leg Still Useless as Result of Severe Wound.

Lieut. Lyon Aiken has arrived home from overseas and is with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Aiken, 23 Alma street. He enlisted at Winnipeg with the 15th Battalion, and a month after arriving in England was attached to the front to the 43rd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders.

He came, without a scratch, through the third battle of Ypres early in June, but was severely wounded in the leg on September 29 at the Somme, near Courcelles.

A small bone was shattered and a severe gash made by a shell casing which cut the nerve the lower part of his limb is still useless, and it will probably be several months before he is able to touch his foot to the ground. While in hospital in London, England, some weeks ago, he received word that his brother, Lieut. Douglas Aiken, who went overseas with a Toronto university corps not quite a year ago, had been killed in action. His message of sympathy came to his mother as the first notification she received.

IN THE POLICE COURT

Four persons, charged with intoxication, appeared in police court today. The first one to answer pleaded guilty to his second offence under the temperance act, and paid a fine of \$20. He stated that friends from Port Huron had supplied him with a bottle as a Christmas present.

Second on the list, a cattle buyer, pleaded guilty and donated a \$10 bill and costs for the offence.

Third, height 3 feet 1 inch, weight 71 pounds, in answer to the magistrate's question as to whether or not he was drunk, said: "No, no drink, you bet not. I only had three beers."

"I think three beers would fill him right to the neck," said Chief Wilmington.

"Ten dollars and costs or one month in jail," said Justice Maclean.

Last to answer gave as his excuse for getting intoxicated that a friend had given him a bottle and he did not like to offend by neglecting to consume a portion. He paid \$10 and costs.

PERSONAL MENTION

Peter J. Mohan of Toronto, has returned from Detroit, to spend the holidays with friends in this city.

Miss Clara Corrigan of the Abbotsford, Los Angeles, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Day, 727 Queen's avenue.

VICTORY OF FRENCH ELOQUENT ANSWER TO GERMANS' PLEA

British Papers Take This View of Nivelle's Win.

REFUTES ENEMY'S BOAST

Claims of "Victory in War" Upset by Smashing of Verdun Lines.

London, Dec. 18.—The morning papers comment with enthusiasm on the French victory at Verdun and pay the heartiest tributes to French leadership, valor and skill. The opportunity is taken to re-discuss the peace offer in the light of this blow inflicted on the Germans, which is regarded as demonstrating that the latter's morale is seriously undermined. It is also claimed that the battle puts the actual position as between the central powers and the Allies in a truer perspective than that afforded by the Teutonic successes in Rumania. The Telegraph says:

"It comes at the right moment as a pledge and earnest of allied success. We can imagine no more eloquent answer to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg than that furnished by Gen. Nivelle's victory."

The Post, recalling German claims to victory in the war, says that France has given a most damning refutation at Verdun and, referring to the peace offer, asserts that all the Allies are resolved not to accept but dictate terms of peace.

The Daily News says: "The value of the victory at Verdun is not to be measured by the prisoners and guns taken or the ground reconquered. Its real significance lies in the effect it must have on the morale of the opposing sides. There is no doubt that on both sides the campaign in Rumania has exercised an influence quite disproportionate to its importance. The serious threat to Germany, both east and west, is in no way reduced by her Rumanian adventure. If the victory at Verdun reminds both sides of that it will not have been won in vain. It is an additional argument as far as the Allies are concerned, not for an arrogant refusal even to consider the question of peace, but for a cautious willingness to listen to terms which the sobering influence of the war is inducing Germany to offer."

The Chronicle also refers to Rumania and says that the "brilliant victory at Verdun comes at an opportune moment, and should serve to remind neutral and allied opinion alike that despite of their single victory in Rumania the Germans are not now the stronger but the weaker side."

Two Apt Replies.
The Times says that Verdun is one very apt reply to all Germany's vaunts and the attitude of Russia. It argues that there is a serious undermining of the morale of the German army and an acute dearth of food in the country. These are among the reasons it contends for the issuing of the peace offer which it calls a "sign of weakness," and which, it claims, would not have been put forward had not Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg felt that Germany's strength was ebbing fast."

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WABASH EXPRESS JUMPS TRACK NEAR CORINTH

Cars Derailed, But No One Seriously Hurt, Says St. Thomas Report.
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Word was received here at 2 o'clock this afternoon that the Wabash express train, which was en route from Buffalo to Corinth, a short distance from Tillsonburg, a combination car and the diner are in the ditch and two Pullman cars derailed. Wrecking crews have been sent from here.

ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, Dec. 18.—At the G. T. R. station at Tillsonburg, a report was received that the preliminary reports from the Corinth wreck said that only two had been slightly hurt. Their names were unknown. Dining car waiters had their hands cut by dishes. It was announced.

READY FOR EMERGENCY.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Tillsonburg, Ont., Dec. 18.—All local doctors have been summoned in a hurry to Corinth, where a Wabash passenger train jumped the rails. No particulars are yet forthcoming here.

MORE RECRUITS.—A total of thirteen men were obtained by the 63rd Battalion during the last few days of last week. Most of them come from Western Ontario points, but very few from points in the United States. Their names are Jack Smith, Detroit; George Carson, Detroit; Fred Birt, Windsor; R. H. Smyth, Denver, Col.; Ed. Wilkins, Detroit; Chas. Young, Windsor; Wm. Murrell, Windsor, and James Ray, Detroit.

What Are You Lacking in the Way of Christmas Table Supplies?

PETERS is at your service. A Reminder: ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING CHRISTMAS CAKE SHORTBREAD MINCE PIES PUMPKIN PIES PUMPKIN TARTLETS CUSTARD TARTLETS LEMON TARTLETS RASPBERRY TARTLETS

PETERS LONDON

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CANADIAN HOMES.

Own a Victrola and the selections of the great artists are at your command. Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Limited, 242 Dundas street, show a wide range of instruments at varying prices and on easy terms.

Christmas Week at The Lyric

Will Be Grand Patriotic Week



The entire program will be devoted to activities of the British and will be headed by the official British war picture,

"King George's Visit to the Front"

Included with this historic film production will be *How the Canadian Wounded Are Treated*

an official Canadian picture, showing the care of our wounded soldiers at the hospitals in France and at the Province of Ontario's Hospital at Orpington.

Making Canadian Munitions

is one of the most interesting films ever shown in this country. It is released by the Canadian Government in its efforts to speed up the production of munitions. Every man and woman interested in the production of munitions should see this picture.

In order to augment the strong patriotic feature showing His Majesty King George among his men at the front, Manager Bernard has secured these two other splendid pictures. Both of them deal with subjects most vital to Canadians—munitions and the war hospitals. The week between Christmas and New Year's is to be known as National Service week in Canada, and the Lyric program will be appropriate.

A Triple-Feature Patriotic Program

Special Hours and Prices For Christmas Day

15 AND 25 CENTS.

MATINEE 2 and 3:30 o'clock
EVENING 6:30 and 9:30 o'clock

Balance of Week

MATINEES 10c (Balcony), 15c (Downstairs)
Children 10c at Matinees.

EVENINGS 15c (Balcony), 25c (Downstairs)

Hours of Performances

AFTERNOON 2 o'clock and 3:30 o'clock
EVENINGS 7:15 o'clock and 9 o'clock

ESTIMATED PROFITS OF L. AND P. S. R. FOR FOUR MONTHS ARE \$30,261.32

Report to Commission Says in 1915 They Were Only \$4,179.51.

A statement was presented to the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission this morning, showing that the estimated profits for the months of July, August, September and October, 1915, were \$30,261.32 as against \$4,179.51 in 1915.

The comparative figures for this year and last were given as follows:

1915	1916
Passenger earnings	\$77,755.28
Freight earnings	\$8,275.58
Miscellaneous	\$2,915.53
Total	\$88,946.39
Operating expenses	\$57,726.79
Gross income	\$31,219.60
Deductions from income	\$2,229.58
Taxes	\$1,121.09
Interest	\$1,108.49
Rental	\$8,658.68
Sinking fund	\$3,160.90
Total	\$25,059.74
Net income	\$6,159.86

The commissioners thought the showing was most gratifying.

HORSES GROUND UP, BUT DRIVER ESCAPES

G. T. R. Train Cuts Team From Sleigh, and Kills Animals.

Grand Trunk train, due in London at 3:30 p.m. struck a team of horses near the Westinghouse plant at Hamilton Saturday night and literally ground the animals to pieces. The train was delayed for 40 minutes while the pieces of the horses were extracted from the engine. The train cut the horses from the sleigh they were pulling. The driver escaped. Several persons on board the train.

GERMAN LINES READY TO ACCEPT FREIGHT

Anticipate Peace Moves by Getting Ready for "After-War" Trade.

New York, Dec. 18.—Action taken by German shipping interests in evident anticipation of peace was revealed here today when announcement was made from the local offices of the German trans-Atlantic line, that instructions had been received to make freight contracts for shipments from New York to Germany or to other points of destination.

ROTARIANS TO HELP RAISE AMOUNT FOR INDUSTRIAL PLANS

Will Appoint Teams To Interest Citizens.

NEWSPAPER DEVELOPING

A. A. MacIntosh Warns That Papers May Have To Raise Rates.

At the Rotary Club today it was announced that teams would be appointed by various organizations to canvass for subscriptions to the new industrial foundation. The Rotarians will appoint two teams to seek to interest citizens in the importance of having the private subscription amount required furnished before the bylaw went to the people.

In this connection, Vice-President Silverwood read a letter from a Rotarian at Louisville, Ky., in which the experience of that city in securing industries was recounted. A million dollar fund to secure industries was secured, and in a short time two concerns, capitalized at one million dollars, were under way. Others of smaller capitalization were quickly secured. Louisville had been backward because local capital was sent out of the city.

Ray Lawson will organize the teams which the Rotary Club will put in the field.

It was reported that A. R. Cairncross, former secretary, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, was showing some improvement. His firm sent a sample box of Page & Shaw chocolates to each Rotarian in a Christmas token.

A. A. MacIntosh, acting president of The Advertiser, gave a brief address on the development of the newspaper in Canada, from the first issue of the Halifax Gazette in 1752. He pointed out some of the important changes which have taken place, notably the step from personal journalism and the pioneer days to the impersonal journalism of the present period. It was stated that the 60 per cent increase in the cost of white paper meant that the newspapers of Canada must find \$2,000,000 additional revenue per year to keep things going as in the past, and that newspaper readers must not be surprised if subscription rates are raised considerably from their present level.

THE GIFT OF GIFTS.

A genuine Heintzman & Co. Piano for Christmas. A comparison is not entered into when one decides on a piano. Grand, upright or player-made by Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Limited, 242 Dundas street, for a Christmas gift. This is par excellence the Gift of Gifts.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

(Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.)
Chicago, Dec. 18.
Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close. Close.
Dec. 152 1/2 153 1/2 151 1/2 151 1/2
May 142 1/2 143 1/2 141 1/2 141 1/2
July 137 1/2 138 1/2 135 1/2 135 1/2
Corn—
Dec. 92 1/2 93 1/2 91 1/2 91 1/2
May 92 1/2 93 1/2 91 1/2 91 1/2
July 91 1/2 92 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2
Oats—
Dec. 49 1/2 49 1/2 48 1/2 48 1/2
May 48 1/2 48 1/2 47 1/2 47 1/2
July 47 1/2 47 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

(Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.)
Chicago, Dec. 18.
Pork—Open. High. Low. Close. Close.
Jan. \$26.40 \$26.50 \$26.50 \$26.50
Lard—
Dec. 16 1/2 16 5/8 16 1/2 16 1/2
Jan. 15 1/2 15 5/8 15 1/2 15 1/2
Ribs—
Jan. 13 1/2 13 3/4 13 1/2 13 1/2

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

(Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 18.
Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close. Close.
Dec. 166 1/2 167 1/2 164 1/2 164 1/2
May 171 1/2 172 1/2 169 1/2 169 1/2
Oats—
Dec. 33 1/2 33 1/2 32 1/2 32 1/2
May 37 1/2 37 1/2 36 1/2 36 1/2
Flax—
Dec. 258 1/2 258 1/2 256 1/2 256 1/2
May 269 1/2 269 1/2 267 1/2 267 1/2

KANSAS CITY GRAIN MARKET.

(Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.)
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Wheat—Close—December, \$1.58; May, \$1.60; Wheat—
Dec. 1.58 1/2 1.59 1/2 1.57 1/2 1.57 1/2
May 1.60 1/2 1.61 1/2 1.59 1/2 1.59 1/2
Oats—
Dec.33 1/2 .33 1/2 .32 1/2 .32 1/2
May37 1/2 .37 1/2 .36 1/2 .36 1/2
Flax—
Dec. 2.58 1/2 2.58 1/2 2.56 1/2 2.56 1/2
May 2.69 1/2 2.69 1/2 2.67 1/2 2.67 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thomson & McKinnon, 16 Dominion Savings Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for the Advertiser as follows:
New York, Dec. 18.
Trunk Lines and Grangers—
Baltimore & Ohio, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2
Erie, com., 37 1/2, 37 1/2, 36 1/2, 36 1/2
Erie, 1st pd., 51 1/2, 51 1/2, 50 1/2, 50 1/2
Great Northern, 147 1/2, 147 1/2, 146 1/2, 146 1/2
Great Western, 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2
Illinois Central, 106 1/2, 106 1/2, 105 1/2, 105 1/2
N. Y. Central, 106 1/2, 106 1/2, 105 1/2, 105 1/2
Rock Island, 34 1/2, 34 1/2, 34 1/2, 34 1/2
St. Louis, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Southern Railway, 35 1/2, 35 1/2, 35 1/2, 35 1/2
Union Pacific, 146 1/2, 146 1/2, 145 1/2, 145 1/2
Consols—
Chicago, 67 1/2, 67 1/2, 66 1/2, 66 1/2
Cleveland, 67 1/2, 67 1/2, 66 1/2, 66 1/2
Lehigh Valley, 137 1/2, 137 1/2, 136 1/2, 136 1/2
N. Y. West., 31 1/2, 31 1/2, 31 1/2, 31 1/2
Ontario & West., 31 1/2, 31 1/2, 31 1/2, 31 1/2
Pennsylvania, 35 1/2, 35 1/2, 35 1/2, 35 1/2
Reading Railway, 109 1/2, 109 1/2, 108 1/2, 108 1/2
Traction—
Interboro, com., 16 1/2, 17 1/2, 16 1/2, 16 1/2
Third Avenue, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2
Industrials—
Allis-Chalmers, 29 1/2, 29 1/2, 29 1/2, 29 1/2
American Can., 31 1/2, 31 1/2, 31 1/2, 31 1/2
American Paper, 29 1/2, 29 1/2, 29 1/2, 29 1/2
Am. Smelters, 106 1/2, 106 1/2, 105 1/2, 105 1/2
Baldwin Loco., 68 1/2, 68 1/2, 67 1/2, 67 1/2
Central Leather, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Consolidated Gas, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2
Columbia, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2
General Electric, 117 1/2, 117 1/2, 116 1/2, 116 1/2
Inter. Nickel, 41 1/2, 41 1/2, 41 1/2, 41 1/2
Maxwell Motor, 63 1/2, 63 1/2, 62 1/2, 62 1/2
Marine, 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2
Marine, 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2
Promer Gas, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2
Studebaker, 115 1/2, 115 1/2, 114 1/2, 114 1/2
Tenneco, 65 1/2, 65 1/2, 64 1/2, 64 1/2
Westinghouse, 55 1/2, 55 1/2, 54 1/2, 54 1/2
Coppers—
Anacosta Copper, 37 1/2, 37 1/2, 36 1/2, 36 1/2
Butte & Superior, 55 1/2, 55 1/2, 54 1/2, 54 1/2
Chino Copper, 55 1/2, 55 1/2, 54 1/2, 54 1/2
Imperial, 35 1/2, 35 1/2, 34 1/2, 34 1/2
Miami Copper, 40 1/2, 40 1/2, 39 1/2, 39 1/2
Nevada Consol., 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
New Consol., 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Utah Copper, 109 1/2, 109 1/2, 108 1/2, 108 1/2
Oils—
Am. Lined Oil, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 19 1/2, 19 1/2
Cal. Petroleum, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2
New Mexican, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 19 1/2, 19 1/2
Texas Oil, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 19 1/2, 19 1/2
Steels—
Crucible Steel, 60 1/2, 60 1/2, 59 1/2, 59 1/2
Lackawanna, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 19 1/2, 19 1/2
Pressed Steel Car, 75 1/2, 75 1/2, 74 1/2, 74 1/2
Republic Steel, 54 1/2, 54 1/2, 53 1/2, 53 1/2
Steel, 54 1/2, 54 1/2, 53 1/2, 53 1/2
T. S. Steel, 114 1/2, 114 1/2, 113 1/2, 113 1/2
U. S. Steel, 114 1/2, 114 1/2, 113 1/2, 113 1/2
Anglo-French S's, 93 1/2, 93 1/2, 92 1/2, 92 1/2

MINISTERS OPPOSE DANCE HALLS AND LIQUOR ADVERTISING

Indignant at "Commercializing" the Dance Craze.

ENTERTAINING SOLDIERS

New Plans Made For Christmas Day and Military Services.

At the monthly meeting of the London Ministerial Alliance, held today at the Y. M. C. A., several matters of importance were dealt with; among them entertainment for the soldiers, military church services and liquor advertising.

The committee on entertainment of the soldiers recommended that every church entertain some of the soldiers once a month, that the young people look after the work; that each church make application to the chaplains for the monthly visit, to entertain, and that the ministers and church leaders supervise the entertainments.

It was suggested that as 50 per cent of the men will be in the city on Christmas day, a general invitation be extended to the soldiers to come to the homes of those who were willing to throw them open to the soldiers and entertain them on that day.

All returned men whose homes are not in the city are being placed in homes for Christmas day by the Y. M. C. A. authorities.

Headquarters.
It was decided that the Y. M. C. A. act as a "headquarters" for the past to send names of people willing to entertain soldiers for the day, and the chaplains to send names of men who would like to enjoy Christmas dinner in a homelike atmosphere. People are asked to accept this intimation through The Advertiser, and at once phone or communicate with their pastor if they wish to entertain one or more soldiers on Christmas day.

New Scheme.
The military authorities had become dissatisfied with the present arrangements for church services and were contemplating holding service in the Armories, where heat and seating accommodation are lacking. It was decided to hold military services in the First Methodist, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's every third Sunday in rotation. These will be purely military services and independent of the minister of the church. The soldiers will simply make use of the building for the time being.

These are compulsory church parades and become effective December 31. The service will be non-denominational and will give the chaplain a needed opportunity to address his men.

JOS. FITZPATRICK, C. P. R. CONDUCTOR, FOUND DEAD IN BED

Left London Sunday in Charge of Train, But Expired in Toronto.

Joseph Fitzpatrick, 383 Princess avenue, for 30 years a conductor on the C. P. R., was found dead in bed at the Rosedale Hotel in Toronto this morning. He left London on Sunday at 8:10 p.m. in charge of his train, feeling perfectly well, and his death came as a severe shock to his relatives in the city.

The coroner has pronounced his death due to heart disease, and will not hold an inquest.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Cletus, and three daughters—Myrtle, Dorothy and Lena. No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

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THE IRISH SUNBEAM.

THE NEW British cabinet has in its personnel many men who were bitterly opposed to home rule for Ireland. It would seem, nevertheless, as though the one note of conciliation and friendly advance sounded by Major William Redmond, the day after he came out of the trenches, where he was with his home rule Irish battalion, might strike the scales from the eyes of all, and lead to the end of all trouble in the "most distressful country."

Any Canadian who is not cross-eyed with prejudice will re-echo the words of Bonar Law and of Major Redmond. Both of them, and several other speakers, met upon the middle ground of mutual respect. The old hatred died out when the Irish Home Ruler told of the good feeling that existed between Ulstermen and Catholics. Surely no one at home had the right to keep the sores open, when these Irishmen met as brothers-in-arms, supporting one another's flanks.

One touch of comradeship may make the whole of Ireland kin. May the new cabinet hasten the day!

STOP THE WASTE.

SUGAR AND FLOUR have taken sudden drops within the last few days. Those who are close to the situation declare that it simply is a question of supply and demand. Constant agitation has resulted in the curtailment of the use of both sugar and flour, and once the people of this continent are seized with that spirit the result is almost certain to be noticed in the market quotations. A few ounces less flour and sugar each day in half the homes of this continent mean that many carloads of these commodities are held up for lack of buyers. The price comes down automatically.

It is a great time to preach retrenchment in the use of foodstuffs. By this statement it is not meant that families should deny themselves the best of food, or that they should cut down the amount actually consumed. Thrift is the message to be sounded to the people of Canada, as the new year approaches. Thrift! Thrift! Thrift! Thrift does not mean that we should eat less bread or sugar; it does mean that we should waste less. The communities referred to as "thrifty" are not less well fed than the indigent communities. The thrifty communities are simply less wasteful. And there are a few families in Canada in these times of war business prosperity who are not prodigal with the use of both money and the necessities it buys. Most of us waste a great deal of good food; if you do not believe this ask the humble citizen who carries the odds and ends of food to the city incinerator each week.

National saving of money and necessities is essential to the future welfare of the Dominion. Attention to the little "leaks" of household economy is what counts. A few ounces saved each day in the use of foodstuffs, and while no one suffers prices come down and the saving is doubled. It is the duty of the homes of the nation to guard against waste, during the war and after the war. A thrifty people is usually a happy, secure people.

EDUCATE THE FOREIGNER.

WHAT IS London doing for the hundreds of illiterate foreigners who come to do heavy manual labor for railways and factories? As a city, London is doing absolutely nothing. Few of these men from Europe are able to speak English with ease after being several years in the city. They become an ingredient in the merged races that is like bitter aloes in the pudding. They do not flow along in the stream of progress, but stagnate in the little pools. Except for the help they get from the churches, which of its very nature must be incomplete, they are left to themselves. They do not become good Canadians, because all we seem to care about is to use their bodies and let their souls and minds take care of themselves.

They usually come into the country with few families. They do not live normal lives, but only because they are placing their years against the future. Most of them are simple, peasant folk, with brains capable of development, and ideals buried somewhere in the clouded consciousness. They know little about Canada. They never read a Canadian newspaper, because they cannot read one. They live on coarse food. They are much like domestic animals—and they remain in this state because we pass by on the other side.

These foreigners should be given a working English education in night schools. They should pay for it. They should not be pampered, but they should be given what this country has to offer them, if only out of the most selfish reasons. If we do not Canadianize them they will never Canadianize themselves. They will be regarded as stupid laborers.

One of the youngest of them, a dark, keen-eyed young Russian, came into

The Advertiser office a year ago. Perhaps it was his youth that took him away from the work-car in which he and many others had been sleeping. He wanted to get away from the tamping of ties and the slugging of rails. Something in this country had touched the hidden genius of the boy, and today he is capable of reading most books, and is in a better position. He has caught the spirit of the country, but he is a rare nugget among much dross. Yet he shows what can be done with the stock of which he comes. He does not long to return to the village from which he sprang. He knows his Tolstoi today, and he is going to be a high minded, creditable citizen. Some day he will marry, and his children will be Canadians in the strictest sense of the word. They will be better Canadians by reason of the spark of hope that was struck upon the flint of the young Russian's resolution.

Night classes in the public schools will get the best out of many of these men. There will be failures, too. At the present time they are quite as foreign to our life and our ideals as grubs would be in a beehive.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Canada needs national government.

The water wagon seems to be scheduled for a world tour.

Give thanks to Old Sol. He dispelled the gloom of an impending coal famine a month or two ago.

The National Service cards give the appearance of having been carefully edited by the politicians.

It is appropriate that notification has been given at Kuf-el-Amara that this is the open season for turkeys.

Christmas business in London has never been so brisk. The Christmas shopping has been under way for many days.

Less secure on his throne than the Kaiser is King George. The world will breathe easier when the funeral of both has been held.

Speaking of waste, probably the greatest waste of all is the waste of time. How carelessly the minute gems are scattered!

After reading President Wilson's note of protest over the Belgian slave drive, there can be no doubt that Abe Lincoln took a few turns in his grave.

The Hamilton Herald says the Hearst Government will be judged on the nickel question by its record of next session. Why not its record of last session?

These are the days when we editor wishes that he could turn off with something that would compare with Dickens or Riley for the paper that meets the joyous morn of Christmas.

Everyone should sign the National Service cards and return them promptly. As a survey of the man-power of the country they are very necessary and their moral influence may be great.

In a few years a European cat will find it rather difficult to look at a king. Few of the royal houses will be anxious for intermarriage after this war. Who could think of a British prince marrying a Hohenzollern princess by arrangement after this war?

The Montreal Mail suggests that Mrs. Larkin of this city, who knitted 219 pairs of socks in the last year, should be made an honorary colonel. And to the list should be added the name of Miss Baile of Ingersoll, who has knitted 209 pairs in one year and eight months.

We hate to refuse to print some poems that come from the trenches, but we have to draw the line on one that contains the following delightful sentiment:

"Pretty soon I hear the sound of gun, I knowed I had it on that there Hun."

Early in the war many of the experts, including H. G. Wells, said it was inevitable that Holland should "come in" on the side of the Allies. The Dutch country has been a haven for many Belgians, and perhaps plays best its part by acting as the clearing house for relief supplies and the trade in diplomacy.

One cannot walk up and down Dundas street without meeting some good chap who has suffered and is physically below par because of the war. There are few men who do not want the country to bestow upon these heroes a heaping measure of gratitude. Are they getting the treatment and consideration that should be theirs? Can they be treated properly by correspondence? Is it not necessary to have a capable officer in charge of claims and pensions who can attend to their wants and decide upon cases without waiting for the involved processes that now must be invoked to secure relief?

Bruce County's 160th Battalion is, says the Kincaid Review, probably the most representative Canadian Battalion organized since the war began. Out of a total strength of 1,115 men, 550 are Canadian-born. This is 32 per cent of the total, and does not include men discharged or transferred to other units, who, if included, would, it is said, make the percentage of native-born even higher—Toronto Star.

BORDEN AND BRITISH PREFERENCE.

[Brookville Recorder.]

American importers report that English woollens are fully up to quality, despite the war. The English trade mark—quality—London Free Press.

Yes, and Mr. Borden showed his lack of appreciation of Great Britain by imposing more taxes in war time on British goods coming into Canada. Laurier created the great boom of British preference in the face of Tory opposition. Laurier by making the preference showed his practical loyalty, while Borden took a stab at imperial connection when he increased the tax on British goods.

Ma Discovers William in the Midst of His Attempt to Break the Dead Monotony of the Finger Exercises.

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The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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Mary Changes Her Mind

By Louise Oliver.

As the train pulled into Meridian, Jack Painter's thoughts were also finishing a long journey of retrospection, a period covering five years, the exact time he had been away from home.

The thoughts had much to do with a girl—a girl whose picture fitted in the back of his new five-hundred-dollar watch. When he had left Meridian the photograph had adorned the case of a one-dollar watch. Thus had Jack's fortunes changed, and he was wondering whether or not the change was a good one for him, and he was doubtful about the wisdom of telling of his luck.

To be plain, Mary had said she loved him, but had refused to marry him unless he made some money. It all came back as the train roared through the cuivert and over the bridge from which he could see the very spot where he and Mary had been walking that beautiful October evening before he went away.

"Yes, Jack, I do love you and I'm willing to marry you—but not now," she had said.

"Why?" He insisted.

"Because you can't keep me very well."

"I'd like to know if I can't. I've a bully good place in Reedem's office, and when he dies all the law business will come to me."

"That's a long time ahead. And, anyhow, old Mr. Reedem never made much. Why, his wife has done all her own work always. And look at her—what a plain little mouse of a woman she is, with all the spunk that was in her knocked out."

"Well, I wouldn't let you do it, Mary, dear."

"Oh, yes you would, Jack, and I don't intend to be a second Mrs. Reedem."

"You don't love me!"

"I do. I love you so well I don't want to learn to hate you because I'm played out, and I don't want you to begin to despise me because I've lost my looks and spirit."

"I can't make more money than I am making now."

"Yes, you can, or I don't know you. If you can't, I shan't marry you, and I'll die an old maid. I'll never marry anyone I don't marry you."

He thought it over, then took his savings out of the bank, said good-bye to Mary and left town.

The train slowed down and stopped. He thought over a plan of finding out a few things for himself, and as he picked up his overcoat and bags he decided to carry them into town.

He took a bus to the Commercial Hotel, the poorest and cheapest of the three hostleries in town, and breathed with relief when he found the lobby empty save for Old Man Stebbins himself.

"Hello, there! Bless my heart if it ain't Jack Painter. And look how rich all lit up. Heard you struck it rich, Jack! My, you look fine! Thought you'd forgotten this old burg for good and all."

"Sh!" Jack put his hand to his lips. "Give me a room, Stebbins, will you, and come up. I want to have a talk with you. While the old man came down and telephoned for Steve Lovell. Steve came around and went up to Jack's room, and before long came down with a big fat check in his pocket.

That day Mary Fielding was reading in the lawn swing when Polly Marshall drove up the walk and ran in excitedly.

"Oh, Mary, have you heard the news? Jack Painter's home, and he's working in old Mr. Reedem's office again. It's all a mistake about his getting along so well, and I guess he's glad to get back. Mercy, what's wrong with you? You look like a ghost. There wasn't anything serious was there, between you and Jack?"

"No—oh, no! I'm not feeling very well, that's all, Polly. What were you saying about Jack? That he's back in Mr. Reedem's office? Well, that is a surprise!"

And that's not all the news! "declared the gossip with importance and meaning. "Maybe you'll be more interested in this, since you've been seeing so much of Steve. Some lady died and left him heaps of money. I don't know all about it, but he'll tell you

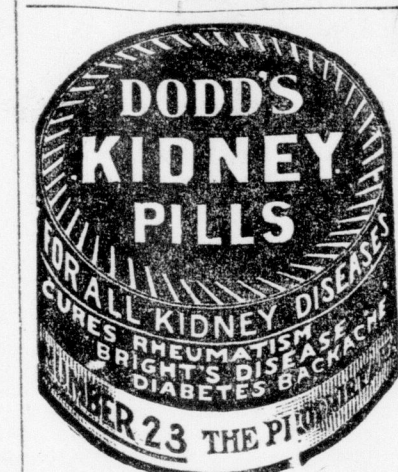
soda biscuit. This eating is getting to be an awful habit.

Billy Sunday is being backed by twelve millionaires. Billy should pay a handsome dividend. We hardly know under what kind of stock to list him. Watered stock might do. Let him go.

Bethlehem steel has dropped, because there is a vague possibility that the peace of the East of Bethlehem may be brought to the earth.

A Boston physician claims to have solved the problem of rheumatism. That's not a disease, it's a gift.

A Juno is a beauty who weighs over 200 pounds, says the Kansas City Journal. Now, d'ye know Juno? A



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D. 18, 20, 22, 27, 29.

Wait a Minute!

By J. H. F.

We would not advise customers to put on their palm beach suits as yet. Wait until the temperature is a trifle higher.

It has been brought to our attention that there is now no dust at Camp Borden. Sir Sam Hughes is not kicking up any dust to speak of either.

Our horse editor reports that mosquitoes are quite tame now and may be taken into the best homes without any danger of their biting the missus's shins.

Don't try to solve the high cost of living by eating dog biscuits. You will have to follow it up by eating the dog.

In conference with our agricultural expert, we are informed that pumpkins planted now will be delicate, and of a sickly hue.

Fly swatting now is a pastime, not a habit. Every time you buff one of them your heart strings are torn by the thought of ten million unborn being killed at one fell stroke. Hit 'em again.

No, Clarice, smoked herrings do not tell of the evils of tobacco. Many a man who is pickled never saw a pickling vat.

Doc Cook, the discoverer of the near North Pole, recently addressed the convicts at Sing Sing. He felt quite at home.

Gold fish may live to be 100 years old, as an expert says, but who wants to be a gold fish?

A babe in the house is a wellspring of joy, says a sink, who probably took a course in baby-training assistant at a bar. We ain't mad.

We like the French more every day. They just turned their whole government and everything else upside down, and there was no belching about it.

We heard a gent boasting about going home to a nice juicy steak, and we went to our own bailiwick and bit a hole in a

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hate have little on them. That does not bring the price down. The less they have on, the higher they come. That's the reason they're worn. The head has often less in it than on it. That's why some men go bareheaded. My, my.

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A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

European Women Do It.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am a returned soldier, who spent close on twelve months in the trenches, and was wounded in five places. This fellow appears to me to be one of those poor slackers who would rather have a good time and wonder how he could keep from winking at girls than don the uniform and do his bit. Probably he does not realize that in England, France and Belgium the work is carried on by the women and men unfit for military service. Is there any reason why it

could not be done here? I feel quite confident that "Conscription" would do her part if it would do his.

What is your opinion in the matter, Miss Grey? I think that about two years' service would make a man of that farmer's son.

RETURNED SOLDIER.

Ans.—Our Mail-Box is honored indeed to have you visit us. All hats off to our hero of the five wounds to the chest. Since you ask for my opinion, I may say that evidently we Canadians as a people do not even yet regard the conflict as O.T.R. war. Europe seems so far away, and in spite of all that has been written and spoken, the horrors of a devastated country, and the world's need of defeating a common enemy, have not struck home to thousands of us as they should. We do our bit in the way of giving or sewing, yet make no real sacrifice. If a terrible foe was really hammering at our doors, then, no doubt, the "hang-backers" would leave the tilling of the soil, the running of factories and the offices to the women and the "unfits," and fly to the nearest recruiting station. The women of Europe have done wonders, especially along agricultural lines, and I feel the women of Canada could equally rise to the occasion.

He's Better Marry Her.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am in trouble over a life-long love affair. I am Irish and have been in Canada for a little over four years. I am always interested in your columns, moreover London and the vicinity seem to fairly represent the cream of intelligence, divinity, theology, idealism and every other railway that seems to bind Fair Canada with Old Erin. My trouble is this: I was partly engaged to a young lady in Ireland. She had her fortune told and seemed the prospect of a bright future. She didn't say what they were, but she quit a clergyman for my love, and her three nephews who were distinguished graduates (holding the B. A. degree), of various universities, donated His Majesty's khaki as British army officers, evidently for the sole purpose that said engagement be declared not void. In a letter to me she says: "I hope and pray that you shall forever act the man and be very, very good"—note the two negatives. I have been "terrible awful good" (to use the expression), to her, for although my keen Irish eye can see quite a distance I have never had the pleasure of even an introduction to any one of Canada's beautiful daughters; at the same time I think it would be the happy day for any Irishman were he capable of easting his anchor in the heart of one of

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Canada's lovely daughters. What is your advice? Wishing you a happy Christmas. Do you expect to be alive next Christmas, for if you are, I'll surely send you a Christmas present, for you are just what the Irish call "a decent old soul." Miss Grey might also please state if she is married or single. May God bless and keep you.

"IRISH TIPP."

Ans.—If you want me to tell you to forget the girl in Ireland and pursue one nearer at hand, well, you've come to the wrong shop, my man. For goodness sake if you love the Irish girl why don't you go back and marry her, or else have her come here? If you don't care enough about her, then you should not have kept her "dangling" these four years. I've no patience with these half-engagements. As to the "decent old soul" I have her to rest in peace, "Tipp"—and turn your curious mind to better business.

A Novel Pudding.

Dear Miss Grey,—"Shirley" wants to know if I want the song returned. No, I do not. Am inclosing a few clippings and a Christmas recipe. Please express your opinion of the recipe. I think it is fine.

Would someone please send words and music of "When We Meet Beyond the River"?

Miss Grey, please tell me which there is most sincerity in: a cheery "Hello" or "How do you do"? I know the latter is supposed to be better form, but where "old friends" are concerned, which do you think best?

WITHOUT A STRUGGLE.

Ans.—Pleased to hear from you again; hope it may really be a "merry" Christmas for you, and free from bodily pain. That's just the nicest Christmas pudding recipe I ever saw, and I'm giving it a little prominence on our page. That bit about "filing" is a favorite of mine, and seems particularly apropos for the end of the year, don't you think? If anyone supplies the song desired by this reader, I have her envelope for forwarding.

As you say, the phrase, "How do you do," is thought better form, and is a more suitable greeting for formal folks, but to one's friends the cheery "hello" seems less affected and more sincere. And I may whisper that I know "some turrible nice" people who say it.

Another Eggless Cake.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am sending this envelope to you to send to "Snowbird" for information about ducks.

Here is a recipe for crumb cake (no eggs): One cup of brown sugar, 2 table-spoons butter, 1½ cups flour, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon soda, and mix butter, flour and sugar together until it crumbles, and take out one-quarter cupful to sprinkle over the cake batter just as it goes into the oven. Mix the other ingredients together, sprinkle with the crumbs and bake very slowly for the first fifteen minutes.

CLEMATIS.

Ans.—I am sure your recipe will be tried by folks who are fond of crumb cake, but who are not desirous of using the eggs generally called for in these recipes. Have sent your letter to "Snowbird."

Words Are Lost.

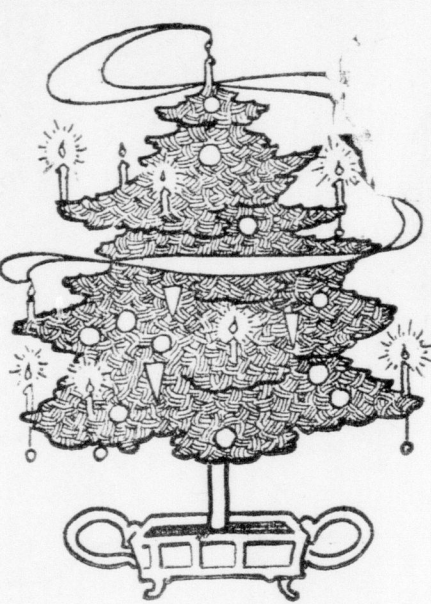
Dear Miss Grey,—Will send stamped envelope for "Wilder Green's Last Words." Should have sent before, but was watching for other pieces I had asked for. Many thanks to "Patriotic" for pieces; they were lovely. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

TEIRRAH TENRUB.

Ans.—Oh, "Teirrah," my dear, I'm just horrified to find that "Wilder Green's Last Words" have evidently gone a-hunting the "wilder" herself, for I simply can't find them anywhere. Will someone come to my rescue and send another copy, and I'll mail it to "Teirrah" immediately, to one!

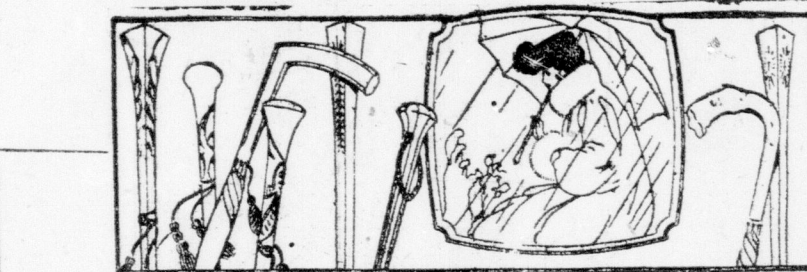
Climate of Newfoundland.

Dear Miss Grey,—How I wish someone would tell us how to make "Pat Rascals." Nearly every shire in England has a cake, pie or pudding peculiarly its own, and there are scores of



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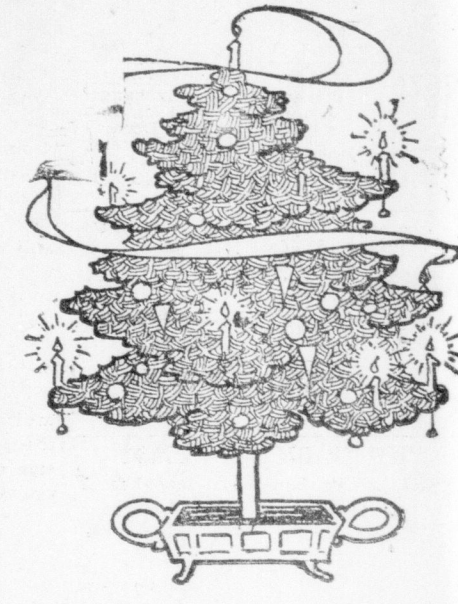
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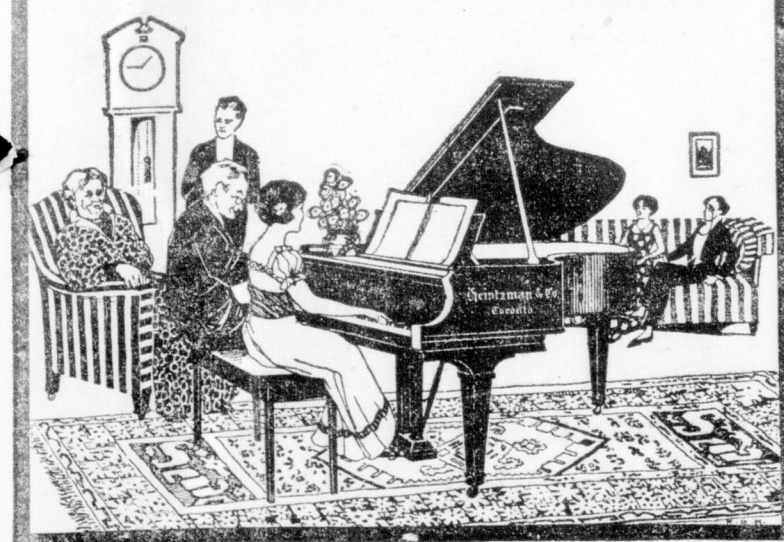
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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which the following questions:

Christmas Lesson—"Unto Us a Son is Given." Isa. ix. 2-7.

Golden Text—"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isa. ix. 6.

1. Verse 2—Which more helps a nation, morally and spiritually, and why, its prosperity or its adversity?

2. Would you say, or not, and why, that God ever permits, or sends any affliction to a nation, or an individual, with the intention of inflicting permanent injury?

3. Why is it so, that the light of prosperity generally follows the darkness of adversity, and that grief gives place to joy?

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7. Gosport—Have received knitted bonnet directions; please send stamp for them.

8. TEA MARKET STILL RISING.

An increase in the ocean freight rates of two and one-half cents a pound added to an advance of from six to ten cents a pound in the cost of tea at the primary markets, has necessitated the recent increase in the cost of tea in Canada. To keep faith with the public and maintain exactly the same high standard of quality as always, "SALADA" has advanced in price but, as yet, only five cents a pound.

9. I have never been in Newfoundland myself, but am informed by one who knows, that the climate is not at all "Arctic." In winter the thermometer seldom ranges below zero, and in summer seldom rises above 70 or 80 in the shade. The harbor of St. John never freezes over. The coast is, of course, rugged and barren, but inland are found large forests and agriculture is pursued very successfully. Hence it seems that B. is right.

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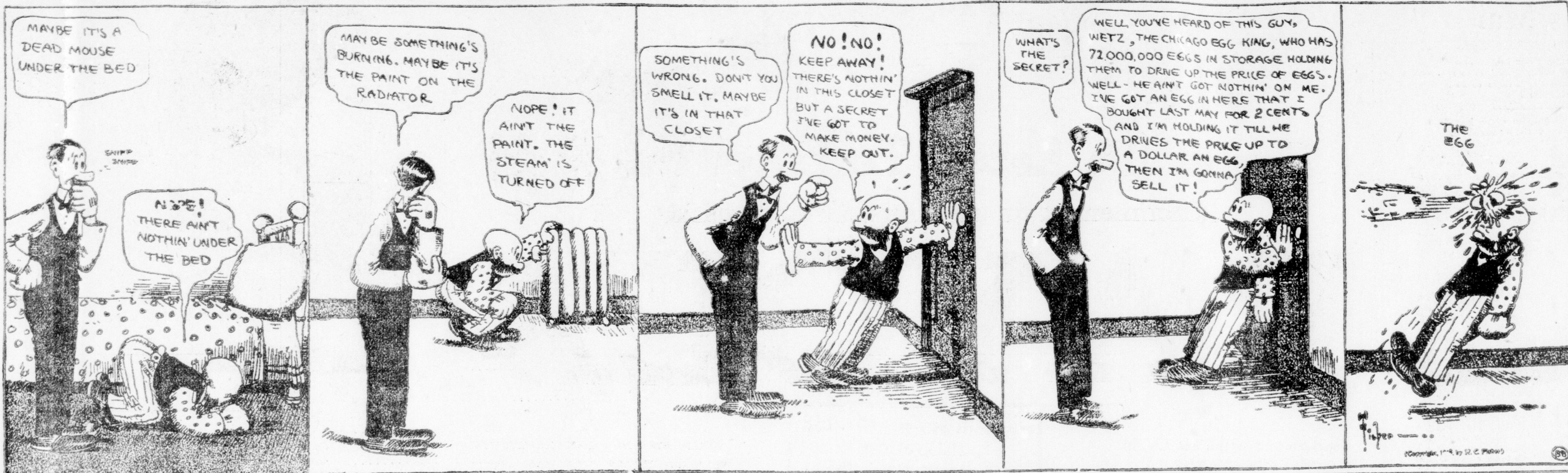
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By "Bud" Fisher

THISTLE CLUB
EUCHRE SCORES

Major G. W. Hayes Heads the List With 96 at Weekly Event.

The following were the scores made at the Thistle Club euchre tourney on Friday evening: Major G. W. Hayes 96, R. W. Youngs 89, W. J. Braumton 88, George C. English 86, J. W. Firth 86, H. Hartley 85, P. G. Galbraith 84, J. McIntyre 84, C. B. Laur 83, H. Coleman 83, L. Hamby 82, H. Rennie 82, L. Edwards 81, A. E. Chapman 79, H. R. Laurie 78, O. C. Barrie 76, G. T. Mann 74, W. D. Watson 70, J. F. Bryant 70, S. D. Swift 69.

There was a friendly curling game between a few who wanted to try out the newly-made ice, and apparently the old game has lost none of its attractiveness, judging from the amount of noise made by the two rinks.

BEST LIBERAL BOWLER
GETS CHRISTMAS TURKEY

The members of the Liberal Club are nearly all in the contest for the Christmas turkey handicap, which is to be given to the bowler who has scored the highest points in a game up to Christmas. It is proving very popular as Christmas approaches. The turkey will be given away next Saturday night to the winner.

Cobb's Batting Average
.369 for Twelve Seasons

BY AL MUNRO ELIAS.

On August 30, 1905, a tall, angular youth, aged 19, walked to the plate in the Yankee-Tiger game. "Who is he?" asked one fan of another. "Oh, some rookie that Bill Armour dug up," was the reply. "Name is Cobb, I think—Ty Cobb. Come from the south."

"Any good?" "I don't know. This is his first game as a big leaguer. He's supposed to be something of a hitter. Here's his chance to show." The "bushers" walked to the plate, took his position and faced Jack Chesbro, then in the hey-day of his wonderful pitching career. Jack looked over the "kid" and decided it would be fairly easy to fool him with a straight, fast "bushers," you know, are a bit afraid of the whirlwind heaves of the big league veterans. So Chesbro shot the ball to left field with all the speed he could muster and—bowl! The blonde southerner had swung, had met the ball fairly and it traveled like a rifle shot to left field. The bushers started around to second base before the ball was retrieved and two Detroit runners—McIntyre and Lindsay—ran home for tallies.

Continues to Strive. And from that day when Ty Cobb, in his first time at bat as an American leaguer, whanged out a two-axer and scored two runs, he has been the sensation of the baseball world—has risen to a height no other player has ever reached. His grand batting average of .369 for twelve years marks him as the most remarkable batsman of all time.

Cobb is the king of batsmen. Over the sweep of twelve seasons he has faced the pitching of nearly 200 twirlers—the great, the near-great, the ordinary and the dubs. And here below are tables that I have compiled which show what the "Georgia Peach" has accomplished during his twelve years as a major leaguer against each famous pitcher—each club.

"Bullet Joe" Bush is one of the best pitchers in the Cobb circuit. Yes, it has been against this star of the Athletics' staff that Cobb has done his greatest batting. He has faced Bush in eleven games, been at bat 33 times and maced out eighteen hits for a grand average of .474. Scott, of the White Sox, also has been "big" for the southern slugger. Ty has met Scott in twenty games, went to bat 10 times and averaged 33 hits for an average of .471.

Even Johnson is Easy. Walter Johnson adds no terrors for Cobb. The Tiger swatman has collared with the Senatorial wonder in 30 games. He has batted against him 78 times and secured 35 hits for an average of .355. Eddie Plank, now of the Brooklyn, has had the most duels with Cobb. He has pitched against him in 32 games. Cobb went to bat 200 times against the "Southpaw of Gettysburg," punched out 68 hits and averaged .340.

The late Adie Joss was the pitcher whom Cobb feared most of all. Before Joss came to swallow death some years ago, he worked against Cobb in 25 games. Cobb batted 65 times against the former star of the Cleveland club and got only 24 hits, for an average of .253.

THREE-FINGERED BROWN RELEASED. Miner Brown, the three-fingered marvel of the old Cub machine, managed by Charles, has been unconditionally released by the Chicago club, and probably will not be seen again in a major league. Owner Woodmen of the Cubs is trying to land a managerial berth in the minors for the great three-fingered twirler, whose frequent and spectacular slide duels with Mathewson furnish some of the brightest and most spectacular events in the history of the game.



TYRUS COBB.

PRACTICE TONIGHT

The Liberal Booster, O. H. A. junior team will hold a practice tonight at Simcoe street rink, between 6 and 7 p.m. All players are requested to turn out.

DE GRUCHY PRESIDENT
OF O. R. F. U. FOR 1917

New Officers For Coming Year Elected—No Senior Teams Played in the Past Season.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—The O. R. F. U. held their 33rd annual meeting in the King Edward Hotel on Saturday afternoon. President John De Gruchy, Toronto, presided. The financial statement showed the balance on hand to be sufficient to carry on the business. Secretary-Treasurer Hewison, in his annual report, drew attention to the fact that there were no teams playing in the senior or junior series the past season.

The following officers were elected for the year: Honorary president, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Toronto; first vice-president, C. O. Carley, Toronto; second vice-president, J. A. Russell, S.A. Woodstock; third vice-president, Hugh Galt, Toronto; secretary-treasurer, R. Hewison, Toronto; senior representatives, W. Hoare, Toronto; J. W. McAllister, Hamilton; intermediate representatives, western, V. Rhodes, London; eastern, L. Smith, Toronto; junior representatives, A. E. Thompson, Kingsville; W. C. Ferguson, Toronto; and J. Robbins, Hamilton.

TO SUSPECT PLAYERS
INSULTING OWNERS

Baseball Magnates Will Make the Practice of "Sawing Out" a Costly Affair.

Ball players who abuse magnates in the future will be disciplined. This evil has become so flagrant that the governors of baseball are determined to put an end to it. Last summer a certain club owner was vilified by several National League players, but after he had filed charges the case was dropped. The other night a prominent magnate was verbally assailed by a player, who had been released for alleged misconduct last season. The magnate was subjected to a string of insults in a public restaurant and received no protection. Other club owners in recent years have been openly abused by ball players in the hearing of spectators.

As a result the big leagues have decided to punish some of these offenders with indefinite suspensions. If the same tactics were employed on the race tracks, the guilty persons would be ruled off the turf, so why should unruly players who indulge in obscene language during altercations with their employers be allowed to go unscathed?

JOHNNY COULON GETS
\$67,000 FOR BUILDING

Johnny Coulon, former bantamweight champion, has saved his ring earnings to invest in real estate. The diminutive Chicagoan recently sold a 24-apartment building for \$67,000 and purchased a new home for his mother.

HARVARD WANTS PLAYS
TO GOVERN PERIODS

Harvard favors making the customary football periods contain so many plays rather than terminate at a given time, says a Cambridge report. This attitude is not taken because of the declaration that the first period of the recent Harvard-Yale game was out short almost five minutes.

The members of the football committee at Harvard have long favored the idea, and Fred W. Moore, Harvard's representative on the rules committee, is expected to suggest such a change at the next meeting of the organization. Percy D. Haughton expressed himself heartily in favor of the scheme. Such a ruling would prevent several abuses of the game, most notable playing for time. Golf and baseball are pointed out as sports which are not governed by the time clock.

O'LEARY TO MANAGE CLUB. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Charles O'Leary, formerly with the Detroit Americans, signed here today to manage the San Antonio club of the Texas League next season. O'Leary played with St. Paul in the American Association last season.

LONDON CURLERS' BONSPIEL TO-NIGHT. The London Curling Club will open their curling season tonight. The ice is in fine condition and it is expected that a number will turn out. The first bonspiel will be held at 7 o'clock this evening, when three six-end games will be played, the prize to be a china tea set.

Bowling



MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

BY "DICK"	Won	Lost	P.C.
Empire Brass	3	0	100%
Scott-Chamberlain	2	1	66%
McGarry	2	1	66%
Whites	2	1	66%
Hymans	2	1	66%
Cowans Hardware	2	1	66%
Blue Labels	2	1	66%
Murray Shoe	2	1	66%

The Empire Brass whitewashed the Murray Shoe five Saturday night by taking three games from them. C. Hawkins of the Empire Brass Company made the highest total score with 485, while Victor Lang made the highest individual with 125.

EMPIRE BRASS.	120	122	130	472
V. Lang	120	122	130	472
C. Hawkins	120	122	130	472
T. Wilson	120	122	130	472
W. Crawford	120	122	130	472
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The Empire Brass meet the White Midgets tonight in the Manufacturers' League.

The munition makers take the lead in the Manufacturers' League.

HOCKEY GOSSIP

St. Matthews and Centennial Church teams will play an exhibition game on New Year's Day.

Fitzpatrick, Lancaster and Clarke, a trio of the Booster stars, promise fast work for the season.

The Anglican Church League will have a meeting Tuesday evening in St. Matthew's Church, East London. Representatives from all Anglican churches of the city are requested to be present.

The Liberal Club will have a workout tonight.

St. John's Anglican Church team would like to play an exhibition game with any other church team any time before Christmas.

Wilson, Hardy and McRitchie are some of the 149th Battalion hockey stars.

St. Matthew's Church will have a workout early this week.

George Taylor and Russell Leachbrook are two St. John's Anglican hockey stars, from whom a great deal of speedy hockey is expected.

St. James' Presbyterian Church has a fast hockey team, with Bill Macoe and others.

C. Pendleton and H. Dickinson are two of the Colborne Street Methodist hockey players who will do much to land the championship of the church league for their team.

GIANTS' NEW UNIFORMS
TO BE GAY WITH COLOR

Uniforms gay with violet will adorn the members of the New York National baseball club when they play at the Polo grounds next season, says a New York dispatch. The home uniforms will be white with violet stripes, violet and white stockings and white caps with violet trimmings. The away tickets will be of royal purple. The road uniforms will be blue and gray with violet stockings.

FORTUNE INVESTED IN TRAP-SHOOTING. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Statistics just compiled show that there is \$20,000,000 invested in baseball and \$40,000,000 invested in trapshooting in the United States. Trapshooting is a vastly bigger sport than a great many persons imagine.

SARNIA O. H. A. TEAM
IS LINING UP STRONG

Imperial City Septette Has Material That Will Give Its Opponents a Hard Battle.

SARNIA, Dec. 17.—That local hockey fans will have the opportunity of witnessing some great exhibitions of the great Canadian winter pastime is evidenced by a visit to St. Andrew's Arena, where the players and prospective wearers of the blue and white colors for the coming season are getting in their initial workouts. Last year's team reached the coveted goal and won the intermediate championship, and judging from the material now in the city this season's septette should be up near the top runs of the O.H.A. ladder when the balmy spherule of spring puts an end to winter sports. The grouping in this city, as a three-team group will be more quickly concluded and the winners will step into the second round of the schedule in a short time. Hillman, the speedy centre man; McCart, the stalwart defence man; and Joe Dwyer, guarding the nets, along with McLean, Doris, Finch, Dods, Brady, and the newcomers, which includes such well-known men as Kenneth of Bowmanville, Roy of Winton, McCullough of Brownburg, Que. Powell of Parry Sound, Rose of Peterboro, and with several other lesser lights the locals should be able to furnish the fans with all the thrills necessary.

In the junior circles there is material for a fast aggregation, both in the St. Georges Juniors and the Sarnia Juniors. The players who are well known are Sedgwick, Carson, Wright, Lucas, Stewart, Parsons, Brown and others who may turn out and make speed before the first game is scheduled. With a continuance of the present cold weather, it is probable that for the intermediate team in the near future.

FRANK MORAN MATCHED
TO OPPOSE SMITH

Frank Moran and Gino Smith have been matched to meet in the Chicago rink, Brooklyn, tonight. Dick Curley is matchmaker for the new club, which has been organized, the players being Jim Buckley and Paddy Mullins. It is planned to spend \$5,000 in fitting up the clubhouse, so as to afford a seating capacity of 8,000.

Big League Owners To
Abolish Bleacher Seat

National League Magnates Maintain That Unless Cheaper Price Is Replaced That the Business Will Become Losing Proposition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Permanent abolition of the bleacher seat—the twenty-five cent seat—is foreseen in the action of the National League favoring a reduction of the seats in this popular section of the baseball grandstand to a "minimum." The clubowners are desirous of doing away entirely with the 25-cent seat, its explanation, but in the cities where they have been a fixture for years the proposed change will have to be made gradually.

In cities like Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cincinnati, where there are more than 5,000 of the cheaper seats, the price of the majority of these seats next season will be raised to fifty cents, it is said, and several of the clubowners assert that in another year the twenty-five-cent seat will be abolished.

President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn Club, who favored the movement, claimed that if something was not done to increase the revenue and cut down expenses, the business of operating baseball clubs would become a losing proposition.

LIBERAL BOOSTERS' BIG
TIME TONIGHT.

"Something doing every minute" is the way a Liberal booster characterized the big time at Lyman Hall this evening. Wrestling, boxing and other athletic events will make up a program well worth coming to see. No admission.

FRED MITCHELL
GETS SHECKARD
TO COACH CUBS

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Word was received at the Cub office today that Fred Mitchell, new manager of the Cubs, has signed Jimmy Sheckard to coach the north side ball club next season.

Sheckard was one of the members of the famous old Cubs' machine under Frank Chance that won so many pennants.

It was also reported that Mitchell has taken the bit in his mouth and blocked deals previously made by President Wasmuth. He stopped the trade of Lavender for Demaree, and now is after Jake Daubert, the Brooklyn star, offering Lavender for Daubert.

Canadian—Spencer and Carroll.

FOURTEEN TEAMS ENTERED
IN SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

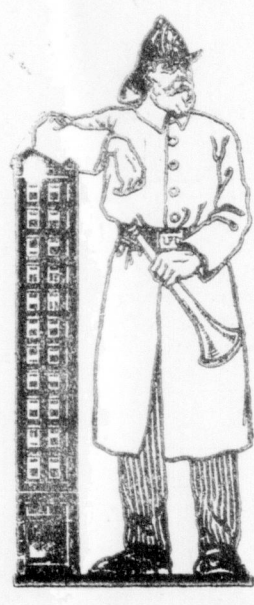
Spencer and Carroll Comprise Canadian Team to Start in Annual Grind at Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Fourteen teams of the fastest bicycle riders in the world were entered for the mid-night start in the twenty-fourth annual six-day race here tonight in Madison Square Garden. The field is smaller than in any previous contest, as the management wish to avoid accidents through crowding or inexperienced riders, whose presence on the track retards the faster men in the sprints.

Following is a list of the names and make-up of the contesting teams: Australian—McNamara and Spears. Swiss-French—Egg and Dupuy. New England—Hill and Drobach. New York—Root and Madden. Long Island—Carman and Wiley. Bronx—Kaiser and Cameron. Dixie—Belgian—Waldour and Linart. Newark—Smith and Kopsky. Rocky Mountain—Lawson and Mitten. New Jersey—Eaton and Ryan. Belgian-Italian—Bohr and Bello. Boston-San Francisco—H. Orht and Thomas.

Canadian—Spencer and Carroll.

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COALITION GOVT.Declines to Dissuade J. W.
Flavelle From Speaking.MR. BORDEN ASKS DELAY
Asks Chairman of Munitions
Board to Defer Sug-
gestion.[Special to The Advertiser.]
OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—That Sir Thomas White is willing to assume the premiership of Canada and undertake the formation of a coalition government, is the news which has spread through excited political circles.

On Friday last members of the Borden administration got this new view of the ambitions of the finance minister. A member of the original Borden Government vouches for the statement. The news is reported to have come to the Ottawa ministers in this way:

J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the imperial munitions board, who recently returned from England with Sir Thomas White, sent a startling message to Sir Robert Borden, now in the far west.

Flavelle is reported to have announced before the Ottawa Canadian on Saturday, that he would come straight for coalition government. Sir Robert replied, according to reports, with an earnest request for Mr. Flavelle to wait until Sir Robert returned. Sir Flavelle reluctantly agreed to his speech only went to the effect of saying that during the war there should be no election in which he would be against race.

However, before this, regardless of telegraphic request, other members of the cabinet were communicated with. They then went to Sir Thomas White, urged him to use his close association with Mr. Flavelle to get him to say his remarks and cut out coalition.

Sir Thomas' Ear Deaf.
Sir Thomas is reported to have declined to interfere on the ground that he was a free citizen and, as Mr. Flavelle is a citizen had the right to say any views he pleased. He added his own opinion that Canada really needed stronger leadership and more control of administration. The return of Sir Robert Borden from the west is anxiously awaited. He is in home.WINNIPEG OFFICE BUILDING
Dec. 17.—Ernest S. J. grain broker, has purchased the new building, on the corner of Bay and Ellice avenues, for a residence in the neighborhood of \$600,000. It is a ten-story office building, built in 1912, at a cost of \$350,000.RADIUM IS A FAILURE
AS CURE FOR CANCER

Head of Crocker Research Fund Satisfied After Tests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After exhaustive tests upon rats, mice and guinea pigs, the use of radium as a cure for cancer and tumors has been found to be a failure, according to the annual report of Dr. Francis Carter Wood, head of the Crocker cancer research fund of Columbia University, made public tonight. For cases on which operation is not possible, radium is successful as a palliative only, the report states.

"It is unquestionably possible to prolong life in a few instances," Dr. Wood says, "and to make the patients more comfortable by the judicious and intelligent employment of large quantities of radium. On the other hand, it is equally certain that the use of small quantities, say 20 to 50 milligrams of radium element often results in a rapid extension of the tumor, so that the patient's condition is worse than if he had been left alone."

GERMAN SHIP BREAKS
THROUGH NORWAY BLOCKADE

Prinz Frederick Wilhelm, Prisoner Since 1914, Escapes.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Via Sayville.—The German ship Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, of 17,520 tons, which had been anchored at Odde, near Bergen, Norway, since the beginning of the war, has arrived at Stavanger, according to a dispatch from Christiania to the Frankfurter Zeitung, "after having broken the British blockade outside Bergen." A line of two British destroyers and three torpedo-boats, the message adds, was crossed by the German steamer.

DECLARE CONSTANTINE
HAS FORFEITED THRONE

Inhabitants of Lemnos Island Issue Proclamation.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The inhabitants of the Greek island of Lemnos have issued a proclamation declaring King Constantine to have forfeited his right to the throne, according to a dispatch from Saloniki to the Havas Agency. A committee of complaint has been appointed to draw up a list of grievances, to be presented to the provisional government at Saloniki.

CANADIAN IMPRISONED
IN CITY OF MEXICO

Banker and Several Members of Staff Arrested.

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 17.—William Mitchell, a British subject, said to be a Canadian, and manager of the Bank of London and Mexico, together with several members of the board of directors of that bank, are under arrest in the city of Mexico, according to newspapers received tonight. No cause for the arrests is given beyond the statement that the men declined to obey an order of Gen. Carranza.

TABLOID NEWS OF
CANADA, THE WAR
AND THE WORLD

CANADIAN

A 50-mile gale swept Halifax and the surrounding coast Friday night and Saturday morning, doing considerable damage on shore, and wrought havoc among shipping both in port and on the coast.

The Winnipeg majority vote was 5,027 for D. J. Dyson, a former London and Sarnia man, and 4,961 for J. H. Davidson, P. J. Waddell got only 496. Three labor candidates out of seven endorsed were elected. The vote was 2,000 heavier than last year and was 25 per cent of the list.

No Conservative opposition appeared Saturday when nominations for the Vancouver by-elections closed. Hon. M. A. MacDonald and Hon. Ralph Smith, official candidates, presented their papers. D. E. McTaggart, the third Liberal nominated. He represents the "purity squad" of the Government party.

According to dispatches from Winnipeg, organized labor in Canada may register its opposition to the registration plan.

Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia in an address in London, announced the urgent request of the British war department for more army railway builders. The dinner was tendered him by the mayor and corporation to mark his return by acclamation.

Mrs. J. Etherington, mother of Lieut.-Col. Frederick Etherington, who commanded No. 7 (Queen's University) Canadian General Hospital in France, died in Kingston of pneumonia Sunday. Another son is Rev. Mr. Etherington, an Anglican clergyman of Hamilton.

After a four-day campaign, the Masters of Toronto, under the general chairmanship of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P. O. M., raised in stock subscriptions \$120,850 for the new Masonic Temple. The amount required was \$125,000, which was needed to complete the amount of \$200,000, which the temple is to cost. The new central Masonic home will be built free from debt.

The official count shows that J. E. Chisholm has been elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature for Moose Jaw over J. A. Sheppard, former speaker, by 52 majority.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Charles B. New, former storekeeper of the Pere Marquette Railway, St. Thomas, was sentenced on Saturday to there to not less than six months and not more than one year for wife-beating.

New was sent back from the States after he had been arrested by immigration officials as a sequel to an eloquent, from St. Thomas, with a young girl.

Mrs. John Chase, aged 40, of Windsor, is dying as the result of an auto accident there on Saturday. Harry McInnes, taxi driver, is under arrest as a result.

AMERICAN

Fire, which Friday night caused a loss of \$300,000 in the business district of Shamokin, Pa., broke out again early

Saturday and caused additional damage of \$100,000. Seventy-five families were rendered homeless.

Ambassador Page at London officially notified the state department Saturday that the Allied naval commanders had been instructed to grant unhindered passage to Count Tarnowski, the new ambassador to the United States from Austria-Hungary.

Despite many telegrams, letters and petitions asking the House rules committee to provide for legislation placing an embargo on foodstuffs, Chairman Lloyd announced that he was "squarely against any kind of embargo on food and shall do everything in my power to prevent such legislation."

Two men were killed and several others were injured in an explosion that wrecked two refining stations of the Standard Oil Company at Wood River, Ill., on Saturday. The explosion was followed by a fire, which for a time threatened two large tanks filled with oil. The shock was felt for fifteen miles.

A Washington dispatch says: The McLean case has been settled out of court. The terms agreed upon by the estate and the publisher, complete control of the estate and the income from the estate, and place him as the recognized and authoritative head of two newspapers, the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Washington Post.

The Pacific coast's entire season's output of dried fruits, canned goods, wine, beans, barley and other foods will move east under the prevailing freight rates, notwithstanding authority given to the railroads to advance them ten cents per hundred pounds. Such a decision reached voluntarily by the transcontinental lines was communicated to the interstate commerce commission.

General satisfaction is expressed in Waukesha, Pa., that the long street car strike which began October 14, 1915, has come to an end. The agreement to end the strike was reached on Saturday. It calls for the return of 190 of the original 319 strikers, the remainder to be put on a waiting list. The employees hired during the strike are to be retained. The scale is 25 cents an hour after the 1st of January. Until that time the men go back on a basis of an award over which the trouble started fourteen months ago.

Stanley J. Milstein, 19, who shot a policeman in Utica, and Charles Kurose, who killed a tough captain in Buffalo, have asked that they be executed in Sing Sing before the set time in order that their relatives' grief may be dulled by Christmas.

Dr. John A. Shellito, of the International Steel Corporation, on his return to New York, declares that the British steel industry is not being hindered by the war.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS—AMERICAN
Secretary of War Baker has assumed all responsibility for the actions of the government in condemning the Lewis machine gun, so extensively bought for the Canadian and British armies. He claims that the reports show the weapon unsuited for a service arm. The gun was invented by an American officer, and its rejection by the United States war department caused a storm of protest from American officers.

Roy A. White of Bayles, Cal., his wife and four children, lost their lives in a fire that destroyed the Interoceanic Hotel

at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The bodies of Mrs. White and two sons were found in the ruins. A 9-month-old baby rescued by firemen died from burns. White was electrocuted when he fell among electric wires after leaping from the third floor.

THE WAR

Regarding military operations on the Macedonian front the official statement issued Sunday at German army headquarters says: "There were no engagements on a large scale."

The Norwegian steamer Brask of 965 tons net has been sunk, says a Lloyd's Shipping Agency announcement. The crew has been landed. The Brask was last reported November 25 from Genoa.

The sinking of the 6,000-ton Greek steamship Salamis by a German submarine is reported in a Havas dispatch from Madrid. The crew embarked on eight of the ship's boats, which were towed by the submarine to a point near the coast.

The Italian war office issued the following statement on Saturday: "On the Trentino front military operations were checked by violent storms. On the Julian front there were desultory artillery actions east of Gorizia and on the Carso. In spite of the bad weather our troops continue their work of consolidation."

The Norwegian steamer Birgit, bound for London with contraband, has been brought into a German port by German warships, according to information given out for publication today by the Overseas News Agency.

Lloyd's reports the sinking of the British steamship Westminster. The vessel referred to probably is the 4,324-ton steamship of that name, built in 1905, and owned in London. There is also a British steamship Westminster of 252 tons, owned in Grimsby.

Portuguese troops will serve in France under Gen. Tamagnin and Amédée d'Ecce, says an official announcement.

Another warning to Entente shipping of the presence of a German commerce raider in the North Atlantic was sent out Saturday night by a British cruiser off Sandy Hook.

The German ship Prince Frederick Wilhelm, interned in Norway since the declaration of war, has escaped, according to a Berlin statement.

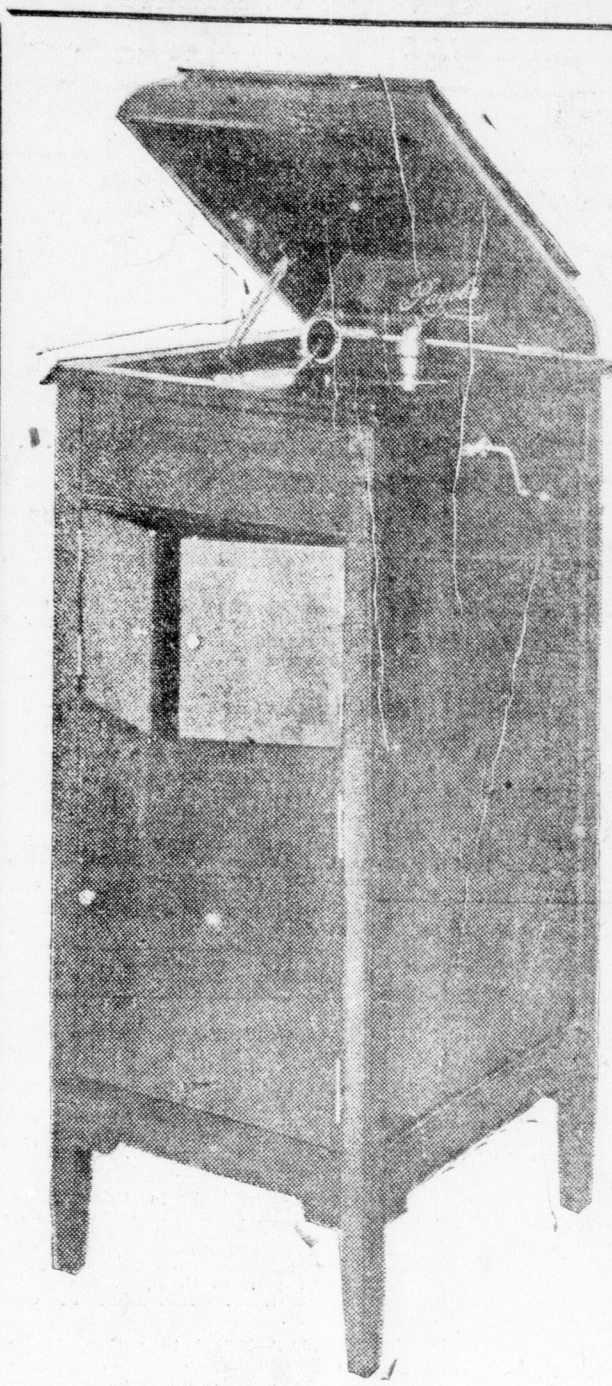
According to German claims the amount of grain seized in Rumania totals 60,000,000 bushels.

The German, Austrian and Turkish peace notes to the Entente, forwarded by the United States on Saturday, No. 100,000,000.

Germany has decided to shelve Rumania, says a semi-official statement, giving Dobruja to Bulgaria, Wallachia to Austria and Bulgaria jointly. Rumania is to be an independent German state. Moldavia will be given to Russia for other territory taken from her, and Lithuania is to be incorporated in Prussia.

GENERAL

The Berlin Zeitung Am Mitag publishes a message dispatch on a postcard from Chicago on November 2, and now received in Berlin. The card was carried from Chicago to New York by airplane, and to Bremen on the submarine Deutschland.

Established
July 2, 1916.ANOTHER WARNING COMES
OF RAIDER ON ATLANTICWireless Further Advises Entente
Ships To Be On Guard.Austria's new cabinet as published in the Cologne Gazette is composed as follows:
Premier, Alexander Spitzmuller; minister of interior, von Handel; minister of defence, F. von Georgi; minister of education, von Hassarek; minister of justice, von Schenk; minister of railways, Dr. von Forster; minister of finance, F. von Wimmer; minister of labor, von Arnika; minister of agriculture, Seydler; minister for Galicia, Michael Bobrznyski.

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That Holland may mobilize her entire mercantile fleet for bringing foodstuffs from overseas is foreboded by F. E. Pesthuma, the minister of commerce. In a memorial he states that 200,000 tons capacity for human food and fodder is needed monthly, which, owing to the delays of voyages and other causes, involves the reorganizing until a late hour London was plied.

A fog which settled over London on Saturday is described as being the most dense in fifty years. From early morning until a late hour London was a city of perpetual night. Omnibuses stopped running and taxicabs disappeared from the street. People on the streets carried torches. In the Strand torches were lighted and soldiers new to the metropolis had to be led about like blind men.

Saturday the French line steamship Chicago, which arrived in New York nearly 48 hours overdue from Bordeaux, passed about fifteen miles from the point which a wireless message posted on board indicated was the position of the German commerce raider reported in the Atlantic. The Chicago defoured, and this change of course, together with the heavy snowstorm, accounted for the delay.

The bill under which the Government will obtain summary powers to suppress the liquor trade and carry out other drastic measures by receiving power to deal by decrees with matters concerning the national defence, brought about a lively discussion in the French Chamber of Deputies. Some of the deputies asserted that they saw in the bill the establishment of a dictatorship. Premier Briand defended the measure as perfectly necessary.

The first meeting of the Polish National Council will be held before Christmas, according to the Overseas News Agency. The initial meeting of the Polish National Assembly will occur in February, the agency adds.

The Government's intention to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in France has aroused strong opposition among the wine and spirit dealers. The syndicate of the whole merchants of Bordeaux is sending a deputation to Paris to remonstrate with Premier Briand.

Prince Lubomirski, mayor of Warsaw, and the representatives of several other Polish towns, have proposed that an association of Polish towns be formed in order to realize their common interests.

The latest blacklist of neutral ships issued by the British admiralty represents 138,937 tons of shipping, which British traders are forbidden to charter. Among the ships appearing on the list for the first time are three flying the American flag—the Balboa, the John G. McCollough and the Tenuit.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Another warning to shipping of the Entente Allies to be on guard against a German raider on this side of the Atlantic, was sent out tonight by a British cruiser off Sandy Hook.
The wireless message was largely a repetition of the one flashed a week ago and contained no new information as to the character or location of the supposed raider. It was considered in marine circles to be in the nature of a precaution.An End To The Curse of
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WINNIPEG, Dec. 17. — Both the
Paterson commission and Galt com-
mission will sit again Monday, the for-
mer to investigate alleged irregulari-

ties in connection with road work done in Gimil constituency in 1914, and the latter to resume the study of contracts let for building the agricultural college. The Galt commission will take up the contracts of Thomas Kelly & Son. It was mainly in order to give counsel opportunity to get familiar with them that the last adjournment

was wasted several weeks ago. Some of the relations in connection with 1914 Government road work are expected to result from inquiries now to be begun by the Paterson commission. Ginnli constituency is famous for its connection with high payrolls for Government road work.

It is charged by the Liberals that the Tories have squandered \$90,000 to elect E. L. Taylor, a by-election in 1913. The public accounts show \$95,000 spent in 1914 in Ginnli constituency on road work alone.

That money was wasted in the same district in order to secure the election of Conservative candidates in the general election of 1913, the year in which the crown is proceeding now

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION
INGERSOLL.
Pte. Milson.
PRESTON.
Pte. Raymond Plgg.

DIED OF WOUNDS
LISTOWELL.
Pte. J. A. Bassett.

MISSING

DRAYTON.
Pte. W. H. Burlleigh.
LONDON.
Pte. E. O. James (wounded).
CHATHAM.
Pte. F. J. Watson.
SARNIA.
Pte. Robert A. Batey.

NOT MISSING.
PETROLEA.
Pte. George Collier.

WOUNDED
LONDON.

Ptc. W. A. Irwin (on duty).
ST. MARVS.
Ptc. J. M. Atkinson.
SPRINGFIELD.
Ptc. K. H. Moore.
WOODSTOCK.
Ptc. G. W. Cuthbertson.
WINDSOR.
Lieut. Lincoln G. Hutton.
Pte. F. G. Graham.

**TRADES CONGRESS MAY
OPPOSE REGISTRATION**

Special to The Advertiser

(Special to The Advertiser)
WINNIPEG, Dec. 10.—The labor in Canada is preparing to resist the national registration plan which the Government is to put in operation soon. Letters have passed between Winnipeg and Vancouver trades councils and the executive of the trades congress at Montreal suggesting solidarity in reminding the various labor unions, whether affiliated with the trades congress or not, that the congress at its recent convention passed a resolution against any form of registration. It is considered probable that C. Watters, president of the congress, will sound the opinion of the organization in the coming registration drive. Labor is expected to resist the plan announced by labor on account of its

SYLVIA IS MOBBED
WHILE PARADING PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 17. — Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, and a number of sympathizers, endeavored to hold a "demonstration" at the International Women's Day march in London today. A big crowd assembled and mobbed the speakers. The police interfered and rushed Miss Pankhurst and her friends to the police station followed by a demonstrative crowd. The prisoners were held under guard.

**GENERAL STRIKE STARTS
AGAINST FOOD PRICE**

Spanish Labor Organizations May
Unique Way of Registering Protest.

Madrid, via Paris, Dec. 12.—A 24-hour general strike called by the labor organizations as a protest against increased prices of food, starts tomorrow throughout Spain. Factories, stores and many offices will be closed and newspapers published. The authorities have posted notices compelling the food stores of the public to display their prices prominently that

CAPT. MILTON KILLED.
INGERSOLL, Dec. 17.—That Capt. Milton, formerly in charge of the corps of the Salvation Army, had been killed in the recent fighting in France was the official word which reached the army headquarters here yesterday. Capt. Milton went to France with one of the early battalions. At the time he enlisted he intended to go as a chaplain, but owing to his eagerness to get to the firing line he went as private. A memorial service was conducted at the citadel tonight.

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**Conscription of Boys
in Schleswig, Prussia**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A Renter dispatch from Copenhagen says that the government of Schleswig, Prussia, have proclaimed civic conscription of school boys. They will be used particularly for railroad work, and the loading and unloading of "cars" of which there is a shortage.

**FOG CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE
TO BRITISH SHIPPING**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Numerous shipping accidents are reported owing to Saturday's heavy fog. The crew of the

chandise and the ground lights behind them. The tugboat was damaged and reported that the lights were sunk in collision with the steamer Welsman.

The steamer Anfore collided with the Belgian relief steamer Vught-
stroom at anchor in the flames. The Anfore went ashore in a sinking condition. The stern of the Vught-
stroom was damaged.

The steamer Royal Transport collided with Harry Honda with an undamaged vessel and was compelled to go into drydock.

The steamer Norah Elsiele was towed into Greenough harbor after a collision with the steamer Schorier.

The tug Morena from Bitesos Aires stranded off Chichester harbor.

Most of Crew Lost.

A mile of the Tivris south of Kut was "During Thursday night our airplanes, flying by moonlight, successfully attacked pontoon bridges on the Tigris which the enemy had removed from their sites and was towing upstream. The material was broken up and scattered."

GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OVER IRISH RAILWAYS

LONDON, Dec. 17. — The Government has decided to take over the Irish railways, according to an announcement Saturday by James Ha-

Union of 1,289 tons has been abandoned in a waterlogged condition, according to a dispatch from the office of the United States consul at Mazatlan, Azores, to Lloyd's. The dispatch adds that three of the crew have been landed at St. Michaels; the remainder were drowned.

By Sub or Otherwise?

Lloyd's announces the sinking of the Danish steamer Ontchookoff, of 2,118 tons, and the British schooner Constance Mary, 176 tons register.

**BRAZILIAN BARK LOST
WITH 12 MEN ON BOARD.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Brazilian bark Nethlis, with twelve men on board, was lost during the snow storm Friday night, on Barnegat, on the New Jersey coast, according to Captain Moore, of the tug Garibaldi, which arrived here late today. The Nethlis was in tow of the Garibaldi on her way here for Derby and assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

It is hoped, it was explained, thus to avert a threatened strike.

SANTIAGO FREED.
[Special to The Advertiser.]

DETROIT, Dec. 17.—"The barge" Santiago, which was cut by ice and abandoned by the Clair on Friday, succeeded in freeing herself Saturday and will be brought back to Detroit some time Monday. It is understood that owing to the condition of the barge and the fact that the owner is making any effort to bring the barge here unadvised.

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ed into a steam vessel.

UNVEILED HONOR ROLL

Forest Public School Has 87 Former Pupils in Khaki.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

FOREST, Dec. 17.—At the unveiling of an honor roll of the pupils of the Forest public school, a number of whom were in the army, a program was rendered by the pupils, and an address given by Newton Tripp, one of the trustees.

There are inscribed on the honor roll 87 names of pupils who have enlisted. One, Ernest Garrett, having made the supreme sacrifice. A collection was taken up in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital.

Miss Emma Brodie, daughter of the late John Brodie, of Warwick, and Gordon Harris, were married at the Forest public school.

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KINGSTON, Dec. 17.—The body of
John Brown of Howe Island, farm
labourer, was found in the river this
afternoon off the island. He had been
missing for a week. He made a trip
to Clayton in a skiff, which was found
on Howe Island shore.

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