

Peace Negotiations Follow Armistice

Allies Likely to Recognize the Bolsheviki Government

PEACE NEGOTIATION ON HEELS OF THE ARMISTICE

Overtures Between Russia and Germany to be Begun at Once

PETROGRAD UNRULY Allies May Recognize Bolsheviki to Prevent German Domination

When the armistice agreement between the Russian Government and the Central Powers goes into effect on the eastern front to-day, the emissaries of the several countries will begin negotiations looking toward peace between Russia and her former enemies. Meanwhile, it is indicated in London that the allied powers may be preparing to deal more sympathetically with the Bolsheviki government.

The full text of the armistice agreement has not been issued by Petrograd or Berlin, but the German capital, in its brief announcement of the signing of the convention, points out that under clause 9, peace negotiations are to begin immediately. The armistice is for 28 days, and for an indefinite period afterward unless a seven days' notice is given. Petrograd says that both sides agreed not to carry on military transfers on the eastern front except those begun when the treaty was signed.

London newspapers forecast that the Allies will give recognition of the Bolsheviki government in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economic heel of Germany. Great Britain, it is said, has decided to release Tchitcherin, a Russian political prisoner, and the Bolsheviki are now permitting British subjects to leave Russia. In the American capital, the railway and other situations are serious. The counter-revolution is still more or less of a menace to Bolsheviki authority, and the Constituent Assembly is another knotty problem. The confiscation of all property, lands and money of the Russian church, has been decreed by the Bolsheviki, who also have abolished all privileges of the clergy.

Except on the short stretch between the British and Fivo River, there has been no marked infantry activity on the front from the North Sea to the Adriatic. Although their losses have been heavy, the Austro-Germans continue their strong attacks in an effort to break the Italian northern defense. In hard fighting, just east of the Brenne, the enemy has gained Col Caprille, at the head of the San Lorenzo valley, after two attacks had been repulsed. The invaders have not yet reached the valley, further effects here and elsewhere having been checked by the Italians.

British troops on the Cambrai front have repulsed raids by infantry and bombing parties on the southern end of the new salient. South of Lens the British improved their position. The artillery battle has been more marked south of the Scarpe, in the Arras area, and north of Langemark, in Flanders. In Champagne, north of the Chemin des Dames and south of St. Quentin, German efforts have been checked by the French, while intermittent artillery activity has continued over a great part of the front from St. Quentin to Switzerland.

For election returns to-night, call Automatic or Bell Phones 139.

AERIAL ACTIVITY ON THE WEST FRONT

Three Enemy Machines Brought Down and Two More Put Out of Fight

London, Dec. 17.—The British War Office statement on aerial operations, issued last night, reads: "Although the weather was fine yesterday, a very high wind and ground mist interfered with reconnaissance and artillery work. Many rounds were fired during the day into enemy trenches and bombs were dropped on numerous targets, including the positions of long range guns, southwest of Lille. Later we again bombed these gun positions. "During several fights three hostile machines were brought down and two driven down out of control. None of ours is missing."

MAILED FIST IN MONTREAL

Rowdies Blocked Polling Booths—Votes of Many Women Challenged

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Every member of the police force in this city is on duty to-day, at least during the polling hours, 6 a. m. to 5 p. m., so Chief of Police Campeau says, and if any trouble arises the police will get it in. In addition to the rush of voters, in many places women voters were consistently challenged, while much time was taken up by the explanations returning officers were compelled to make to the ladies. However, their anxiety to vote was obvious.

"The women are voting to a man," was the bull invented by one election agent. Despite the crisp chill of a 12 below zero morning, electors were waiting at many of the polls at 6 o'clock the opening hour, and throughout the morning returning officers everywhere had their hands full. In many cases, queues of men and women waited for considerable periods awaiting their turn to vote. In every one of the Montreal Island divisions in which the contests were staged, the same story was told, a "Place Aux Dames" was not the motto of rowdies, who assembled at the doors of half a dozen or so polling booths to obstruct the women voters. In several instances, the police were compelled to interpose. One such poll was in St. Ann's division, near the subway. Here 35 women, who were trying to enter the booth, were kept out in the cold for some time, until police officers dispersed the obstructionists. Similar scenes were witnessed at one or two polls in Hochelaga.

A returned soldier, who went to the poll at 2385 St. Urban street, Laurier Outrement division, was refused the right to vote when he stated that he was not yet 21 years of age. In Maisonneuve, there was an organized attempt to obstruct the polls and some strong arm methods had to be resorted to by the Unionist supporters in order to get the women through to the polls. Outside of another 3 polling stations there were 250 people gathered, and the women who tried, were kept from entering. They went to Unionist committee rooms and some of the workers went back to the poll and some a wedge with the women in the centre. In Rosemont there were one or two scrutineers who objected to the women voting until they produced some certificate as to their qualification, although they were on the list. At Verdun, a lady who lost her brother at Vimy Ridge, went to day.

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Entente Powers Will Endorse De Facto Rule of Maximalists in Russia in Order to Prevent Country's Passing Under Seal of Germany

London, Dec. 17.—London newspapers forecast that the Allies will recognize the de facto rule of the Bolsheviki in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economic seal of Germany. This is along the lines of the statement made by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade in an interview with the Associated Press on Friday. A step in the re-establishment of relations with Russia may be seen in the report that Great Britain has decided to release the Russian, Tchitcherin, who is in prison in London as a treasonous propagandist, but who has been chosen by the Bolsheviki as ambassador to London. The Bolsheviki have now withdrawn the refusal to permit British civilians or couriers to leave Russia. Presumably the Bolsheviki will not insist on Tchitcherin occupying the post of ambassador, and he will return to Russia immediately.

London, Dec. 17.—While the Russians were continuing to make progress in the ratification of an armistice arrangement with the Germans, the Entente Governments apparently were approaching an agreement for more sympathetic dealings with the Bolsheviki Government. The adoption of a more tolerant attitude toward Russia was said to have been urged by the American delegates to the recent Paris conference, and this viewpoint now apparently has been adopted by all the members of the Entente. Lord Northcliffe's Weekly Despatch says to-day: "The belief here is that the Bolsheviki Government is likely to remain in power for a long time. The principal aim of the Entente henceforth will be to try to assist in every effort to bring Russia relief from an economic collapse."

Despatches during the last 24 hours from Petrograd tell of further efforts by the Bolsheviki to consolidate their government in civil life and with the army, church and the courts with regard to railway communication.

BRITISH TOOK JERUSALEM IN FACE OF TERRIBLE OBSTACLES

Turkish Troops Assailed Allenby's Position Outside the Holy City in Force; Torrential Rain Made Road Impassable; Supply and Transport Problems were Vexations

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At conditions in Jerusalem, I learn that in the early days of the war, and the Turkish attacks against the Suez canal, the Turkish losses in battle exceeded 45,000 men, and the British losses in the same period were only 10,000. The British troops were not only victorious in the field, but they were also successful in the capture of the city. The Turkish troops were not only defeated in the field, but they were also successful in the capture of the city. The Turkish troops were not only defeated in the field, but they were also successful in the capture of the city.

The Turkish attack was preceded by such heavy shelling that it appeared the city was confident the British would be blown off the summit, but all their attacks were repulsed. The Turkish line was a strong line, west, south and north of the city. The British were provided with machine guns and their artillery dominated the crest over which the British would have to advance. Some Turkish guns were placed just outside the city walls, making it impossible to reply to them without endangering the town. A torrential rain made the roads impassable. The correspondents, however, while a chilly mist wind pierced the sudden solers to the bones, the problems of supply and transport almost drove us to despair. The camels were unable to keep a foothold on the slippery paths. Nevertheless the food and ammunition supply was maintained fully.

"On the night of December 17, when our attack began the men moved up under cover of darkness, the attack pivoting on Nebi Samuel from which the Londoners advanced eastward toward Jerusalem, while other troops ascended the Hebron road, threatening the town from the south. They found Hebron since around Beth-gum, where the Turks also had posted guns so that counter battery work would endanger the sacred village. Hence our troops had the disagreeable experience of being shelled without the ability to reply. But they pressed forward, and by noon of the 18th were two miles north of Bethlehem. The Londoners had a hard task on the steep slopes of the Judean hills, where it was impossible to bring field guns to their support. But some mountain batteries and howitzers rendered magnificent service, and by seven in the morning the Londoners had come to grips with the Turks and captured all the enemy works west of the town. The Turks still held the last line on the ridge overlooking Jerusalem, having posted numerous machine guns. The soldiers of the Jewish and German columns in the furthest outskirts of the town. The position was changed late in the afternoon of the 18th. The magnificent feat was crowned with complete success and the Turks were driven out at the point of the bayonet, the survivors bolting to either side of the town. Their losses were enormous.

Throughout the whole fighting around Jerusalem, the Turks showed a more desperate spirit and a greater tenacity than in almost any previous fighting. They stood their ground to the last. During the night the Turks withdrew toward the north-east of the city, and at 6 o'clock in the morning of the 19th, the mayor and chief of police came out with a flag of truce and surrendered the town. "Acceptance of the surrender was made formally at noon without actually entering the city, only pickets being posted to prevent surprises. Meanwhile our troops swept through the suburbs northward, being subjected to machine gun fire from Mount of Olives and Mount Scopus. The ridge of Mount Scopus, north of the city, was stormed with the bayonet and the Turks were cleared from the Mount of Olives. "Big demonstrations of joy broke out when the general advanced to take the surrender of the city. Flowers were showered on the troops and the populace clapped their hands to testify to the joy of deliverance from the hands of the oppressor. "Further north the Turks were established in a long series of trenches around the village of Beit Keis. These trenches were carried with a rush and the British line advanced beyond the village. Welsh troops, advancing from the south, pushed across the road east of Jerusalem, leading to Jericho, and thrust back Turkish reinforcements advancing along this road to succor Jerusalem. In the course of all these operations they captured nearly 1,000 prisoners in addition to 700 wounded Turks in hospitals in Jerusalem. "The wonderful co-ordination of all our movements in itself speaks praise for the admirable staff work.

EXTEND ARMISTICE TO RUSS COAST IN ARCTIC

MILITARISM MUST BE CRUSHED, SAYS GERMAN PACIFIST

Prof. Von Wrangel is Converted to Views of the Allied Powers

Geneva, Dec. 17.—Professor von Wrangel, a well known German pacifist, writes in The Freie Zeitung that he had always been in favor of immediate peace without annexation, but that as the result of a recent talk with Field Marshal von Hindenburg he has completely changed his opinion. The professor says he sees that Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau are right that there cannot be a durable peace in Europe until German, especially Prussian militarism, has been crushed. The verdict should be a check to the highest German political and military authorities, with whom von Wrangel has been on excellent terms since the beginning of the war.

VOTING IN 202 RIDINGS TODAY

Twenty-Nine Acclamations, Election Deferred in Four Constituencies

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sir Robert Borden is the only member of the government who has cast the ballot. Results to-night at the capital. None of his colleagues are here this morning, and so far as can be ascertained, none are expected to arrive during the day. Maritime provinces ministers, other than Sir Robert Borden are in the east. Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, is in Halifax. Quebec ministers with the exception of Hon. P. E. Blondin, who is overseas, will, it is expected, all be here to-night in Montreal. Sir George Postle is confined to a hospital in Toronto. Major General Newburn is in Hamilton; Hon. T. W. Crothers will get the results in his home town of St. Thomas; Sir Thomas White at Brockville; Hon. W. Rowell at Toronto and Hon. Hugh Guthrie probably at Guelph. Western cabinet ministers are all in their own districts, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is en route home after his trip to the Pacific coast, will bear the result of the election in Winnipeg.

It is expected that with the dear, cold weather conditions an unusually large vote will be cast. At the capital there has been a steady rush to the polls since six o'clock this morning. During the forenoon hours a heavy women's vote was polled. Elections from surrounding constituencies also indicate an abnormal vote. Both organizations still profess to be optimistic as to the result. Unionist assers that even if their opponents concerned obligate themselves not to increase the number of troops on the above fronts or on the islands in Moon Sound, or to make a regrouping of forces.

The text of the armistice follows: "Between the representatives of the higher command of Russia on the one hand and Bulgaria, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey on the other hand for the purpose of achieving a lasting and honorable peace between both parties, the following armistice is concluded: "The armistice shall begin on December 17, 1917, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and continue until January 1 (January 1st) 1918. The contracting parties have the right to break the armistice by giving seven days' notice. Unless notice is given the armistice automatically continues. "The armistice embraces the land and aerial forces on the front extending to the Baltic to the Black Sea and along the Russo-Turkish front in Asia Minor. During the armistice the parties concerned obligate themselves not to increase the number of troops on the above fronts or on the islands in Moon Sound, or to make a regrouping of forces.

HUN RAID

London, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer, and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North Sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced to-day. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 8,000.

THE MERCHANTS CORNER

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spirit of Christmas in our hearts
in order to help others, whatever the
circumstances. So we ask
what is the Christmas spirit? Is it
the angels brought, "Peace on earth,
good will toward men." You will
say there is not much peace in the
world just now. No, there is not, but
there may be peace in our hearts.
Although dire controversies are
raging throughout the greater part
of the world, let our hearts and
homes be filled with thankfulness
and love. Let us make an effort to
retrieve the sorrows of others, and
try to do our part to engage the
community in which we live in a
campaign of love at the coming
Christmas tide. There will be diffi-
culties in which it will be difficult
for the inmates of the festive
parties in every home there is
sorrow because of the war. On this
account it may be a good thing if we
cannot celebrate so lavishly. It will
be a blessed thing if these troubled
times make us less selfish and make
the cloak of Christianity with which
the world has clothed itself more than
a veneer. There never was a greater
need for the spirit of the Christ-child
than now. Then let us have our Christ-
mas in spite of difficulties and dis-
appointments. The real purpose of
Christmas giving is to convey to
others our love and interest in them.
Fidelity, sincerity and the
desire to show real affection should
be the mainspring of all Christmas
work. Let us be thankful that these
are always within our power to be-
stow if we have kept our hearts
open to kindness. Outside of this, if
we are able to give some one a little
bit of the real solid joy of an old-
fashioned Christmas, we will be
doubly repaid. The central truth is
Love greater than human mind
could conceive, if it had not been
shown to us. Hold up the truth be-
fore the children's eyes, as the real
meaning of Christmas. Then let us
many of the beautiful legends and
stories that cluster around the central
truth. Polyanna, the glad book,
would be a good Christmas present
to some member of the family. We
seem to need all the help we can
get to teach us to be glad. And when it
is dark outside, we have even more
need of sunshine within, home-
made sunshine. With each individ-
ual one of us rests the responsibility
of seeing how many we can
help this year. We must not only do
our Christmas buying early, we must
do it sensibly, and our Christmas
making sane. Anyone who would
faithfully map out a simpler Christ-
mas program, to lighten the burden
of fatigue and keep bright the cher-
ished Christmas spirit, would do
a tremendous work to eliminate the
unworthy and unnecessary. The
joyous and beautiful side of the
precious Christmas festival. All that
makes a rejoicing of Christmas re-
mains, and all that makes it a bur-
den is taken away. Here and there
a small remembrance to some one
very dear.

Some substantial gift to those
who need the kind of gift that
brings warmth or rest, and the chil-
dren must be remembered, of
course, especially the children of
our allies and the soldiers' children

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Hay	13 00	14 00
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Cabbage, head	0 05	0 10
Carrots, basket	0 40	0 50
Onions, basket	0 40	0 50
Celery	1 00	1 50
Onions, bushel	1 50	2 00
Parsnips, basket	0 20	0 35
Potatoes, bus.	1 50	1 75
Potatoes, basket	0 65	0 70
Potatoes, bag	2 50	2 50
Turnips, bushel	0 40	0 50

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Bacon, back trim	0 48	0 50
Bacon	0 45	0 45
Beef, boiling, lb.	0 15	0 20
Beef heart, each	0 25	0 50
Beef, roast, lb.	0 16	0 25
Beef, hinds	0 17	0 19
Chickens, dressed	0 25	1 75
Sausages, pork	0 21	0 24
Geese	3 00	3 00
Chickens, live	0 75	1 00
Dry salt pork, lb.	0 30	0 35
Fresh pork carcass	0 25	0 30
Fresh pork	0 25	0 30
Hogs, live	0 37	0 42
Beef kidneys, lb.	0 15	0 20
Pork kidneys	0 18	0 18
Lamb	0 30	0 35
Sausages, beef	0 28	0 28
Smoked shoulder, lb.	0 25	0 35
Veal, lb.	0 25	0 30
Veal, carcass	0 25	0 30

Fish

Halibut, steak, lb.	0 20	0 20
Kippered herring, pr.	0 10	0 15
Salmon trout, lb.	0 20	0 23
Salmon, sea	0 25	0 25
Mixed fish	0 10	0 12
Herring, fresh	0 10	0 15
Whitfish, lb.	0 20	0 20
Haddock	0 20	0 20
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\$10.25; cows, heifers, 56.25 to
\$11.75; calves, 57.50 to \$11.75;
\$2,000; market, fair; light, 15.35
to 16.05; mixed, 15.50 to 16.25;
heavy 15.50 to 16.50; rough, 15.50
to 15.75; pigs 11.40 to 13.50;
bulk sales, 15.75 to 16.50;
\$2,000; market, firm; hogs, 77.25
to 88.90 to 113; lambs, native,
12.50 to 13.50.

EAST BUFFALO MARKETS
By Courier Leased Wire.
East Buffalo, Dec. 17. Cattle
receipts 1,700; irregular; prime
steers, 13 to 15; shipping steers
\$11.50 to 13.50; butchers, 9.50
to 12.25; yearlings, 11.50 to 12.
25; heifers, 7.75 to 11.50; bulls, 4.50
to 9.75; stockers and feeders,
6.50 to 10.50; fresh cows and
springers steady, 8.50 to 14.00.
Calves, receipts 400; steady; 7
to 8.75.
Hogs—Receipts 8,000; slow;
heavy, 17.25 to 17.75; mixed;
17 to 17.25; yorkers, 17.00 to
17.50; light yorkers and pigs 16
to 16.25; roughs, 15.75 to 16;
steers 13 to 14.50.
Sheep and lambs—Receipts 2,000;
active and strong; lambs, 13 to 13.75;
yearlings, 12 to 16.50; weat-
hers, 12.50 to 13; ewes, 9 to
12; mixed sheep, 12.25 to 12.
50.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Toronto, Dec. 17.—Receipts at
the Union Stock Yards this morn-
ing were: 1271 cattle, 59 calves,
5,196 hogs and 764 sheep. Cattle
were steady to firm, hogs easier in
tendency, lambs firmer. Export
cattle, choice, \$12.00 to 12.50;
medium, \$10.00 to 11.50;
common 6.00 to 6.25; butcher
cows, choice \$8.50 to 9.50; medium
\$7.50 to 8.50; common, 6.00 to
6.25; bulls \$7.50 to 8.00; feeding
steers \$8.50 to 9.75; stockers,
choice, 7.75 to 8.75; light, 6.25
to 7.00; milkers, choice, each, 11.90
to 11.5; springers, 9.50 to 11.50;
sheep, ewes 7.50 to 9.00; lambs,
17.50 to 18.00; hogs, fed and
watered, 18.25; calves 14.50 to
16.00.

**DRINK HOT WATER AND RID
JOINTS OF RHEUMATIC RUST**

Why rheumatism and lumbago sufferers should drink phosphated
hot water each morning before breakfast




RUST OF IRON

RUST OF RHEUMATISM

Just as coal, when it burns, leaves
behind a certain amount of incor-
rustible material in the form of
ashes, so the food, and drink taken
day after day leaves in the aliment-
ary canal a certain amount of in-
corrustible material, which if not com-
pletely eliminated each day, becomes
food for the millions of bacteria
which infest the bowels. From this
mass of left-over waste material,
toxins and ptomaine-like poisons,
called uric acid, is formed and then
sucked into the blood where it con-
tinues to circulate, collecting grain
in the joints of the body
much like rust collects on the hinge
as shown above.

Men and women who suffer from
lumbago, rheumatism or sore, stiff,
aching joints should begin drinking
phosphated hot water, not as a
means to magic relief from pain,
but to prevent more uric acid form-
ing in the system. Before eating
breakfast each morning, drink a
glass of real hot water with a tea-
spoonful of limestone phosphate in
it. This will first neutralize and

kidneys and bowels the previous
day's accumulation of toxins and
poisons; thus, cleansing, sweeten-
ing, and freshening the entire al-
imentary canal, each morning, be-
fore putting more food into the
stomach.

A quarter pound of limestone
phosphate costs very little at the
drug store, but is sufficient to make
any rheumatic or lumbago sufferer
an enthusiast on the morning inside
bath.

Millions of people keep their
joints free from these rheumatic
acids by practicing this daily in-
ternal sanitation. A glass of hot
water with a teaspoonful of lime-
stone phosphate, drank before
breakfast, is wonderfully invigorat-
ing; besides, it is an excellent health
measure because it cleanses the al-
imentary organs of all the waste,
gases and sour fermentations, mak-
ing one look and feel clean, sweet
and fresh all day.

Those who try this for one week
may find themselves free from stek
headaches, constipation, bilious at-
tacks, slowness, nasty breath and

PARIS COUNCIL'S

(Continued from Page Two.)
arrested, 4; deserted from (C.E.F.)
regiment, 12. Of 35 cases reported to
the police the majority were cleared
up. There were six cases of truancy
reported and parents visited which
cases were convicted. Three parties
were found open during the year by
the night police. There were four
cases of the breach of the dog
by-law in each case the owner of
the dog were allowed off with a warn-
ing, excepting in case of second of-
fence, when a small fine was im-
posed. Since June fifty dogs were
destroyed by the Sanitary Inspector.
There were eighteen cases of breach
of the motor-act, but generally driv-
ers were careful. Some 75 visits
were made to private residences,
whose owners were away by the

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police. Six stores and three resi-
dences were entered by burglars and
eleven cases of theft were reported,
most of the above being handled by
the police satisfactorily. The value
of money and articles stolen,
\$599.32; the value of ditto found by
police, \$186.30; value of money and
articles recovered by the police,
\$432.30. Four fires were attended
to by the police and one discovered
late at night by Constable Stewart
in rear of Redher's store, which
was extinguished without damage.
Of twelve Austrians, Bulgarians and
Germans reported to police, six are
still in town, and six by permission
have left for other towns. The total
fines were \$180.00; costs, \$235.20;
without fees and damages, \$462.85,
making a total of \$678.15.

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THE COURIER

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Monday, Dec. 17th, 1917.

THE SITUATION.
The Bolshevik Government in Russia and the Teutonic allies have signed an armistice agreement and peace negotiations are to commence immediately. The document remains in force until January 14th next, and terms, if reached, will apply to all land, air and naval forces. It would be idle to seek to hide the fact that this development is of serious import because it will release great masses of German troops for the western front. The foe has been moving them there in large numbers during the last few days and now can do so quite generally in view of the fact that the Russians are absolutely out of all fighting for nearly a month. France and England are still determined and undismayed, but United States reinforcements cannot be speeded up too soon.

On the Italian front desperate fighting still continues. The battle is centred between the Piave and Brenta Rivers and the invaders have taken some ground. Berlin also claims the taking of some three thousand prisoners and many guns. The big task now before the Italians is to hold the valley commanded by heights which they at present occupy.

Field Marshal Haig reports the repulse of some foe attacks and the retaking of some lost ground. General Allenby reports that the British are now clearing the ground around Jerusalem.

LARGE VOTE POLLED IN CITY TODAY

To-day the electors of Brantford cast their ballots in an election involving probably the greatest issue since Confederation—whether or no Canada should stand true to her purpose of winning the war, present a united front to the enemy and continue to send reinforcements to our troops and thus remain an active factor in the war. The gravity of the issue was fully realized by men and women voters alike, and both were astir early this morning. The women, many for the first time, constituted a large number of the voters and little difficulty was experienced by the workers in bringing them out to the polls or in explaining to them the proper manner of marking the potent scraps of paper.

In the business district, the rush to the polls commenced sharply at 9 o'clock, and continued steadily throughout the morning, while in the residential sections, balloting was not so brisk in the morning, but improved at the noon hour and in the early afternoon.

On the street, sentiment was preponderantly in favor of the Union Government candidate, W. F. Cockburn but workers for the other candidates were active, and a bitter fight was promised. From the riding of Brant, the reports state that Col. Harry Cockburn, the winner of the election, the Union Government, is also favored and is expected to roll up a good majority.

The results of the election in Brantford and Brant as well as those from all parts of the Dominion will be bulletined in front of the Courier to-night. A screen is to be erected on the Temple building, a telegraph wire has been installed in the Courier and as soon as the results are known they will be bulletined and thrown on the screen.

Subscribers desirous of ascertaining the result of the election are requested to telephone number 139 as number 276 will be reserved solely for receiving returns from the various polling subdivisions of the city.

OVER THE TOP AT PASCHENDAELE

Pte. "Rube" Montgomery Writes Home From "Somewhere in France"

Brantford boys apparently took a prominent part in the capture of Paschendale Ridge, according to a letter that has been received by his mother from Private "Rube" Montgomery, of the 125th Battalion. Private Montgomery relates some exciting experiences, and gives a vivid picture of the fighting at this section of the Western front. Accompanying the letter was a wallet taken from a German officer, shot through the heart by Private Montgomery. The wallet contains a diary, and a pay book of the dead officer with an account of the pay that has been received by him. The bullet from Private Montgomery's rifle penetrated the wallet, which was in the left breast of the tunic, and the bullet hole tinged with blood has been made clear through the wallet and papers inside. It is a mute testimony to the marksmanship of the Canadian soldier. The wallet was sent to Private Montgomery, and he told his mother, while the letter which followed, was sent to Mrs. Montgomery.

France, Nov. 14.
Dear Mother,—Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and camp through the attack at Ypres fine. I got hit in the left arm, but it is all right; never hurt me, but my officer was wounded right beside me, and another was killed. There were sure horseshoes in my pocket alright. I carried my little officer to the dressing station which we captured from Fritz and he died next morning. He was a man, though only 23 years old, and I thought a lot of him. We certainly did do good work. We took the Paschendale Ridge, and I went over the top in the first line. I am sure did take a smash at Fritz. I was just going to stick, a lad when my officer yelled to let him go, and I did. He was about 14 years old, but a machine gunner, and they sure didn't play hell with us, but the ground was strewn with dead Fritzes, and it was an awful sight. I have seen some sights since I have been out here, but that was the worst. I am sending you a pocket-book with an officer's pay book. I got him in the left side. I also got three German officers' automatic revolvers. They are dandies. Well, mother, how are you all keeping, I hope you are well, and that you are all having a good time. I only wish that this Hell was over, and that I could be there with you.

CELEBRATED IN PARIS.
By Courier Leased Wire
Paris, Dec. 17.—A deum was celebrated yesterday morning in the Cathedral of Notre Dame in honor of the liberation of Jerusalem from the hands of the Turks.

KILLED BY TRAIN.
By Courier Leased Wire
London, Dec. 17.—Charles Prigg, 45 years of age, married, a C. P. R. brakeman, was killed at Tilbury this morning by falling beneath the wheels of his train.

For election returns to-night, call Automatic or Bell Phones 139.

Jump from Bed in Morning and Drink Hot Water

Tells why everyone should drink hot water each morning before breakfast.

Why is man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days headachy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness?

If we all would practice inside-bathing; what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anemic-looking souls with stony, muddy constitutions we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out; else it ferments and forms ptomaine-like poisons which are absorbed into the blood.

Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clear the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women whether sick or well are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal, before putting more food into the stomach.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning inside-bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone its cleansing, sweetening and freshening effect upon the system.

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Yes, we have such in our Men's Furnishing Section, just to the right of the entrance. If he is a soldier we have khaki goods also. We can fix him up, too, for Men's Handkerchiefs, of pure Irish linen, hemstitched border. At each 40c, 25c and 20c

Gift Neckwear for men. One of the largest displays in the city, in the newest patterns and colors, open ends, Special at \$1.00, 75c and 50c

Men's Black and Khaki English Cashmere Sox, seamless. Excellent value 75c, 65c 50c

Men's Silk Mufflers, knit ted, pretty shades. Very special price \$1.50

Paisley Silk Mufflers, fringed, choice patterns, at \$3.50

Men's Armllets and Hose supporters, dainty shades of silk elastic, ribbon trimmed. For the set 50c

Single 50c, 35c 25c and 20c

Military Hair Brush Sets, very special at \$1.69 \$1.25 and 10c

Our second floor is a veritable fairy land, of tops dolls, and games; none but the freshest and newest toys are here. Toys for girls and boys, and you will find our prices the very lowest in Brantford.

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Boys' Favorite Tool Sets, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00

Stuffed animals, horses, donkeys, elephants, rabbits, pigs, etc.

Shoo-Fly Rockers
95c to \$2.95

Dolls Buggies RUBBER TIRES
Our assortment is very complete in these beautiful carriages; wicker top and cab top. They come in greens, tans, and white. Prices 50c, \$1.25, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75 to \$13.00

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Red Fox Set, large animal stole and muff to match, fine silky fur; regular price \$65.00. On sale, at \$49.00 per set

Black Lynx Set, large cape stole and barrel muff, with shirred ends. This is No. A1 quality. Very special, per set \$76.50

Natural Lynx Set at \$49.

Natural Lynx Set, large cape stole, barrel muff, with shirred ends. A beautiful set at \$49.00

Mink Marmot Set \$16.50

In pretty dark shade of Marmot, pillow muff and stole; regular price \$21.00; sale price, per set \$16.50

IN WAISTLAND—\$5.00 BLOUSES \$3.50

Attractive pre-holiday selling of new gift Waists, in silk crepe de chine, in shades of flesh, rose and maize; made in the latest style, with large sailor collar and long sleeves. Each waist boxed separately if you wish; \$5.00 value; on sale at \$3.50

DARK SUIT BLOUSES AT \$3.50

Attractive new Blouses for afternoon wear, in crepe de chine, silks, georgette crepes, and shadow lace over nylon, in all the new dark tones to go with your suit coat. Very special at \$3.50

SILK TAFFETA PETTICOATS, NEWEST TWO TONE PATTERNS, \$4.98

Some have tucked flounces, trimmed with narrow bias frills. All sizes. Unusual value.

\$2 KNITTING BAGS \$1.50

New Art Cretonne Knitting Bags, assorted colors, in large size, with loop handles; regular \$2.00 value; on sale \$1.50

Everybody Wants Christmas Gloves

Just arrived, Silk Gloves, all the wanted shades; heavy braid silk points. Special at \$1.00 50, \$1.25 and \$1.50

A line of double silk gloves, very suitable for winter wear; all sizes, \$1.50 Special \$1.00

Kid Gloves, very fine quality, in colors brown, black, and grey, suede with fancy stitching. Special at \$1.75

A splendid line of white kid gloves, which is always acceptable as a Christmas gift; all sizes. Priced \$2 and \$1.75

How About a Coat for Xmas Shopping

Secure it to-morrow, for prices are greatly to your advantage.

\$24.75 FOR \$35.00 COATS

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These stunning New York Coats are made in Velours, Pom Poms and Broadcloths, in full lengths, each an example of some of the handsome designs of the season. Some are nicely trimmed, novelty pockets and circular belts. Colors are navy, black, brown, green, taupe and Burgundy. See them tomorrow sure.

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12 only, Coats, in navy, brown, black, green and tweeds. Several samples among these. Good style coats, with large collars, pockets, belts, buckle trimmed. These are values regularly up to \$16.00; On sale for \$12.50

Coat for Xmas Shopping

Secure it to-morrow, for prices are greatly to your advantage.



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LOCAL

PUBLIC LIBRARY.
"Bird's Christmas" appropriate Christmas subject of the story in the Library to-morrow.

LAST SESSION OF C.
The 1917 City Council's final meeting of the year was held on Monday night at the County Court House.

COUNTY COUNCIL.
The final meeting of the County Council will be held on Wednesday night at the County Court House.

FORGERY CHARGE.
Ceal March, 16, was arrested at half past six last night by the police for passing a forged check cashed by Sam Saturday, March 15, the Magistrate for her day morning.

FOR TRIAL.
William Snider, street, the postman, rested on Friday night, guilty in the Police court morning to stealing money from come up in the Police court Wednesday at once.

TRAVELLERS MET.
A brief business meeting of the Brantford Club was held on Saturday evening and the constitution considered. A luncheon next Saturday at the members will be a Rev. G. A. Woodside.

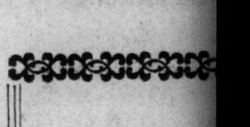
STORE BURGLIED.
Gaining admittance down in the rear of a premises of W. D. Furnisher, Market Street, hours of half past seven on night last. A quantity of clothing. The culprit has not been traced.

DELIVERED COAL.
To alleviate the city occasioned three shortages, the coal delivery in receipt of the fuel was as the result of the fuel during the week of the from the Fuel Commission, Ottawa, made Sunday. The available apportioned out of whose need for the fuel and care was taken, shipping would ensue.



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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

"Bird's Christmas Carol" an appropriate Christmas story will be the subject of the story hour at the Public Library to-morrow afternoon.

LAST SESSION OF COUNCIL.

The 1917 City Council will hold its final meeting of the year to wind up business to-morrow night.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

The final meeting of the 1917 County Council will be held on Wednesday of this week at the Court House.

FORGERY CHARGE.

Cecil March, 160 Darling street was arrested at half past eleven on Saturday night by Detective Schuler for passing a forged check. The check was cashed by Samuel Suddaby on Saturday. March will appear before the Magistrate for hearing on Tuesday morning.

FOR TRIAL.

William Shider, 77 Superior street, the postman who was arrested on Friday night and pleaded guilty in the Police Court on Saturday morning to stealing letters containing money from the mails, will come up in the Police Court on Wednesday of this week for sentence.

TRAVELLERS MET.

A brief business meeting of the Executive of the Brantford Travellers' Club was held in the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening when by-laws and the constitution of the club were considered. A luncheon will be held next Saturday at one o'clock when the members will be addressed by the Rev. G. A. Woodside.

STORE BURGLED.

Gaining admittance through a window in the rear a thief entered the premises of W. D. Coghlin, gents' furnisher, Market street between the hours of half past six and half past seven one night during the latter part of last week and removed a quantity of clothing and other goods. The culprit has not been located.

DELIVERED COAL SUNDAY.

To alleviate the suffering in the city occasioned through the fuel shortage, the coal dealers of the city in receipt of the first consignment of the coal sent to Brantford as the result of the visit to the city during the week of a representative of the Fuel Controller's department, Ottawa, made deliveries on Sunday. The available supply was apportioned out among citizens whose need for the fuel was greatest, and care was taken that no over-heating would ensue.



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ACKNOWLEDGE RELIEF.

From the Mayor's Office, Halifax, has been received an acknowledgment of the first grant of \$500 towards Halifax relief made by Mayor Dowly.

FOR A MUSEUM?

"Where ignorance is bliss why cut wisdom teeth?" This query is admirably applicable to a prominent Toronto evening paper that has written the City Clerk asking that a photograph of Brantford's City Hall be forwarded.

COMING: SO'S CHRISTMAS.

Further information regarding the new combination truck for the fire department was received this morning by Chief D. J. Lewis, from Columbus, Ohio, again notifying the Chief that the truck had been safely shipped and might be expected here at any time.

BUILDING PERMIT.

A building permit has been issued through the office of the city engineer at the city hall, to Robert H. Lloyd, 67 West Mill street, for the erection of a \$50-framed garage.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Private T. J. Hird of this city, who enlisted with the 181st Brandon Battalion, and went overseas in April of this year, is reported killed in action on November 6th, after only two weeks' services in the trenches. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hird, reside on Tutela Heights.

VETERANS HOME.

Four veterans returned to the city from overseas last evening, on the 4:32 G.T.R. train. The men who came in were D. Sweeney, 8 Park Ave., Private Oswald, Oakland of the 216th Bantam battalion, W. T. Hurley, late of the 25th battalion, who enlisted in the 38th, and E. M. Knowles, General Delivery. They were welcomed at the station by Secretary George Macdonald of the Soldiers' Aid Commission.

GUARDING THE PUBLIC.

Precautions are being taken by Chief Slemm and the police department to safeguard the public and the merchants of the city from pickpockets, sneak-thieves, bogus check artists, and crooks in general during Christmas season. The detectives will be on the look out for shady characters and anyone not able to furnish a suitable explanation on demand "will be looked after". However the purchasing public and the merchants are asked to be on the alert during the week and endeavor to protect themselves.

PUMPING STATION.

Work is to be commenced on the booster pumping station for the convenience of Terrace Hill users of the city water supply. The structure is to be erected at the corner of West and Albion streets at a cost of \$3,000 and the necessary building permit has already been issued.

A RUNAWAY.

Considerable excitement was created in Eagle Place this afternoon when a team of horses attached to a cutter, dashed down Erie avenue at full speed after taking fright at something. The course of the runaways was finally checked. No one was in the cutter at the time.

JAPS AT VLADIVOSTOK?

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 17.—Further denial that Japanese troops have been landed at Vladivostok, was contained in despatches to the state department from the American embassy in Tokyo. A cablegram received at the Russian embassy from the Russian ambassador at Tokio also said no Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok.

Capt. G. M. Hanna arrived home this morning after 10 days in New York.

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FRESH FISH

TUESDAY

AT LOWEST PRICES

Bell Phones 2140-2141 Auto 581.

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143 WILLIAM ST.



It's funny how some folks think they often celebrate the birth of our Saviour by seeing how much red licker their kin get away with.

"THE GRIT" SEIZED

The seizure on Friday by the Hamilton police of "The Grit," a paper published in the office of the Hamilton Times, in the interests of the Laurier Liberal party, provides one of the biggest sensations of the present Dominion election. Acting on information from reliable sources, and at the request of the Union Government, the plant being utilized for the printing of the Grit was taken over. This action was taken because it looked out that a seditious story was to be printed in Saturday's issue. The paper was a daily, distributed free throughout Ontario, and during the past two weeks many copies have reached Brantford containing campaign articles that loyalists to Union prevented any reputable Liberal newspaper from publishing. The journal was financed from unknown sources, and was recognized as the official Laurier organ for Ontario.

That it had originally been intended to publish the articles complained of was admitted by those in charge of the paper, but it was claimed that before the arrival of the police a reverse decision had been reached, and that nothing objectionable would be allowed to go into the columns of the paper, which was to have been published this morning. Just what further action is to be taken against "The Grit" or its publishers has not yet been determined. The police are now acting on instructions from high authorities, and refuse to give out any information regarding what is going to be done.

LEMONS BRING OUT THE HIDDEN BEAUTY

Make this lotion for very little cost and just see for yourself.

An attractive skin wins admiration. In social life and in business the girl or woman whose face and hands show evidence of constant care enjoys a tremendous advantage over those who do not realize the value of a healthy skin and a spotless complexion. At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart pint of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothening and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soothe, freshen, bleach and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin.

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MacBRIDE PUNCHED A CRITIC

Ald. M. M. MacBride justified his title of "Fighting Mac," if any justification were needed, by striking Horace G. MacFarlane, a machinist, residing at 204 Dalhousie street, and employed at the John Hall machine shop, as the result of an argument over the elections. The argument occurred last night on Dalhousie street, when it is understood, MacFarlane broached the subject of debts. The fighting Alderman became peeved and shot forth his mighty fist, hitting MacFarlane on the jaw and telling him to the ground, cold.

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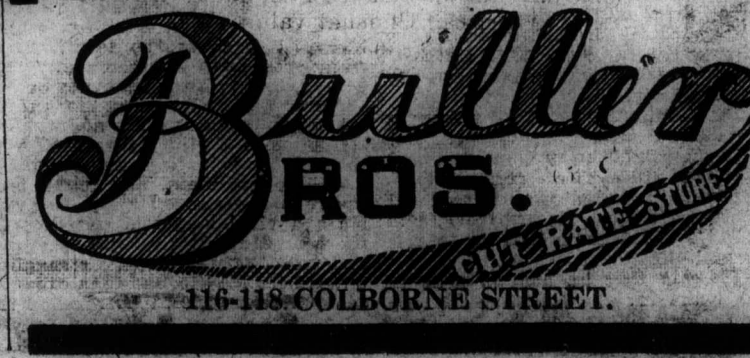
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INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL
 Evening classes. — The evening school will close on Monday night next (Dec. 17) on account of the election. The classes held on Monday will be held on Wednesday evening. (Dec. 19.)
BRANT CHAPTER, I. O. O. F. — Regular monthly meetings will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18th instead of Monday, (being Election Day) in the Club room of Y. W. C. A. at 9 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM
GODFREY—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Godfrey, who departed this life December 17th, 1917. Even, June 8th, 1911; Frederick, April 22, 1908.
 Those precious to our hearts have gone.
 Voices we loved are stilled.
 And places vacant in our home Can never more be filled.
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 —Bertha and Father.

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FAREWELL TO EVANGELISTIC PARTY AT THE TABERNACLE
Services Conducted by Dr. Hanley Morning, Afternoon and Night Yesterday, Before Audiences of Record Proportions

That folks can make it possible to through the courts of the Lord was abundantly evidenced Sunday morning when an immense audience assembled at the tabernacle. Inspiring hymns, such as "How Firm a Foundation," "The Inner Circle," "What Did He Do," and others were sung with abandon, fervor and devotion. Mr. Whitaker, chairman of the campaign, spoke congratulatory words of the splendid success which under the hand of God has attended the efforts of Dr. Hanley and the party. Prayers were offered by Rev. Messrs. Gordon and Fitzpatrick. A beautiful solo, "Does Jesus Care," was sung by Mr. Fisher.

The text chosen by Dr. Hanley was "The Lord hath need." It is almost impossible to think of God as being in need; but such He is. If the need of God is met, the world's great problem is solved. The world would be poor, and but a skeleton, were art, science, music, literature, and so on to be eliminated. These, however, God does not need so much as He needs the lives of men and women. God needs ourselves. This is seen as history is read. For God has raised leaders in "momentous times," as Isaiah, John, the Baptist, Peter, Paul, and at the present time the same thing is true, great leaders are being brought forward. Through human agencies, divinely controlled and guided, God brings things to pass.

1. God had need of Jesus Christ. Sin presented a great problem, the sinner might be freed from the condemnation of sin God sent His son. A student of history sees that cycles recur. Great prosperity is often followed by great poverty, religion by irreligion. Unless Canada and U. S. turn from worldliness, even as other great powers have fallen, they too shall decay.

We deplore the barbarism of the Hun in the present war. Is it not true, however, that we are under the tyranny of an overlord, who is mercenary? In a few weeks the U. S. changed from being a debtor nation to that of a creditor nation, and such extravagance was practised as Rome never saw. If one attempts to "decry" such people say "Hands off," while all the time we are offering our children, our homes, our honor, our Sabbaths upon the altar of cotemporaryism. Yet we think no people were ever so advanced as the Anglo-Saxon. Are we not conceited and egotistic in this? Mexico had a fine civilization centuries ago; and whilst today is the greatest age religiously that the world has ever seen, the patri-archs had such a vision of God as we might well aspire to. Abraham, Moses, and others were distinguished for their faith and obedience. Let us not, therefore, boast. Let us meet the need of God by accepting the Christ.

2. Another hinge is cowardice. The greatest test of bravery is not physical. Many a man could face death on the battlefield who would shrink from the ridicule of his companions. The true test of manhood is to live for God.

3. Another hinge is stubbornness. Some men pride themselves on their strength, their power, when, as a matter of fact all they possess, is stubbornness, and they often stand in the way of their best interests. Such is not firmness. It is only an exhibition of weakness. It is no credit to a man to say he is God-when in doing so he is saying yes to the devil.

4. Another hinge is procrastination. The man who makes all kinds of excuses, and puts off the question of decision for God, swings on a dangerous hinge.

5. Another hinge is Example. It is not the deed done and uttered, but the man who lives the deed, the clean, but unbelieved life. Many such a man has by a chance, and spoken again, the word movement, capt, back another. Let us, therefore, set a righteous example.

A boy sentenced for life turned upon his father and accused him with being the cause of his ruin, since he never in any way helped him by example or precept to live the better life.

The men's meeting was one of great power and deeply impressed those present. Many signified their willingness and desire to henceforth live their lives on the side of God.

The largest audience of the entire campaign assembled at the closing camp meeting at night. At 6.30 the tabernacle was completely filled and at 6.45 a long row of people were standing all around the walls. The splendid orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Mason, again rendered excellent music, and the song service led by Mr. Fisher was one long to be remembered.

Rev. Mr. Emmett conducted the service, and thanked the entire evangelistic party for their splendid service throughout the campaign. Brantford had learned to greatly esteem each individual member. Mr. Shop-pearson also made a telling speech in asking for a thank offering. Mr. Emmett replied to both by saying that the party had never met a finer body of men and workers.

"The Better Land" was beautifully sung by Mrs. Leeming and Mr. Fisher. Mr. Bowyer offered prayer. Dr. Martin has been the finest kind of a chairman of the neighborhood prayer meetings. He was asked to say a word, and did so by asking the prayer meetings to be continued, each block leader to arrange for one meeting a week at the time most convenient to the block.

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The Bread Situation:
To the Brantford Public:

Bread has always been as reasonable in price in Brantford as in any other city in the Dominion--and in McHutchion's Bread it has been our constant aim to give the public the highest quality loaf at a price consistent with the prevailing cost of flour.

Last Wednesday we were asked by a local concern, which is financed by outside capital, to raise the price of bread at once to 11c a loaf. This we refused to do. The public knows the result.

WHAT WAS IN MIND?
Was it figured out this way? If you do not raise the price, we will put it down, force other bakers out of business and then set the price to suit ourselves.

At to-day's price of flour and other ingredients bread cannot be made and sold for 7 Cents a Loaf, except at a loss. However, we are determined to hold our trade and will give our customers the same quality and service as in the past.

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"ASK FOR MCHUTCHION'S"

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biggest question of all time. This Lawyer Began to Think. Men must think before they can have salvation, for religion is a reasonable, not an unreasonable thing. We must think seriously if we want the Christ. He wished that he might have the eloquence of the great preachers Talmage, Spurgeon, Moody, that he might set forth the truth irresistibly, so that men might think and turn to Christ.

He knew that Jesus had the words of eternal life. Excuses might be given by many against coming to the Master, but these would not shut out the fact that only as we came to Him could we hope to have this gift of life. Neither is there any use in being near to the kingdom of God, and yet remaining on the outside. "Almost can not avail."

A man who fell overboard was rescued from the waves, and was hoisted almost to the deck of the ship from which he fell, when an iron pulley fell and crushed him, and he was killed. Being almost and not quite so tragic, the testimony of many who have not come out for God when they knew that they ought.

Never was an audience more thrilled when in giving his address Dr. Hanley told of the naturalist who seeking rare birds once descended a cliff to get them, and found that the rope had slipped away, in grasping and vivid language was described the scene of the man jumping and catching the rope, struggling upward for his life, and then exhausted by his struggle as he reached the

choir, and by the selection of sweet singers and effective soloists. We have thoroughly enjoyed the success achieved by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Vozles in the musical department which is so essential in a large campaign.

The work of Miss Robertson and of Mr. Crofts amongst our young people and in our shops and factories has been productive of very much good, and will leave marked results in the lives of those with whom they have come into personal touch.

All the members of the party have given of their best, and with a splendid esprit de corps, and we are glad to record that our city has been influenced religiously as never before, and that a very large number of men and women, and boys and girls have been led out into a new relationship to Christ, who, with us, will be grateful through all eternity to the members of the party for their visit to our city.

We wish the party God speed, and we cordially commend their services to any who may wish to make use of their consecrated abilities in conducting a campaign similar to the one they have conducted in our city.

The following is the resolution to Dr. Danley and party.
 We, the ministers of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches of the city of Brantford, Ontario, desire to convey to Messrs. Hanley and Fisher, and the members of their evangelistic party, our most sincere appreciation of their work during the five weeks that they have been with us.

We admire the splendid executive ability of Mr. Emmett, the efficient organizer of the party, and we feel that much of the success of the campaign is due to his thorough preparation of their way, and to his gathering together a staff of efficient workers who have proved faithful in the discharge of their duties.

The addresses delivered by Dr. Hanley have elicited our warmest praise. His choice and arrangement of subjects have been most appropriate; his delivery of his message has been with whole-hearted energy; and his sole aim has been so to present Christ and the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian life that all who heard him might yield themselves to the service of our Lord and Master. We are glad to be able to state that publicly and privately he has borne himself as a brother in Christ, and as a Christian gentleman.

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TEUTONS CAP
 After Five Days of Fierce Fighting, the Sac
ADVANCE
 Enemy Now Dominating San Lorenzo
BUT PASS
 Heights on Battle Controlled Italian

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French Colonel Ferrero the first high point in Italy. His winning in a tiny village of Monte Tombaron where he was while inspecting. The general attended by General D'Arnavit of British and Italian adjacent regiments plane that was at the time of the fight. For two ing over the coming regiment in Italy, the headquarters. Joffre.

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TEUTONS TAKE CAPRILLE HILL

After Five Days' Continuous Fighting and Heavy Sacrifices

ADVANCE NOT A MILE Enemy Now Holds One of Dominating Heights of San Lorenzo Valley

BUT PASS IS BARRED Heights on Both Sides Are Controlled by the Italian Troops

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, Dec. 16.—After a heavy sacrifice of men and five days of continuous fighting the enemy has succeeded in making another slight advance, bringing his position up to Caprille Hill, just east of the Brenta River. This represents an advance of about three-quarters of a mile, its chief importance being that Caprille is one of the dominating heights at the head of San Lorenzo Valley, leading southward to the plains toward which the enemy is persistently exerting all his pressure. As his chief effort the previous week was to gain command of the passes west of the Brenta River, so all his attention in the past week has been given to the passes on the east bank. The fighting during the past five days has been very heavy and at times desperate for control of strategic positions.

The struggle yesterday and to-day took on a double aspect, with the Italians attacking on the right of Mount Pertica, occupied by the enemy, while the Austrians concentrated their attacks on the left, around Mount Beretta, and its neighboring hills, Caprille. The Alpini again distinguished themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill, but while all reports agree that heaps of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpine assaults they were unable to maintain their position at the summit, exposed to the sweep of enemy batteries.

Austrian attacks on the left were twice repulsed, but the yesterday the Austrians got to the summit of Caprille, while the Italian lines were correspondingly drawn back. Although Caprille is at the head of San Lorenzo Valley, the passage along this valley is controlled by the heights on both sides held by the Italians.

French Colonel Killed.
Colonel Fernand Francois Bell was the first high French officer to fall in Italy. He was buried this morning in a tiny village at the foot of Monte Tomba, close behind the front where he was killed by a shell while inspecting the line. The funeral of Colonel Bell was attended by General Fayolle, Duchene D'Arsyville of the Chasseurs and British and Italian officers from adjacent regiments. A German airplane that was flying over the gun at the time of the burial was put to flight. For two years prior to taking over the command of a Chasseur regiment in Italy Col. Bell was on the headquarters staff of Marshal Joffre.

Portions of the French lines yesterday were under the heaviest bombardment they had experienced since the allies came to Italy. This fact has led to the belief that the Germans and Austrians at last have been able to get their heavy artillery into position. The town of Crocetta was bombarded by four hundred shells of heavy caliber, while other points near by were under violent fire.

WAR MENUS

How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the men at the front. Issued from the Office of the Food Controller for Canada.

MENU FOR SATURDAY

Breakfast
Sausages... Fried Potatoes
Bread and Butter.
Tea or Coffee

MENU FOR TUESDAY

Breakfast
Cornmeal Porridge
Toast Marmalade
Tea or Coffee
Dinner
Fried Cod
Baked Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes and Onions.
Tapioca Pudding

Supper
Turkish Rice Brown Bread
Butter Oatmeal Cakes
Apple Sauce Tea
The recipe for Turkish Rice, mentioned above, is as follows:

Turkish Rice. Wash and drain one-half cup rice; cook in one tablespoon dripping until brown; add one cup boiling water, and steam until water is absorbed. Add one and three-fourths cups hot stewed tomatoes, cook until rice is soft, and season with salt and pepper.

Sporting Comment

"Professional baseball confronts a serious situation and the matter of operating leagues next summer will be a difficult problem to solve. Conditions such as the war has produced never existed before in the life of the game and they can be met only as they come to the surface," says Ben Johnson.

"With the country involved in the most terrible conflict in the history of the world it behooves every man to give serious and profound thought to the nation's welfare. The American League is a unit in its desire to do the right thing, which fact was amply demonstrated by its work last summer.

"With millions of men to be sent to France the man power of the nation will be taxed to its full limit. The time does not seem opportune for play or recreation. With that thought in mind, it was suggested last summer that we should close our gates and that one and all should bend a shoulder to the wheel until the war was brought to a close.

"This suggestion did not have the approval of the administration," continues Johnson. "It did not strike a popular chord in other quarters, President Wilson said that he saw no reason for the curtailment of our schedules and, as a result, many of the leagues operated until the end of the season. The draft was not in full force and none of the clubs had felt its blighting effect.

"Those who are not familiar with the workings of baseball have no conception of the delicate mechanism of a major league ball club. Deprive a team of a single player and you might remove it from the rank of a contender and send it to the bottom of the list.

"Could the draft fall upon all clubs with equal force, then some semblance of a favorable line-up might be obtained. It would be the height of folly to send a club overboard into the campaign of next summer.

"Common sense and prudence must prompt us to get our bearings. This can only be brought about by an open and frank discussion of the subject. If the public demands baseball of the highest grade, that fact will be developed during some period in the winter months."

Years Spent in Building Up Baseball
"Our present formations were created through years of stupendous labor and careful thought," Johnson goes on to say. "To a casual observer it will be apparent that this fine balance can easily be destroyed, with no means available for its replacement."

"Fully ninety per cent of the players in the major leagues will meet the draft requirements and, with the government's tremendous demand for men, it can readily be understood how great will be the drain on the baseball profession. The patriotism of the players is unquestioned and I am confident that they will all cheerfully respond when the call summons them to the colors. Teams are being organized and rounded into form at the spring training camps and there seldom is a radical departure from the original make-up."

"No favors asked from the government." "In this trying period the government can wait on the convenience of no one," writes Johnson in conclusion. "Men must go to the can-

TEN THOUSAND AT PRAYER MEETINGS

Resume of Work Accomplished by Neighborhood Meetings

In giving a report of the neighborhood prayer meetings at the Tabernacle last night, the chairman, Rev. Dr. Martin, stated that during the evangelistic campaign about 10,000 persons had met in the prayer services held in the different homes throughout the city. The average attendance at each home has been eight, and approximately half of those who attended, or five thousand, led in prayer, all of which has added much to the moral and spiritual forces of the city. It was suggested that the various block leaders continue these prayer meetings, holding as far as possible, one service each week for a half-hour afternoon or evening, as found most convenient for those concerned. Prayer meeting report cards may be had at Wesley parlance, 46 Cayuga street, or at the Y. M. C. A., and Dr. Martin intimated that he would be glad to have these meetings reported to him personally, by mail, or otherwise, that he might know how the good work is going on in the different prayer meeting groups.

The ministers' group, superintended by block leaders, and assistants, were all thanked for their faithful work.

tonment camps when notified. Such conditions will arise in 1918 and must result in endless confusion in the great baseball family. The matter of maintaining a contest of keen interest that would appeal to the public seems impossible of accomplishment.

"The American League asks for nothing from the government, but an interest that represents millions of dollars seeks wholesome advice on the subject."

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IMPERIAL ARMY MEN GIVEN M. H. C. BENEFITS.

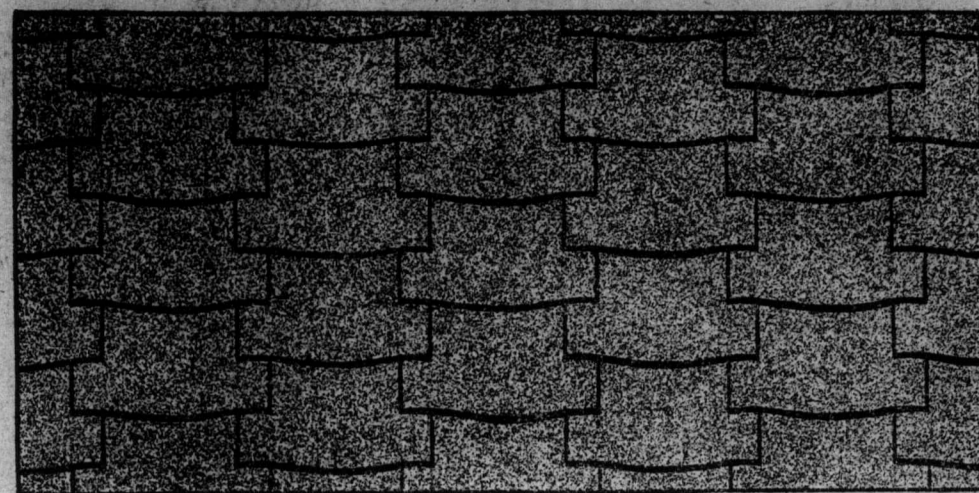
Arrangements have been made by the Department of Militia and Defence through the Imperial Pensions Office to extend to the disabled soldiers discharged from the imperial forces the advantages of medical treatment and vocational training given the Canadian soldiers through the Military Hospitals Commission, provided that they were disabled in the present war and such treatment or training will improve their condition.

The splendid hospital equipment and vocational training facilities established by the Military Hospitals Commission will be open to them without restrictions. The only point of difference between the imperial and Canadian men will be that as soon as a man starts treatment or training, the appropriate allowances will be issued to the imperial army weekly by the officer paying imperial pensions from Ottawa, and will continue as long as the man is receiving treatment or training. The allowances for the Canadian soldiers are paid monthly.

Effort is being made to reach all men of this class. Attention is drawn to the fact that all cases should first be brought to the notice of the officer paying imperial pensions in Ottawa. The case will then be forwarded to the Military Hospitals Commission in Ottawa and steps will be taken immediately for training or treatment.

Personal. s-hack
Mrs. Bert Bodfish and young son, Melvin, have returned to Buffalo,

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N.Y., after spending the past week with friends in the city.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The December meeting of the Alford and Park Road Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. I. Gilbert on Thursday afternoon. Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was not as large an attendance as usual. The president, Mrs. Turnbull, occupied the chair, and the meeting was opened by singing the opening ode and repeating the motto, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Letters of appreciation which had been received during the month were read, among them an especially interesting one from a soldier at the front, describing France and the French people. A collection for the fire sufferers at Halifax was then taken up, which amounted to \$30. The following program was given: Miss V. Sage gave an interesting paper on the life and poetry of Longfellow, including a description of the chair made from the "chestnut tree," spoken of in his popular poem, "The Village Blacksmith." Mrs. J. Greenfield read "The Psalm of Life," one of Longfellow's poems, and Mrs. R. Kilgour read "The Theologians Tale" from Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn." A splendid report of the Women's Institute convention held at Toronto was given by Mrs. Turnbull. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, and God Save Our Splendid Men.

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The Sealed Valley

By HULBERT FOOTNER
Author of "Jack Chanty"

(From Saturday's Daily)

"You know what I mean," said Nahya quietly. "Why waste talk?"

Philippe's eyes suddenly blazed up. "You are mine now!" he said.

"Not yet," said Nahya coolly. "I say you can come with me if you want. I make no promise."

"You are mine!" repeated Philippe louder. "There is nothing to say!"

"There is much to say!" said Nahya with a direct look. "If you have hands on me without I give you hands I will kill you!"

"There was a short, fierce struggle between the two pairs of eyes. The man's eyes gave way.

"I don't want quarrel with you," said Nahya presently in a softened voice. "You helped me very much. I have a kindness for you."

His eyes stole back to her face furtively and humbly.

"I will marry you if you want," Nahya went on. "Because I have learned a girl cannot be alone. And I have no people now. I will make you a good wife if you want me. I will always work hard. I will try to make you a rich, big man. But first the truth must be told."

"What truth?" muttered Philippe. "I do not love you," she said.

"This is white people's talk," said Philippe. "What is love?" You marry me. You keep my lodge."

"I love the white man," Nahya said firmly.

He sprang up with a threatening gesture. In his simplicity he thought she was baiting him. His face was dark with wounded self-love.

Nahya's eyes held his unflinchingly. "If you strike me I do not stop loving him," she said.

The youth was no match for her. His eyes could not support this strong light behind hers. He turned away.

"Do you want to marry me?" Nahya asked after a while.

He turned on her with the violent upbraiding of a man's jealousy, which is much the same Cree or English. Nahya saw that he had misunderstood what she meant by "love."

Interrupting him, she made the point clear.

"No man has had me!" she proudly concluded. "I am not proud. The boastful male in him was loath to confess it, but he was like wax in her hands."

"Red and white cannot mate together," Nahya said with her strange fatalistic calmness. "He is gone away. I will never see him again."

"Swear it!" demanded Philippe. She raised her hand. "I swear it!" she said without a tremor.

He was much comforted. He scowled still, not knowing what to say.

"Do you want to marry me?" she asked again.

It was a kind of stricken look that he turned on her. "I want to marry you," he murmured.

"There is my hand," said Nahya. "Deal straight with me, and I will do all that I say."

He fondled her hand clumsily. Nahya's eyes became kindly. "You were a good boy at the school," she said. "It was good talk that you wanted to be called a bad man now, and not work, and drink and make trouble everywhere?"

"I will tell you why I change," said Philippe boastfully. "I am among the white men thinking to find my brothers. My father was a white man, and married to my mother in church."

"But they think little of me because my skin is dark. They treat me like a slave, and give me hard work and little pay like a slave."

"I hate them. I am bad! I make all the trouble I can!"

"White men only laugh at a had man," said Nahya, "and put him in jail. You are going to make yourself a wise, big man now."

Philippe's self-love made its last stand. "I am a man," he said scowling. "It is not for a woman to tell me what to do."

Nahya made no answer. She was playing with some bits of broken stone.

"I will be the master in my own lodge!" Philippe said louder. "You will work and keep quiet!"

"If you want me to live with you you must live straight," said Nahya with an ominous softness. "You think it is fun to be a bad man. It is not fun to be a bad man's wife!"

"I will do what I want!" said Philippe boastfully.

"Look!" said Nahya, pointing to the stones she had been arranging. "Here I have made the sign of the cross. Kneel, and put your right hand on it and swear to live straight!"

Philippe laughed. Nahya rose to her feet with the same dangerous quiet air. She did not look at him. Anxious to begin to undermine his scornful smile.

"What are you going to do?" he asked sullenly.

"Swear!" she said. "Or I will jump off this rock into the valley!"

He sprang up. She was quicker than he. He saw her headed straight and determined for the edge. He stopped dead.

"Nahya!" he cried hoarsely.

She stopped on the very edge, looking down into the gulf with a kind of wistful desirousness. One would almost have said that she was sorry he had cried out.

"I will swear it!" he cried quickly. He dropped to his knees beside the cross of stones.

She came back from the edge with a sigh. "I will do all that I said," she murmured, as if to herself.

The way down into the shallow valley on the other side was easy. As they proceeded Nahya laid out their plans for the future with a kind of ecstasy in her sad eyes.

"All day I am thinking what we will do. We will gather those like ourselves who are not red and not white, and make a new people of them. First we will go to Cariboo Lake and talk with the people. They have steamboats now on the Cariboo Lake and the little river and the big river; the work boats are rotting on the beach and the half-breeds have no work to do.

"They are poor and sick and full is left. We will tell the people about this country where the Tamarac River rises in the hills. There are no white men near, and the Kakisa Indians who hunted there are all dead or gone away with other tribes."

"It is the best fur country there is left. We will tell the people about this country and make a village there. There is good hunting for all. The company will make a post there, and you will be the trader."

(Continued in Tuesday's Issue)

FIRE BLANK CARTRIDGE.

By Courier Leased Wire

Montreal, Dec. 15.—A shot from a revolver in the hands of a man who was being ejected from a Liberal meeting in the Laurier-Outermost division last night, created much uneasiness amongst the gathering, but later it was agreed that it was a blank cartridge which the ejected one had discharged. The meeting was held in support of the Laurier candidate, B. R. Du Tremblay. The meeting place was in the unfinished body of the new St. Michael's Catholic Church and the disturber was objecting to this "desecration" when he was put out.

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LADY'S TWO-PIECE GATHERED SKIRT.

By Anabel Worthington.

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The lady's two-piece gathered skirt pattern No. 8491 is cut in five sizes—24 to 32 inches waist measure. Width at lower edge of skirt is 2 1/2 yards. As on the figure, the 28 inch size requires 2 3/4 yards of 36 inch or 2 3/4 yards of 44 or 54 inch material.



SIDE TALKS

By RUTH CAMERON

WRONG FORKS.

It seems to me that I am the most reckless choser of wrong forks that ever was.

Sometimes I have gone the wrong way through selfishness. But sometimes I have leaned over backwards in my efforts not to be selfish and the thing I did in that spirit has turned out most unfortunately. Then again it has been a case of divided duty or just of bad judgment.

The Things One Denies Oneself

The things one could not have had anyway; the luxuries, the pleasures, the opportunities, one does not feel bitter about. It is the things one has denied oneself by wrong choices that embitter.

Each time I say, "I will do better next time" and the next time comes in so different a guise that I do not recognize it. Or perhaps I do recognize it and lean over backwards the other way.

But the years are beginning to teach me a philosophy about this whole sad subject of wrong turnings and I want to pass it on. Doubtless others have worked it out for themselves but sometimes it helps to have such things stated in black and white. In the first place the wrong turnings aren't as preposterous as they seem. You have made infinitely more right turnings than wrong, only the right turnings seem natural and you forget about them.

Not So Wrong As They Seemed.

In the second place, all the wrong turnings may not have been as wrong as they seemed. That's something you can't tell about. The right might not have led as straight to the land of heart's desire as you now fancy.

And in the third place wrong turnings just have to be. They enter into every life and there is only one way to deal with them—do the best you can at each fork, and leave the rest on the knees of the Gods.

The other day I found one of my very dear friends in a state of deep depression which she absolutely could not conceal.

"Just another wrong turning," she said in answer to my question. "Why Can't I Do The Right Thing By Mistake Sometimes?"

"I came to one of those forks in the road and as usual took the wrong one. It wasn't a very big matter this time, but there have been so many of them. I'm all out of patience with myself. Why can't I ever make the right turning by mistake if I can't do it any other way?"

Poor lady! I did my best to comfort her but of course I couldn't succeed. The only doctor for that kind of disease is time. He brings the right perspective.

The conviction that one is always making the wrong turnings, is one of those clouds that come into everyone's sky now and then. That is, everyone but those people who are armoured in self-satisfaction and self approval against all regrets;—and all growth.

SALE FOR RED CROSS

South Brant Women's Institute Raised Over \$300 On Saturday

The Tea Pot Inn, Dalhousie street, was thronged all day Saturday, the occasion of the home made cooking sale of the South Brant Women's Institute, when over \$300.00 was realized for Red Cross purposes. The indefatigable lady workers were astir and busy from an early hour in the morning until evening, and the interior of the building buzzed with all the activity of a veritable storehouse of good things greeting would be purchasers. Home-made cooking, of every variety, fruit and vegetables, chickens and other fowl, all were in abundance, until one must wonder the why of the demon h. c. of I. The rooms were prettily decorated, thanks to the E. B. Gromp white, and made a very well liked during the greater part of the day. Mid-day lunch was served to over three hundred people, while probably an equal number partook of afternoon tea.

The ladies in charge to whom accrues the credit for the success of the event, include Mrs. J. J. Hurley, the officers of the South Brant Institute and the committee in charge, who are as follows:

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Lunch Committee.

Mrs. H. Jennings, convener; Mrs. J. G. Weir, Mrs. Jas. Badie, Miss Laird, and assisting ladies.

Rippling Rhymes

When man, too tired to travel, lies down and catches in, we plant him in the gravel, and raise a mound of dirt; our grief we cannot bear it; the passing of such merit is certainly a sin. We sorrow for the neighbor who's taken to the tomb, who turns from useful labor to face untimely doom; we say, "The world seems queer weaker still and weaker and then passed up the flume. How sad to contemplate him, cut off while in his prime! He died, we had to create him, and plant him in jig time; he's in the beyond dusty, who was so good and trusty his virtue never grew rusty—his going was a crime." But if old Jim could twitter, perhaps he would remark, "It's not so doggone bitter, this sleeping in the dark; when endless calm is reigning I'm free from all the straining, the heartache and complaining, and all the cares that cumber in the soil; no early morning whistle is calling me to toil; I'm glad that those who love me saw fit down here to shove me; I sleep while those above me go broke for gas or oil. I sleep while men are breaking beneath their load of fears; I sleep while hearts are aching, and eyes are shedding tears; oh, friends, cut out the weeping! Mourn not for one who's sleeping! This stunt I will be keeping for sixty million years!"

Ten powerful auto trucks, each manned by a Boston driver and each bearing the banner, "From Massachusetts to Halifax," went on parade at Halifax.

The fire in the base recruiting office at Ottawa may result in a delay in counting the North American military vote, as a military ballot box was in the safe, and there are doubts whether it is intact.

HAVE AGREED ON ARMISTICE

Russia and Germany Have Come to Satisfactory Terms

NICHOLAS PRISONER

Report That Ex-Czar Had Escaped Officially Denied

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Kaledines is a Prisoner, Allege Bolsheviks

Despatches

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—Announcement was made to-day by the Bolshevik official News Agency that Russia and Germany had agreed upon the terms of an armistice. It is reported that a treaty has also been formulated.

The Russian delegates constituting the Armistice Committee at Brest-Litovsk, have advised the Bolshevik authorities at the Smolny Institute that an agreement was reached with the Germans on Friday concerning the transfer of troops. It was to this effect:

"Both sides signing this agreement bind themselves until December 30, 1917 (January 12, 1918), not to carry on offensive military operations on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea, except such transfers as were already begun up to the moment of signing this agreement."

Confirmed by Berlin.

An armistice agreement between the Bolshevik Government in Russia and the Teutonic allies was signed at Brest-Litovsk, yesterday, according to an official communication issued by Berlin to-day.

The text of the communication follows: "An armistice agreement was signed at Brest-Litovsk, yesterday, by plenipotentiary representatives of the Russian Upper army administration on the one hand, and those of the upper army administration of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey on the other hand."

"The armistice begins at noon, December 17, and remains in force until January 14, 1918. Unless seven days' notice is given it continues in force automatically. It extends to all the land and air and naval forces of the common front."

"According to Clause 9, of the treaty, peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of an armistice."

Nicholas Still a Prisoner

An official denial was made at Smolny headquarters this afternoon.

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