

NEW PEACE OFFER COMING FROM CENTRAL POWERS

TEUTONIC PLIGES AGAINST DIAZ LINE ARE CRUMPLED BY ITALY AND ALLIES

Seventh Day of Battle Between the Brenta and Piave Finds Line Firmly Holding Against Austro-German Invaders, Who Are Thrown Back.

Rome, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The Italian war office today issued the following statement on military operations: "Yesterday, the seventh day of the battle between the Brenta and the Piave, the enemy concentrated his efforts almost exclusively on the Monte Solario salient. At 11 o'clock in the morning, after several hours of the most violent fire, extending from the Col della Orso to the Col della Salto, columns of infantry from the north-east and the north-west were launched against our position. "The former, which advanced from the southeastern slope of Monte Spino, was caught by our artillery, and a most effective and concentrated fire was directed against it. It was forced to stop and give up the attempt before getting into contact with our line. "The latter, consisting of a whole division of German troops, preceded by assault detachments, made a direct and decided thrust against Monte Solario and the northern slope at the head of the Calcin valley. Our troops put up the most stubborn resistance, and the enemy, after a desperate struggle, being badly cut up by our fire and worn out by counter-attacks, was obliged to suspend action and return to his own lines. We captured prisoners and some machine guns. "In the Col della Beretta region a trust on the part of the enemy infantry was crushed promptly by our fire. On the remainder of the front the fighting was very moderate."

SCENE AMONG HALIFAX RUINS



Two sailors digging for bodies, the one on the left looking for the remains of his wife and two children, which he finally found.

TEUTONS WILL MAKE OFFER OF PEACE TO ENTENTE NATIONS, BERLIN INFORMS RUSS GOVT.

Central Powers About To Once More Approach Allies With Peace Proposal—Petrograd Working To Same End.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the Allies. This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the central powers, at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced that their governments intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the powers, and that they had asked their allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated that the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the Allies.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PEACE TERMS

London, Dec. 20.—Speaking in the Commons today, Lloyd George announced that Great Britain would insist upon restoration of all territory and compensation for damage done.

WILD MOMENTS WHEN FIRE DRIVES GUESTS FROM TORONTO HOTEL

Fifty Persons, Half-Clad, Chased Into Street by Sudden Blaze.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Fifty persons, nearly half of them women, were forced into the street in their night attire when fire broke out in the Cadillac Hotel here, about 7:15 this morning. The blaze is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in a pile of rubbish near the north wall in the basement. Total damage will not exceed \$500. The excitement was crowded into about ten minutes. From the fire escape, front and rear and down front and back stairs clambered half-clad women and men. Some, dazed by the flames, were picked up by the firemen and hurried out on the street.

NO ANNEXATIONS OR INDEMNITIES

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolshevik headquarters that the central powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointed out that self-definition of nations was impracticable. The representatives of the central powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries, but desired to know the results of Russia's efforts to induce the Allies to join in the negotiations before proceeding with them. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone. The Germans were of opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts. The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who would participate in the negotiations.

UKRAINE RULERS DEFY 'RED' GOVT. OF LENINE GANG

Rada Refuses To Permit the Passage of Bolshevik Troops. SUCCESS FOR COSSACKS

Tcheliabinsk Junction, on the Trans-Siberian Railway, Reported Captured.

London, Dec. 20.—The Bolshevik Government, according to Petrograd advices, has sent an ultimatum to the Ukrainian Rada. It demands that within 48 hours a decision be made whether the Ukraine will cease to assist Gen. Kaledines by sending him troops while forbidding passage to Bolshevik Government troops, and also whether it will stop disarming troops in the Ukraine. In case of refusal the Rada will be considered at war with the Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the Bolshevik commissaries, the Bolshevik Government.

The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolshevik Government in Petrograd have been at odds since the successful revolution of the Maximalists early in November. The ultimatum referred to probably is the demand made by the Bolsheviks that the Rada permit troops to go through the Ukraine to aid in putting down the Kaledines revolt.

In its official announcement concerning the counter-revolution, and since that time, the Bolshevik Government has claimed that the Ukrainian Rada, the Cossacks and the Constitutional Democrats.

The Ukraine (which means a frontier) is part of the old Kingdom of Poland. It is made up of parts of the governments of Poland, Kiev, Podolia, Kharkov, Ekaterinoslav and Kherson. These governments have a combined area of about 120,000 square miles, and a population of about 25,000,000.

THE WAR SITUATION

A state of siege has been proclaimed in Petrograd and the Ukrainian Rada has refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolshevik Government. Disorders in the capital, due, it is said, to the looting of wine cellars and shops, made necessary the proclamation of a state of siege.

Relations between the Ukraine and the Bolshevik Government have not been cordial. The Ukraine has refused to permit Maximalist troops to cross its territory to attack Gen. Kaledines and several days ago Bolshevik troops attacked the Rada as it was sitting in Odessa, and were defeated by Ukrainian troops. The Bolshevik Government has accused the Ukrainian Rada of being friendly to the Constitutional Democrats and the Cossacks, the main factors behind the counter-revolution. Cossacks Take Rostov.

Rostov-on-Don recently reported captured by the Bolsheviks, is now said to have been occupied Monday by the Cossacks of Gen. Kaledines, who, according to another recent rumor, had been arrested by his own officers, and was being held in a prison in Rostov.

On the Italian front, the French have repulsed the attack of the Austro-Germans have been checked in several attempts to cross the river. Between Monte Grappa and the Brenta the Italian northern front has been renewed. The Austro-Germans have been breaking through the hills to the plains. The Austro-Germans have been checked in several attempts to cross the river.

On the western front the Germans have not yet given strong indication of where their advertised drive is to begin. The German guns continue to bombard various sectors along the front from the North Sea to the Swiss border, including the Ypres and Champagne areas, and enemy raiding parties are harassing the British and French soldiers. Enemy raids have been repulsed by the British in the Arras area and northeast of Ypres, while the French have repulsed the attack of the Regency, northwest of Verdun. Germany's present strength on the western front is estimated to approximate the maximum realized last July when it was 155 divisions. The allies, however, are believed to have a superiority in numbers.

British shipping losses for the past week total 17, a decrease of 4, compared with the previous week. The number of ships of more than 1,600 tons remained stationary, the reduction being in vessels under 1,600 tons.

Bowly Stands By Guns Refusing To Retract His Election Charge

52 UNIONISTS, THREE LIBERALS WEST STANDING

Returns Incomplete, But Are Not Expected to Change Score.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Incomplete returns from the four constituencies in Western Canada which have been in doubt would seem to indicate that the Opposition candidates. It is not considered probable that returns still to come in from the Yukon, on which date elections also will take place, will change this standing. On this basis and without the Maximalist vote, the standing in Western Canada west of the Ontario boundary is as follows:

Province	Unionist	Opposition	Postponed
Manitoba	13	1	1
Saskatchewan	14	0	0
Alberta	11	1	0
B. Columbia	13	1	0
Totals	52	3	1

Elections will take place on January 23 next of one member for the Yukon, on which date elections also will take place in Nelson riding (Manitoba) and Halifax City (two seats).

Only One More Day to Contribute and Not Nearly Enough Has Been Secured for Great War Veterans' Plans.

Only one day remains in which Londoners by contributing to the Great War Veterans' Christmas tree fund can aid one of the biggest entertainments ever planned for London kiddies. It is expected that nearly two thousand children of soldiers in this city will be made happy by the presents which will be given by Santa Claus from the big Christmas tree in the armories next Saturday at 1:30.

More money will be needed if this ambitious plan is to be carried out properly for the present fund, which with today's contributions totals \$1,326.42, will not be nearly adequate to buy real presents for every child whose father is overseas or in training, as well as to provide oranges and nuts and candy and all the other things which go to make a Christmas tree a real Christmas tree. Subscriptions are being received at The Advertiser.

SINKING OF SUBS INCREASES, MERCHANT LOSSES DECREASING, LLOYD GEORGE TELLS HOUSE

British Premier Says Hopes of Military Situation Dimmed by Russ Collapse.

London, Dec. 20.—Speaking in the House of Commons today, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinkings by submarines, he declared, was decreasing, while shipbuilding was increasing. The merchant tonnage was down 20 per cent, he added, the loss had been only six per cent of imports over that of last year.

Regarding the military situation, Mr. Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had been realized. This disappointment he attributed to the Russian collapse.

Great War Veterans' Association headquarters on Richmond street, near King, and will probably be led by the band of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R. Santa Claus has been enlisted in the work, and has been granted an honorary membership in the association. He will be the chief figure in the parade which will be held in the center of the interest at the armories where he will take charge of affairs.

All the members of the Great War Veterans' Association will be present, as well as a number of citizens. Major Hume Campbell, M.P., and Mayor H. A. Stevenson will give short addresses.

MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND TO WED CAPT. BOSANQUET

London, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, to Capt. Bosanquet, of the Coldstream Guards. Capt. Bosanquet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Order.

Miss Cleveland came to London in June of last year, after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind, and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers.

UNCLE SAM STARTS FIRST OF BIG FLEET TO BEAT U-BOATS

Twenty-eight Vessels Will Be Under Construction at the Same Time.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—Marking the actual beginning of production of standardized 5,000-ton steel cargo ships for the United States Government, Chas. R. Page of the United States shipping board, today drove the first rivet in the first of these vessels at a large shipyard near here, which has been rushed to completion in 75 days. The keels of two similar vessels are to be laid this month. The program of the private corporation building these ships calls for the completion of 150 of the cargo boats in the least possible time. The yards where this work is being done are so arranged that 25 of the vessels will soon be under construction at the same time.

CASUALTIES FOR WEEK 17,976

London, Dec. 18.—British casualties reported in the week ending today totaled 17,976 officers and men as follows: Officers killed or died of wounds, 331; men, 5,181. Officers wounded or missing, 1,039; men, 13,425.

RAILWAY STATIONS OF ENEMY WELL BOMBED

London, Dec. 18.—Delayed.—The official statement on aviation activities issued by the British war office tonight reads: "Heavy snow prevented flying on Monday except on a small portion of the northern front. In this locality a certain amount of work was done by our airplanes and bombs were dropped on a hostile airfield near Courtrai. Enemy trenches also were attacked with bombs and incendiary bombs were brought down in our lines and two others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

LAST MEMBER OF OLD PIONEER FAMILY OF WEST LONDON DIES AFTER 87 YEARS' RESIDENCE HERE

Death on Wednesday Evening Removes Another Link With London of Past.

The death occurred on Wednesday evening at the home of Guy Guyer, 12 Wharfedale road, of one of London's oldest and best known citizens, William Frederick Peters, the last of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peters of Grosvenor Lodge. He was ailing for the past two or three weeks, and confined to his room for some days. Up to that time he had been remarkably vigorous for a man of his age and his infirmities were the result of old age.

HALIFAX CHRONICLE DEMANDS PUBLICITY IN EXPLOSION CASE

Wants to Know Who Ordered Imo to Leave Harbor.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—"The public have the right to know," says the Morning Chronicle, discussing editorially the scope of the cause of inquiry into the Mont Blanc collision, "under what authority the Mont Blanc was allowed to approach the Narrows. Proceeding inland towards Bedford Basin, at the very moment when the Imo was outward bound. The naval authorities at a time when the movement of all ships inward and outward bound."

It is imperative that the public should know by whose authority the Imo was ordered to leave her anchorage in Bedford Basin at a time when it must have been plain to the competent naval authorities that the two ships would meet in or near the narrow channel which leads from the inner harbor to the Basin. "It is imperative that the public should know by whose authority the Imo was ordered to leave her anchorage in Bedford Basin at a time when it must have been plain to the competent naval authorities that the two ships would meet in or near the narrow channel which leads from the inner harbor to the Basin."

AUSTRIAN CHILDREN GREAT SUFFERERS BY LACK OF FOODSTUFFS

Hundreds of Little Ones Being Clothed and Fed by Swiss.

Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—Living proof of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival at the Swiss border of 176 poor and suffering children between the ages of 7 and 9. They are from Vienna and Austria. The children have not had a taste of meat for months. They had received bad bread in insufficient amounts, much of it rancid. Their clothing was most scanty, and there was no fuel in their homes. They will be distributed to various Swiss places in Switzerland until their health is restored.

PORTUGUESE REPULSE RAID BY GERMANS

London, Dec. 20.—Portuguese troops near Lavente, north of Arras, last night repulsed an attempted German raid, according to an official statement issued today from British headquarters in France and Belgium. The German raid was active in the Ypres sector. The statement reads: "A raid attempted by the enemy last night southeast of Lavente was repulsed by Portuguese troops. Except for hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Pessch, no other there is nothing further to report."

BORDEN GOVERNMENT FAILED TO PREPARE FRENGH-CANADIANS FOR SERVICE BILL

Did Not Use Proper Means for the Introduction of Conscription.

UNION PRESS INSULTED

Sanve Says Govt. Used It to Influence Racial Prejudice.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—The elections in Quebec show the triumph of Borden's ideas and not those of Laurier, stated Arthur Sanve, the leader of the Opposition in the Quebec Legislature Assembly, in an interview yesterday afternoon. "The Federal Government did not prepare the province of Quebec properly to accept conscription. There was no organization. Furthermore, certain English newspapers from the West never stopped insulting and provoking this province, and suggesting the conscription act as a way to reduce and annihilate the province of Quebec. In the other provinces, the Government succeeded in controlling the newspapers for its support. In Quebec, it was quite the contrary. Why was this? Was it done to influence racial prejudices, as to make use of it to induce prejudices. Sir Robert Borden, who is not a fanatic, was unable to prevent this unfortunate situation any more than Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who could not control his leaders in this province. The people were exploited for the purpose of winning the election."

New Trend Necessary. "A new trend of thought is necessary for the entire country, together with a moral national system of education, and a civil spirit more adequate to our position as citizens of Canada and as British subjects," he said.

"Above all, let us be national Canadians instead of provincial Canadians. Our Canadianism must comprehend all the duties and responsibilities of a modern, economic country, and forming part of the British Empire, and loyal to the King, who is the symbol of the unity of all his subjects. Canada must preserve the traditions of the two great races, and develop the country. All encroachments must be avoided. The people must be taught what are their resources, our needs and our economic needs, as well as the necessity of mutual respect, of energetic co-operation for the accomplishment of our national aspirations. If our Canadianism was a genuine reflection of the two great races, many prejudices, many misunderstandings, would disappear from our country. Let us cease looking for temporary successes having in mind our great future."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during week: Highest, 33; lowest, 25. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 34.

When To Make Your Will

The time to make your will is NOW, while you are in good health and can exercise the same sound judgment in dividing your estate that you possessed while accumulating it.

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FRUIT GROWERS HAVE ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

The London and Middlesex Fruit Growers' Association's annual meeting, held recently, was largely attended. Prospects for the coming meeting of the winter months are exceedingly bright.

Following are the officers elected: President, A. J. Coyle; 1st vice-president, W. H. Mundy; 2nd vice-president, T. O'Brien; secretary, H. Shore; treasurer, H. Shore; members of the Western Fruit Board, Messrs. Shore and Coyle; to the provincial association, W. H. Mundy and the Westminster Agricultural Board, W. C. Pack.

Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the agricultural office here. Addresses will be given by prominent fruit experts of Ontario at these meetings, which will be held during January, February and March.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CONSIDER THE FIGURES.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
Those who talk as if Sir Wilfrid Laurier had sustained a crushing defeat at the polls ought to consider the figures. Laurier has nearly a hundred supporters. Borden a little more than a hundred (straight Conservatives), and the Liberal supporters of the Government are less than forty.

Laurier has a majority not only in Quebec, but in the Maritime Provinces. Laurier has nearly as many supporters outside of Quebec as all those who support the Union Government.

OLD-TIMER.

IS IT FAIR TO RETURN MEN?
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I should like to know why so many men in this city get the jobs at the polling booths today with the large number of returned soldiers unemployed and quite capable of doing this light work. Is it fair to the boys, do you think? I remain, yours, respectfully,
S. F. HARWOOD.
18 Glenwood avenue.



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No matter how much good times are enjoyed, they are soon forgotten unless Kodak serves as the memory jogger.

Keep a picture story of the bright side of life, to cheer up the hours that need cheering.

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210 DUNDAS STREET

WANTS PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION FOR HOSPITAL BUILDING

Controller Moore Influences Commission to Change Plan.

BRINGS MONEY TO CITY

Material Will Be Purchased in London Instead of Outside.

A determined effort is being made to secure permanent construction for the new military hospital to be built in Westminster Township. The Military Hospital Commission had previously decided to build the institution of cement and builders' board.

Controller John S. Moore is anxious that the buildings should be constructed of material that would endure, and that this material should be secured in London. He has made an offer to the commission to give the building permanent construction at a cost below that estimated for the temporary construction, and his plans have had such an influence on the commission that the awarding of contracts has been held up.

The contracts for the material were to go to outside firms but for Mr. Moore's action. If his efforts are successful, there will be a considerable amount of the material secured in London.

SEVEN ELIGIBLES IN REGISTRAR'S PARTY CLASSED AS "A"

Four Recruits Also Passed by Armories Board.

Eleven men were sent to the medical boards at the armories by the deputy registrar to be examined Thursday. Seven of these were in category A, fit for service overseas as a combatant unit. One was in category C, fit for service in Canada, and three were in category E. Only one man was sent by the exemption tribunals. He was placed in category A.

Samuel Harris of London reported for service.

Four recruits obtained by the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission in the United States were examined. Three of them were born in Canada and had been residing in Saginaw. These were E. Grinkey, Western Ontario Regiment; R. J. Powers, No. 1 Special Service Company, and W. A. Lynch, Western Ontario Regiment; P. Sponier, who was born in Italy and had been living in Saginaw, was a recruit. He was sent to the Western Ontario Regiment.

SOMEBODY STEALS WEIGHTS INTENDED TO CHECK SELLERS

Hard-Hearted Thief Blocks Protection Scheme.

It was the intention of Mayor Stevenson, he declares, to keep tab on the weight of the market produce today, but an unforeseen occurrence in the theft of the scale weights foiled his worshipful scheme. Early this morning, a Clerk Maker discovered that the weights of the scales in the market basement had disappeared.

It was given out that the weight of all produce would be determined hereafter by officials of produce today, and that the practice of giving short weight would be severely dealt with. This method of protecting markets from the short-weight farmer has been carried on for some days at the city weigh scales, but not until this morning was it decided to apply the same method to produce sold in the market basement.

Everything was in readiness to check up the short-weight artists today, but when it was found that the weights had been stolen the scheme had to be postponed.

"We are going to protect the market-keepers of this city even if we have to buy all the weights in the country," Mayor Stevenson declared when apprised of the theft of the market weights.

OLD-TIME REMEDY MAKES PURE BLOOD

Hood's Sarsaparilla has been and still is the people's medicine because of its reliable character and its wonderful success in purifying, enriching and revitalizing the blood and relieving the common diseases and ailments—scrofula, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, general debility.

Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies and enriches the blood, and in so doing renders the human system the greatest service possible. This medicine has been tested for years. It is perfectly pure, clean and absolutely safe, as well as of peculiar and unequalled medicinal merit.

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BURGLAR HOLDUP ADMITS IDENTITY, PLEADS GUILTY

Man Arrested by Detectives Acknowledges Five Recent Robberies.

PAL CLAIMS INNOCENCE

Says He Sold Jewelry, But Did Not Steal Any Of It.

A series of burglaries, extending over a period of several months, was cleared up in police court today, when Joseph Stanton pleaded guilty to five burglaries and was remanded to jail for one week for sentence.

William Wolffitz, 19 years old, who came from Galt some weeks ago, was arrested with Stanton while the pair was in a local pawnshop attempting to dispose of some jewelry. Wolffitz pleaded not guilty to any participation in the robberies, but admitted he had disposed of several pieces of jewelry. He was remanded to jail for one week for trial, the crown not being prepared to proceed.

Stanton admitted to detectives that he was the man who held up Allan Barr, 247 Maitland street, with a revolver, while he made his escape from the house he had just robbed. Stanton's home is in Montana, and he enlisted with the 10th Battalion at Calgary. He was invalided from England and reached this city with a party of returned soldiers in September last.

Stanton pleaded guilty without the slightest hesitation to each of the five charges. Several charges are yet to be laid.

Stanton's method, according to his own confession, was to work on Sunday nights while the occupants of the houses were in church. He would rob a house one Sunday night in one section of the city, and then go to the other side for the following Sunday night.

Stanton pleaded guilty to burglarizing the home of Allan Barr, 247 Maitland street, E. W. Turner, 29 Maitland street, Charles Desand, 417 Grey street, Mrs. W. Smithson, Waterloo street, and Roy Barrell, 417 Oxford street.

In each house Stanton searched for jewelry and money, although at one place he stole two cans of fruit. His thefts, covering a period of the last six weeks, amounted to several hundred dollars. Several diamond rings were found at his residence on Simcoe street when his belongings were searched by detectives.

Stanton displayed not the slightest emotion when charged with the robbery. He strenuously denied he had anything to do with the robberies.

The stolen portion of the stolen property was recovered and identified in police court today by the owners.

When the men were arrested they had in their possession watches which had been stolen from the residence of E. W. Turner, 29 Maitland street, one of the latest houses to be robbed.

In addition to a watch, watch valued at \$50, and a watch presented for service in the South African war, Mr. Turner also asked a South African medal. A number of articles were also taken from the house of G. Desand, 417 Grey street, including a revolver, gold neck chains, and two gold rings valued at \$35.

The men have been under suspicion for some time, and by the clever work of the local detectives, Sgt. of Detectives Nickle and Detective Eganston and Down, were landed.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE AND GRIP

LAXATIVE PROMOTING QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box; 30c. 14-law-w

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY SHELVES

The following new books have been added to the public library and are now in circulation:

Philosophy, Religion and Sociology—Fairbanks, Laugh and Live; Smyth, How God Inspired the Bible; Hastings, Great Texts of the Bible, 4 volumes; Blackstone, Jesus is Coming; New Methodist hymn and Tune Book; Hackett, Land of Your Sojourning; Watkinson, The Fatal Barter; Pelouzet, Select Notes on the Sunday School Lessons for 1918; Tarbell, Teachers' Guide for 1918; Plowden, Religious Reconstruction After the War; Carter, Industrial Reconstruction; Napoleon, Maxims of War; Useful Arts and Literature—Elder, War Shock, Cumberland, Co-operative Marketing; Weaver, Thousand Ways To Please a Husband; Higham, Scientific Distribution of Handicrafts; Everyman's Chemistry; Binion, Death of Adam; Dowden, Letters About Shelley; Smith, Shakespearean Criticism; Chesterton, Utopia of Usurers; Pugh, Book of Laughter; Squire, Tricks of the Trade; Ford, History and Biography—Carr, Around the World Cruise; Alexander, On Two Fronts; Ainsworth, Billy Ingham and His Orderly; Ashton, Tale of a Tank and Other Yarns; Dawson, Back to Brightly; Belch, All In It—Ki Carries On; Buchanan, Nelson's History of the War, volume 17; Coleman, With Cavalry in 1915; Erichsen, Forced To Fight; Jachowinsky, Turkey and the War; Lintner, My 75; Sapper, No Man's Land; Stenstrom, Denmark and Sweden; Peshall, Immortal Gamble of the Dardanelles; Warwick, Memories of Sixty Years; Hammer, William the Silent; Wells, From Montreal to Vimy Ridge.

Fiction—Beresford, The Wonder; Burgess, Mrs. Hope's Husband; Churchill, Dwelling Place; Light, Davides Heart's Kingdom; Gibbs, Secret Witness; Hichens, In the Wilderness; Orszag, I Will Repay; Orszag, Lord Tony's Wife; Packard, Adventures of Jimmy Dale; Pemberton, Show Girl; Ward, Missing; Zangwill, Children of the Ghetto.

QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

Send in Your Problems and They Will Be Answered From Official Information by The Advertiser.

Question—A young man, born in Canada, who has lived in Detroit for fourteen months, would like to return to Canada for a few days. While in Detroit he was drafted and turned down as physically unfit for active service. He has his papers for the first year and his exemption papers. What steps should be taken?

ANSWER—It is not clear yet whether he is a citizen of Canada or the United States. If he is still a citizen of Canada, he is liable for service in the Canadian army no matter whether he has been exempted from service in the United States army or not. If he is no longer a citizen of Canada, he is not liable.

His best plan would be to get a passport from the United States immigration authorities, and then he would have no trouble in returning to Detroit.

QUESTIONS REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

Question—A man in category E holds a certificate of exemption. He is a citizen of Canada and is in the border. If not what proceedings are necessary?

ANSWER—He should write to W. E. Wismer, deputy registrar, Royal Bank Building, London, Ont.

SERB MISSION ARRIVES

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—A Serbian diplomatic mission to the United States arrived here today on a French steamship. It is headed by Dr. M. R. Vranitch, who represented Serbia at the inter-allied conference at Paris. Its members include a number of Serbian army officers. The mission plans to go direct to Washington.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

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SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

Beginning tonight, this store will be open each evening until 10 o'clock—today, Friday, Saturday and Monday, Christmas Eve. This gives our customers who did not get an earlier start an opportunity to double up on their Christmas shopping—also an opportunity for the men (who work up to 6 o'clock) to take a hand and assist in the good work. Only three shopping days remain before Christmas, and tomorrow (Friday) will be a real Christmas bargain day, a day of special sales throughout the store. Don't miss one item in the list below.

Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Sweater Coats, \$2.79



About 50 coats similar to these were put on sale Monday and were sold in half an hour. In this lot there are 154 coats, another clearing made this week from the same wholesaler. These coats, like the last, are half-price and less; styles are shawl collars, and V necks. Sashes and belts plain colors also two toned effects, in rose, copen, khaki, grey, maroon, navy and white. Come at 8:30 for your choice. Sizes, Misses' and Children's, 6 to 14 years; Ladies', 34 to 42. All one price, to clear\$2.79 each

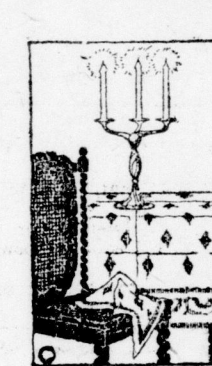
Sale of Silk Poplin Dress Goods, \$1.19

We offer ten pieces of this lovely dress fabric tomorrow at above price. All in beautiful new colors and black, reseda and bowling green, brown, taupe, grey, rose, myrtle, navy and cream. A superior quality for this price. A Christmas opportunity, 36 inches\$1.19 yard

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About 40 yards of genuine Lister Sealette, one of the best qualities. A beautiful plush coat at about the price of cloth. An appropriate and sensible gift, beautiful rich pile. One piece only, 50-inch. Sale price about one-third off regular\$5.95 yard

Table Linen for Christmas Gifts



A few numbers of All Pure Linen Damask Sets at popular prices. Quantities are limited, in some cases only one set left. At last season's prices. 5 sets only, Cloth 2x2 yards and half dozen napkins to match. All pure linen. Special\$6.00

7 sets assorted designs. Cloth 2x2½ yards and one dozen napkins. Special \$10.00 set

6 sets in size 2x3, with one dozen napkins to match.

1 only at\$9.50
2 only at\$10.00
3 only at\$10.50

These are all less than mill prices today.

Special Gift Handkerchief Counter

Plain handkerchiefs, embroidered handkerchiefs, lace trimmed, colored and hemstitched handkerchiefs. Handkerchiefs for men, women and children. In pretty gift boxes, lots of quarter or half dozens. You will recognize that this is the Christmas handkerchief store.

BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, pure linen 75c and \$1.25 per box

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, assorted patterns,\$1.25 for box of 4

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, pure linen, colored border and initial45c for box of 4

EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' Dimity Handkerchiefs, embroidered in one corner 12½c and 20c each

Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered corner 25c and 35c each

Ladies' Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, dainty embroidered corner, fine scalloped edge40c each

Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, dainty embroidered corner 50c each

LACE HANDKERCHIEFS.

Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs, pure linen centres 65c to \$2.75 each

Ladies' Dimity Handkerchiefs, dainty lace edge 40c each

PLAIN LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs,

plain,10c, 18c and 20c each, or \$1.20, \$2.15 and \$2.40 per dozen

HANDKERCHIEF CASES—Dainty Embroidered Handkerchief Cases, very

pretty and useful gift 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 each

Gifts For the Traveler or Those Who Occasionally Travel



How the giver of a Wardrobe Trunk, a Roomy Bag, or some such carrying piece, will receive the blessing of the recipient. Necessity often compels the purchase of some traveling equipment, but the gift-giver always selects an acceptable article.

SPECIAL CLUB BAG, \$6.49—Walrus Grain Leather Club Bag, with double handles, leather corners, brass lock and catches, full leather lined. Special \$6.49

\$8.00 LINE—Heavy Walrus Grain Goatskin Bag, three-piece style, leather-covered frame, full leather lined, with pockets. Prices\$8.00, \$9.00, \$9.50

SPECIAL FIBRE SUITCASES, with strong lock and catches, fancy lining, three sizes. At\$1.50

MATTING SUITCASES, light and strong, leather corners, brass lock and

catches, fancy lining. Prices\$2.10 and \$2.25

STEAMER TRUNKS, waterproof canvas-covered, heavy hardwood slats, strong

lock and bolts, fancy lining, with tray\$4.50 to \$6.50

FIBRE STEAMER TRUNKS, covered and lined with fibre, strong brass corners

and clamps, strong lock, fancy lining, with compartment tray. Prices\$10.50 and \$12.00

Also a full line of all grades of Suitcases, Bags and Trunks. Prices ranging

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SHOP WITH A TRANSFER CARD

and avoid delay and errors.

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Sale of Fancy Ribbons Friday Morning, 39c

200 yards Fancy Ribbon to be cleared at about half-price. Colored stripes in blue, yellow, green, mauve, and pink, with dainty floral design. Just the thing for bags, camisoles, hair bows, etc. To clear Friday morning, 39c yard—See Vestibule Window.

SUIT OR DRESS LENGTH IN BLACK, FOR MOTHER, WIFE OR SISTER.

Black Serges, all wool, from75c to \$3.50 yard

Black Gabardines, all wool, from\$1.75 to \$4.00 yard

Black Broadcloths, all wool, from\$4.00 to \$5.00 yard

Black Cheviots, all wool, from\$1.75 to \$2.50 yard

Black Worsted, all wool, from\$2.00 to \$2.75 yard

Black Taffeta, all wool, from\$1.25 to \$1.50 yard

Black Melrose, all wool, from\$1.50 to \$1.75 yard

Black Ottoman, all wool, from\$1.50 to \$2.00 yard

Black San Toy, all wool, from\$1.50 to \$2.00 yard

Black Armure, all wool, from\$1.50 to \$1.75 yard

Black Resida, mohair and wool, from\$1.10 to \$2.25 yard

Black Lustres and Sicilians from40c to \$2.00 yard

Black Silk Poplin, special\$1.25 yard

Black Silk and Wool Charmaine, Poplins, Eoliennes, Silk Meteor, etc., from\$1.50 to \$3.25 yard

Shepherd Checks, complete assortment, old values50c to \$2.00 yard

Sale of Gossard Corsets

This is a factory special made specially for Gossard dealers for Christmas selling, made of same materials as used in models at double these prices.

Prices, \$2.50 and \$3.50

Five dozen pairs of Gossard Corsets, featuring the new style tendencies, low bust, medium waistline and snugly-fitting skirt of good length, with elastic section at back; made of figured mercerized batiste. Price\$2.50

Another style made of firm coutil, in pink and white stripe. This model will correctly corset both the average and medium stout figure, while its graceful outline will appeal to every woman. Special\$3.50

Why Not Select a Carpet Sweeper?



The use of a Sweeper makes a pleasure of work that with the brooms was a drudgery. Then when you consider the length of time you can use a sweeper, you will find it costs less than brooms.

Special Steel-Frame Sweepers, mahogany finish. Price, each\$2.25

Bissell's Carpet Sweepers\$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.25

BISSELL'S VACUUM CLEANERS IN THREE STYLES AT THREE PRICES.

The Household. Price\$8.00

The Grand Rapids. Price\$10.00

The Superba. Price\$12.00

See them in the Carpet Department, Third Floor, also in the Gift Bazaar on the Second Floor.

Solid Fumed Oak Arm Chairs and Rockers, \$4.95

These Solid Oak Arm Chairs, like ent, and Rockers to match, are made full box frame seats, upholstered in genuine leather. Special sale price Friday (16 only)\$4.95 each

HALF PRICE FOR THESE—12 only Waste Paper Baskets,

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AXMINSTER MATS, \$1.95—So many people were disap-

pointed in not getting one of our Axminster Mats during the last sale that we are giving another opportunity Friday to se-

lect a good-wearing mat at much less than regular value—50 only Hit-or-Miss Axminster Mats, size 27x54 inches. Friday sale price\$1.95 each

MORNING SHOPPING—Most satisfactory from now until Christmas.

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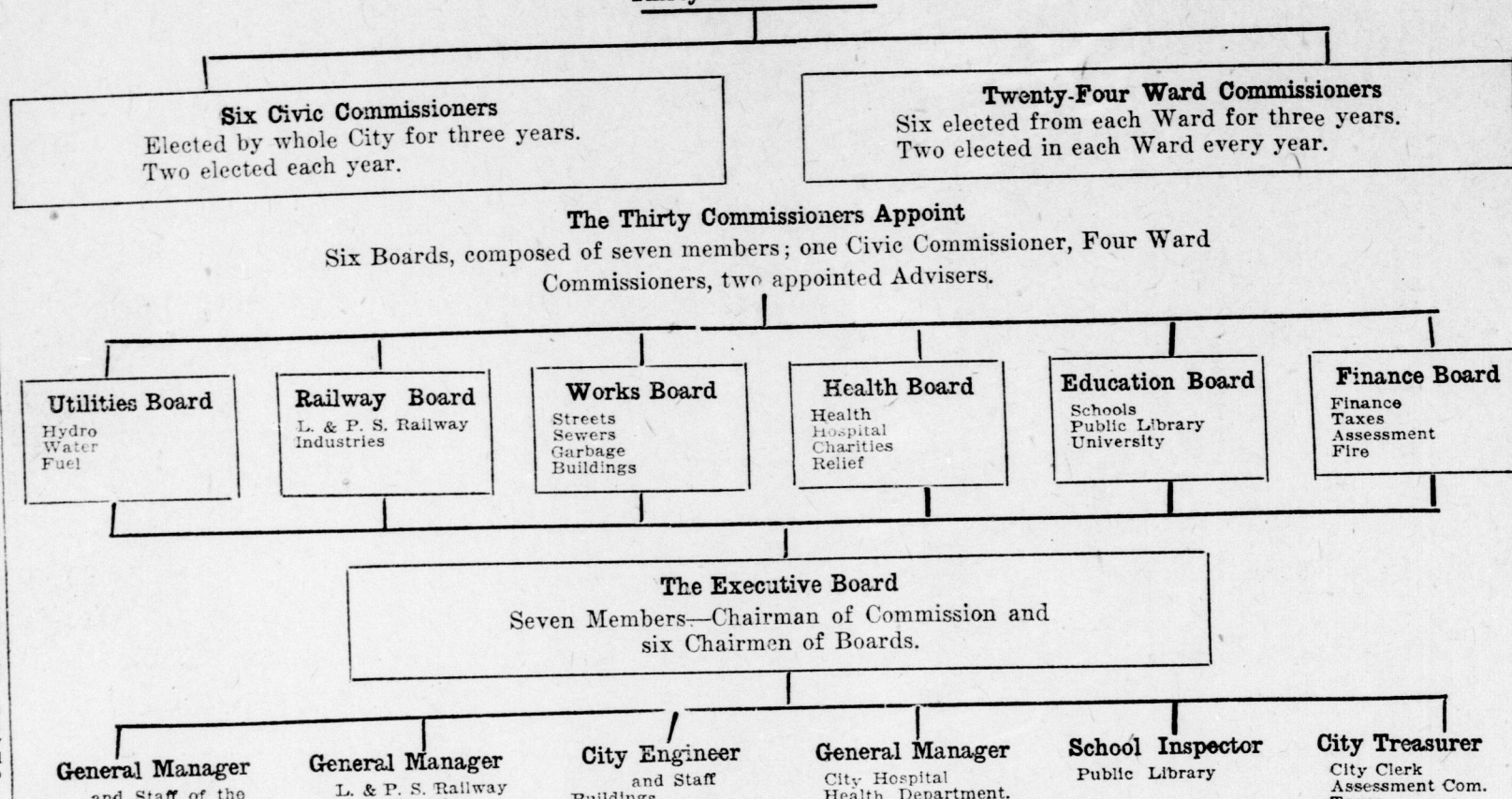
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THE RATEPAYERS ELECT
One Civic Commission to Control All Governing Bodies Composed of
Thirty Commissioners.



CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATION OF CITY AIMED AT IN MUNICIPAL COMMISSION PLAN PREPARED BY CONTROLLER MOORE

NEWS

TERAN POSTMAN DIES
SUDDENLY, BODY BEING
FOUND THIS MORNING

Letter Carrier Was Working at Night Watchman.

Mr. Phillips, 144 Dracena avenue, was found dead this morning in the pressroom of that paper. Life was taken when the discovery was made. Mr. Phillips, who was a very active man, and who had been working for the Free Press about a year ago as night watchman, was a very active man, and who had been working for the Free Press about a year ago as night watchman.

PERSONAL MENTION
Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett of Walton announce the engagement of their daughter, Mabel Muriel, to Orlin E. Clark, of London, Ontario.

ANOTHER PARTY WILL RETURN BY CHRISTMAS
Invalided Soldiers Expected Soon—Coming Home Direct.

Still another party of wounded and invalided soldiers is expected to arrive here before Christmas. This will be the first party to arrive since the greater part of the Military Hospitals Commission work was taken over by the military authorities.

WEIGHTS BETTER ON MARKET NOW, INSPECTOR FINDS
True Measure Being Given on Market in Majority of Cases.

POTATOES TOO LIGHT
Summonses for Sellers Whose Bags Failed to Come Within Ten Pounds of Minimum.

Inspector J. W. McCallum, accompanied by Ald. S. R. Manness, of the city's high cost of living committee, made another weighing trip through the market today. As a result summonses were issued for two farmers who were found selling lightweight bags of potatoes.

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Lots of other real snaps.

COLLETT FURNITURE COMPANY
97 KING STREET. OPEN EVENINGS.

1,571 PENSIONS BEING HANDLED IN OFFICE HERE

Work of Local Branch of Pensions Commission Is Growing Steadily.

CITY ALONE HAS 362

118 of These Pensioners Are Soldiers, Remainder Being Widows and Dependents.

More than 1,500 soldiers and their dependents are receiving pensions in this military district, according to the latest figures announced by the pensions office here. These include adjustments from Ottawa up to December 15 this year, but are not yet complete. When they are, it is expected that they will mean a large increase in the pension to be issued to the wives and children of soldiers. Probably 600 names will be added to the list.

REPORTERS BARRED—At the regular meeting of the trades and labor council last night a resolution was passed excluding the representatives of the press. The question of the inclusion of candidates in the municipal election was, it is reported, taken up for discussion, and it was felt that the members would feel more free to talk the matter over if the reporters were not present.

LONG WAITS AT CLEARING DEPOT HEARING BRINGS FOR DISTRICT TO INDIGNATION OUT HANDLED INVALIDS

Employers and Men Wrathful Over Second Exemption Claim Procedure.

NO DECISIONS AS YET

Require Careful Consideration, Declares Judge J. C. Judd.

Businessmen of London, and there were many present at the court of appeals sessions at the court house, were peevish to say the least, when they were told that the clearing depot would have to set up in asbestos type.

COMING HERE DIRECT
Examinations and Assignments at Quebec and St. John Being Cut Out.

London is to have a clearing depot to which soldiers returning from overseas service will be brought directly from the depot at which they disembark. The announcement made at district militia headquarters means that important changes will be made in the handling of men who return after serving overseas.

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Abolition of All Present Spending Bodies and Consolidation Under One General Scheme Big Feature of the Changed Plans of Municipal Rule Prepared by Member of Present Council.

With the question of commission form of government being voted on at the municipal elections in January, interest is centring around the scheme outlined by Controller J. M. Moore.

The electors of London will not pass on this scheme, but will merely register their opinion on the principle of municipal government under the commission system, but Controller Moore's plans are more interesting. The accompanying diagram shows the chain of responsibility which would be in force should such a plan, or one like it, be adopted.

Controller Moore calls his plan "Civic Commission Government." In brief it was explained to the city council as follows:

1. The ratepayers will elect one civic body: six by the city, twenty-four by the wards. The members elected will have equal importance and equal responsibility.

2. The commissioners will elect a mayor from its members, the best person qualified for the position.

3. The commissioners will elect six administrative boards from its members: one civic commissioner, four ward commissioners on each board, and also appoint two advising members for each board.

4. The executive board will be composed of the mayor and the chairmen of the six boards.

5. The civic commission will legislate. The six boards will administer the different departments. The executive will advise the civic commission.

6. The civic commission will have absolute control of all civic activities and direct the policies and expenditures of all departments.

7. The administrative board will direct and supervise the carrying out of the actions and work of the different departments.

8. The executive board will receive the reports of the different administrative boards on all new works and expenditures and will transmit reports and their recommendations to the civic commissions.

9. The commissioners will be elected to office for a term of three years and thus give a continuity of representation. Two of the civic commissioners and eight of the ward commissioners will retire each year so that there will be an election for both bodies every year.

10. The best citizens will be brought forward at all elections as all members when elected will be of equal importance and responsibility.

11. The appointment to the board of persons especially qualified to give expert advice may be used by the different boards.

12. The officials in the present different departments or boards will be retained to administer the works and activities, and no confusion of jurisdiction will result from the change from the present elective system to commission government as outlined above.

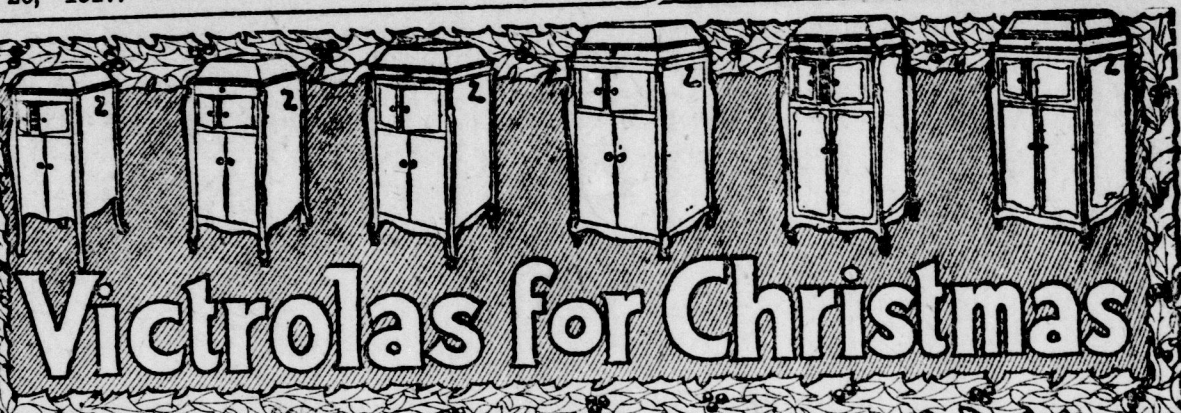
One of the features of this scheme is the abolition of all present spending bodies, such as the utilities commission, hospital trust, board of education, libraries, and so on, and their consolidation under one head. The fact that the city as represented by the council, has little control over the tax rate as only a comparatively small portion of the money raised by taxation is controlled by the council, has been one of the big arguments in favor of the centralized commission plan.

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To assist you in deciding on the nicest Christmas gift for family or friends, we have arranged several combinations of Victrolas and records—each of your own choosing—at lowest prices and lowest possible terms.

The Greatest Music
Think for one moment what it means to be entertained in your own home by the greatest singers the world has ever known; to have encores to order when you desire to have Caruso sing again, new selections whenever you are tired of the old, and music whenever and wherever you wish it.

Think of having a world-famous orchestra or band at your beck and call, to play the latest rollicking dance music when you feel like dancing, to fill your least desire, to play again and again as long as you may wish for more.

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Place your order to-day. DON'T WAIT—Some styles are getting scarce already.

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COUNTY MEN TO ENTER LISTS OF MUNICIPAL RING

Contrary to Expectations, Many Contests Expected in January.

WARM FIGHTS PREDICTED

Operations of Military Service Act May Be Basis of Some of These.

Contrary to former expectations, it is now predicted by persons in a position to know, that many contests for municipal honors in Middlesex County will be held in January.

The feeling throughout the county has been in favor of returning many of the present municipal officers by acclamation. The argument advanced by persons in favor of this scheme is that the hundreds of dollars covers maintain that the present high rate of taxation they would like to see as much money as possible saved.

Others favor municipal contests, arguing that it is only fair to pass the taxes around, and as a consequence will stand for nomination themselves, or nominate others.

The present outlook is that many warm campaigns will be staged in the towns, villages and townships in the county.

The campaigns, it is said, will be waged to a certain extent along political lines.

The attitude of certain municipal officers with respect to the military service act will be taken into consideration by the electors, it is claimed, and will be the predominant factor in determining the election of certain aspirants for county honors.

The board of education, and the medical board employed with No. 1 Casualty Unit, at Carling Heights Camp, together with the medical board at the mobilization centre at the armory, the men will be examined with sufficient dispatch, so that they can be allotted to their proper group, and given passes to enjoy a leave of absence with relatives if possible.

The first examination will be at best a preliminary nature, in order to let the men know where they stand, and it will be followed by further examinations later.

Although at present the soldiers are being landed at ports in the United States owing to the catastrophe at Halifax, the plan will be carried out regardless of where the men disembark.

Grouped at Once.
For the present, when a trainload of soldiers arrive at the Canadian border from an Atlantic port in the United States, they will pass through a small depot, where they will be divided into groups according to districts, and those for each district will be immediately forwarded without delay.

THE FAIR
15 DOMINION SAVINGS BUILDING, Facing Market Square.

stoves have been altered for wood-burning purposes. Six trains of coal left Fort Erie early last evening with coal consigned to nearly forty cities, towns and villages from Windsor to Belleville.

ROWLAND HILL
RELIABLE FOOTWEAR

Special values this week in Cosy Slippers, Velvet Julietts, Boudoir Slippers, many colors, shades and styles, from75c, \$1.00 to \$1.75

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BEST PLACE FOR GOOD TOYS.
35-inch pretty Baby Dolls, long and short dresses, from\$2.00
Dolly's Trunk, with tray50c
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BIG MAJORITIES MARKED
THE TORONTO CONTESTS

The official reports of the Toronto elections are as follows:

South Toronto—Sheard, 4,966; Carey, 2,322; majority, 2,644.

North Toronto—Foster, 17,455; Carey, 7,758; majority, 9,697.

Centre Toronto—Bristol, 8,593; Hamilton, 2,167; majority, 6,426.

East Toronto—Kemp, 11,813; Vick, 4,254; majority, 7,559.

West Toronto—Bruce, 1,955; Hocken, 9,254; majority, 7,299.

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FOR THE LIVER
SO GOOD ASMILBURN'S LAXA-LIVER
PILLS

They will regulate the flow of bile to act properly on the bowels, and will tone, renovate, and purify the liver, removing every result of liver trouble from the temporary, but disagreeable, bilious and sick headaches, to the severest forms of liver complaint.

They are small and easy-acting, do not grip, sicken or weaken like the old-fashioned, nauseating, gripping purgatives.

Mrs. A. Kirk, 53 Yorkville avenue, Toronto, Ont., writes: "I have tried and tested Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills, and have received good results, for which I am very thankful. I took them for liver trouble. I came out of the hospital on May 3 last, after having had a serious operation which might have saved had I taken your remedy sooner. I have given some to my sister for biliousness and sick headache, and she has found great relief. A lady who lives in my house has started to take them. I will do my best to recommend them to all my friends."

Price 25c at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.



"That's What I Call a
Sensible Present
Just What I Wanted."

How much better than the "Why couldn't she have put that money into something USEFUL," so often said on Christmas Day.

This year, of ALL years, extravagance and thoughtless spending should give place to utility; frills and fuss to sense and service.

A HYDRO-ELECTRIC
PERCOLATOR

is something that can be used every day in the year—for years to come, and enjoyed by the whole family.

No matter what it may be, if it's "SOMETHING ELECTRICAL," you are bestowing hours of happiness, convenience, labor—and time-saving to that home—for years to come!

This is an electrical Christmas all over the country. It means a "sane" Christmas—more money saved; more joy spread.

There is no limit to your selection here. We have Gifts for every purse, person and purpose.

The Hydro Shop
238 Dundas Street\$47,000 Is Alleged
To Have Gone Amiss
From Italian Fund

Alien Enemies Believed To Have Benefitted by Steal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Charges that only \$12,000 of \$60,000 raised at the Italian bazaar here in November of 1915 went to the destitute families of Italian soldiers, placed in possession of the district attorney today, elicited from him a promise of an investigation. The Italian consul is understood to have asked for a grand jury inquiry. The district attorney was told that persons said to include alien enemies profited personally.

DR. MILNE HOME AFTER
THREE YEARS' SERVICE

LAMBETH, Dec. 19.—Dr. Milne has returned from England on furlough. He was in England when war was declared taking a post-graduate course. He offered his services, and has been actively engaged ever since in hospital work. He is visiting his parents here.

The young people of the Methodist Sunday school are busily engaged in preparing for their annual Christmas entertainment, which is always the leading feature of the season. This year it leads off with the Bethlehem pageant. This is followed by tableaux, music and song, and a grand finale of the Allied nations, Thursday night.

Mrs. (Dr.) Roy Routledge, a member of the distributing committee for the children's gift to the kiddies, is busily engaged in purchasing supplies. She reports that a great many needy and worthy cases will be looked after in the city.

The Red Cross workers have sent dozens of boxes to the boys at the front.

A concert is being held at the public school on Friday next, and the little folks are preparing for a great time.

At the League on Tuesday night, Pte. Spence addressed the members on "Christmas in the Trenches." Pte. Spence has recently moved to the village with Mr. and Mrs. Soper.

FULL POWER OF
ALLIES SOON TO
SHOW FORCE ON
WESTERN FRONT

Arthur Pollen, British Naval Expert, Analyzes the Situation.

U.S. STARTS LAUNCHINGS

Germany's Flank Attack on Allied Communications Has Failed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Arthur Pollen, the British naval expert, who has sailed for Europe, after spending six months in the United States, gave to the Associated Press a statement, in which he said that the campaign of the Allied navies against the submarine has at last resulted in keeping the world's shipping tonnage from showing a monthly decrease, or will soon do so. Mr. Pollen expressed his confidence in the Allied navy, and this to the chance in the chief ally command, and the participation in the campaign of the American navy.

Mr. Pollen pointed out that six months ago the German submarines were causing a net attrition in the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 10 per cent annually. While the present rate of attrition is difficult to estimate, it appeared that last month, the first ship lost, the *U.S.S. Oregon*, the United States has been launched, and within the next twelve months a substantial portion of the 85 million tons provided for in this country will undoubtedly be added. Great Britain's shipbuilding program will similarly increase month by month, and moreover, the campaign of the Allied navies against the submarine will grow in value week by week, he said.

"The significance of this to the fortunes of war do not have to be pointed out," Mr. Pollen continued. "It means that Germany's flank attack on Allied communications has failed, and that there is no reason to suppose that the military power of Great Britain, France and Italy, and more important than all of the United States, has been felt in the western theatre of war. This is a tremendous result."

Premier Regrets
Defeat of Weichel
In North Waterloo

Wires' His Regrets at Defeat of the Unionist Candidate.

KITCHENER, Dec. 19.—The following message was received by W. G. Weichel, the defeated Unionist candidate, from Sir Robert Borden today, expressing regret at his defeat:

W. G. Weichel, Waterloo, Ont., December 18. I am deeply grieved at your defeat. You put up a magnificent campaign and your fine courage, splendid public spirit and strong patriotism justly entitled you to a renewal of your mandate. Best wishes.

SINN FEIN AMBASSADOR
HELD ON FRAUD CHARGE

Will Appear in New York Court on Thursday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Dr. Patrick McCarten, so-called "ambassador" of the United States to the Irish Republic, was brought here today from Halifax and will be arraigned tomorrow in the United States district court on a charge of fraudulently obtaining a passport. McCarten came to the United States eight months ago and was associated with "General" Laim Mellowes, another Sinn Fein leader, who was arrested last week as he was trying to leave the country.

NO MORE HEADACHES

USE NO MORE OF DRUGS,
PILLS OR POWDER.

Just Drink a Glass of This
Famous Water.

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Christian Priests
In Jerusalem Are
Tortured by Turks

Treasure Is Removed From Church of Holy Sepulchre.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An official dispatch received here today from France says that the Turks before surrendering Jerusalem to the British brutally mistreated Christian priests, carrying off the famous treasure of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, valued at millions of dollars, and sent to Berlin the church's celebrated treasury of briliants.

Monsieur Camasse, the patriarch of Jerusalem, is said to have been deposed from his office, and Father Piccard, an Italian priest, to have died from the effects of Turkish brutality. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre had remained unharmed here before during all the centuries of Moslem occupation of Jerusalem.

The same dispatch told of indignation among Mussulmans of Asia Minor over the action of Germany in establishing headquarters in the great mosque of the city of Aleppo, near the Syrian border.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated in the year 336 on the traditional spot where Christ rose from the dead.

KALTSCHMIDT AND
PALS HAD PLANNED
WHOLESALE MURDER

District Attorney McClellan Opens Address to Jury.

GERMAN MONEY EMPLOYED

Case Will Likely Go To the Jury Some Time on Thursday.

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—Summing up for the government in the case of Albert C. Kalschmidt and five others, being tried on conspiracy charges, was begun in the federal court here this afternoon. Louis W. McClellan, assistant United States district attorney, addressed the jury for more than an hour, opening with the statement that the evidence showed Kalschmidt and his co-defendants were engaged in a conspiracy to do wholesale and deliberate murder, calculated not only to blow up factories and armories in the United States and Canada, but to kill men sleeping in the armories.

Concerning Kalschmidt, he said the evidence so clearly showed his guilt that it would be necessary to spend of him only to show the connection of the other defendants with him.

Violated Law.

Mr. McClellan reviewed the stories told by Karl Schmidt, Fritz A. Neef and Franz Kops, co-defendants, that they were unaware of their conspiracy. He said that Kalschmidt, Neef and two others were sent to Duluth to purchase dynamite. Kalschmidt had received money from official German sources. These men, he said, were guilty of transporting dynamite through federal states, in violation of the federal law. He characterized Neef as the mechanical genius who invented and constructed the bombs, which, he said, the evidence proved had been made. He described the storekeeper and his home as the storeroom for explosives.

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Used German Funds.

Of the contention of the defendant that \$25,000 Kalschmidt received through the German embassy was for legitimate business purposes, Mr. McClellan said it did not matter what he said. He said that Kalschmidt received the money from the German embassy. It was enough that Kalschmidt received it from official German sources. Counted for the defense was the fact that the dynamite was not used. He described the storekeeper and his home as the storeroom for explosives.

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BINDER TWINE SUPPLY
INSURED FOR CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—An ample supply of binder twine for Canadian requirements next year at reasonable prices has been insured, as the result of an agreement reached between the United States food administration and the Mexican sisal growers of Yucatan.

Information to the effect of the food controller. The growers were holding out for a high price, but under the arrangement just consummated the entire crop has been secured at a slight advance over last year's price. Cooperation of Canada and the United States in controlling food exports from this continent was one of the factors which made it possible to secure the sisal supply at reasonable terms.

BRITAIN LOSES
14 LARGE SHIPS
AS WEEK'S TOLL

Only 3 Under 1,600 Tons—
Reduces Record for the
Previous Week.

FRANCE GETS OFF EASY

Only One Vessel Lost, and
That of Small
Tonnage.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the last week, according to the admiralty statement tonight. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or submarine in the last week are slightly under those of the previous week, when fourteen vessels of more than 1,600 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

FRANCE ESCAPES LIGHTLY.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine during the week ending December 15 were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1,600 tons was sunk, and one of over 1,600 tons. One ship was attacked, but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

NORWEGIAN LOSSES.

Copenhagen, Tuesday, Dec. 19.—The loss of two small Norwegian steamers is reported by the Norwegian foreign office. The *Malder*, of 1,250 tons, was torpedoed with the loss of three men. Twelve other members of her crew were saved. The steamer *Sarron* struck a mine, five members of her crew being killed.

ITALY'S LOSSES SMALL.

Rome, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—The weekly report of shipping losses shows that two sailing vessels of more than 100 tons and one of less than 100 tons were sunk. One steamship was damaged by a mine, but reached port.

Women Candidates
For Congress Part
of Dry N. Y. Program

Will Oppose Representatives
Who Voted Against
Amendment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—An active campaign for the ratification by the legislature of New York of the national prohibition amendment will be begun at once by the Anti-Saloon League, William H. Anderson, state superintendent, announced tonight.

The league will press with vigor the organization work among the women voters. Mr. Anderson declared, and will support women candidates on the prohibition issue against those representatives in Congress who voted against the amendment.

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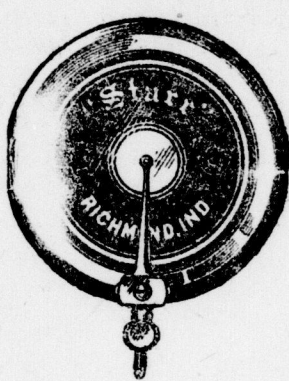
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TEN YEARS IN PRISON
FOR "CONSCIENTIOUS"

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Ten years in a military prison will be the sentence imposed hereafter upon "conscientious objectors" to the military draft, according to an announcement made here today by Major-General Arthur Murray, commanding the western department of the army.

Alfred Bloss Jr., and Valfred E. Maher, both of Seattle, Wash., who expressed scruples against draft service, were sentenced each to ten years by a court-martial at Fort Worden, Wash.

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CHAIN OF WIRELESS
Half Around World

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From the Philippines the message was flashed 4,000 miles to Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, thence to the Pacific coast and finally across the continent to Arlington.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE
COMMUNICATING WITH
DR. PAS OF PORTUGAL

Head of New Government
Favors Continuance on
Allies' Side.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The British and French ministers at Lisbon have placed themselves in communication with Dr. Pas, head of the new Government in Portugal, according to the existing situation, which also has been participated in by the Italian and Belgian ministers. It is by way of preparation for formal recognition of the new Government, the newspaper explains. Dr. Pas, it is noted, has seized every opportunity to declare that Portugal is resolved vigorously to continue the war against Germany.

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

PRESUMED TO HAVE DIED

A. D. Dye, BRUNNER.
A. G. Headon, WINDSOR.
H. T. Macdonald, NIXON.
E. D. Pearce, WOODFORD.
J. C. Riddell, WOUNDED.
A. Harrison, WINDSOR.
E. Craig, SOUTHAMPTON.
J. Eby, WOUNDED.

EIGHT NEW
FACES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS WHO ARE MILITARY MEN

CAPT. ROBT. JAS. MANION,
Port Arthur, (Unionist.)



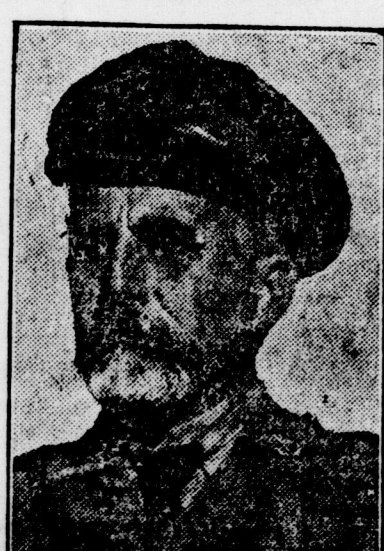
MAJOR R. G. COOPER,
Vancouver, (Unionist.)



DR. PETER MCGIBBON, M.C.M.D.,
Muskoka, (Unionist.)



MAJOR C. P. POWER,
S. Quebec, (Liberal.)



MAJOR G. W. ANDREWS,
Centre Winnipeg, (Unionist.)



DR. J. L. CHABOT,
Ottawa, 2, (Unionist.)



LIEUT.-COL. NORMAN LANG,
Humboldt, Sask., (Unionist.)



LIEUT.-COL. JAS. ARTHUR,
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THE GREAT CANADIAN—WHERE IS HE?

CANADA has lost most of the men who were regarded as "statesmen." It may take the lapse of years to give a public man such rank. The white light that beats upon a throne does not make for disproportionate estimate of a man's real calibre. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the last of the old school, and Canadians, whether admiring him or disliking him through racial or religious prejudice, acknowledge that he has done much in the interests of this country and the Empire. The men of the present generation of parliamentarians do not seem to have had time to ripen. We do not regard many of the present Government as having been tempered in the forge of service and found to contain the real metal of greatness. Sir George Foster is the daddy of them all in many respects.

But if there is a man who is destined to shine in our history as "The Great Canadian" now is the time for him to appear. Destiny is knocking upon the door of the new ministers. If they have "the goods" to reveal they will be irresistible to the nation. Statesmanship, so sadly lacking in the past regime, calls for recruits as never before. The nation waits with shining eyes to take the inspired son to its bosom.

The Great Canadian should arise and claim his place if he is to be found in the allied cabinet. No nation ever needed stronger leadership, and once the man has shown himself fit for the task, the mantle of public confidence will soon fall upon him.

There are untold men in the Union Government, considering them as a whole. But there are men toward whom the public—and this means the portion of the public which opposed them at the polls—will be more than willing to take a sympathetic attitude. Good government cannot be denied its credit, and the country as a whole waits for good government and the leader who shall shape our destiny.

THE HEZZELWOOD SEQUEL.

DESPITE the efforts of the mysterious Capt. Oliver Hezzelwood the appellate judges having to do with appeals against military tribunal decisions are proceeding with their duties without regard to the promises and half-promises of exemption sent out as a vote catcher by the Toronto agent. Every farmer or the son of a farmer will find it necessary to appear before the court, there to learn whether or not he is "habitually and effectively" engaged in necessary production. The telegrams sent out by Hezzelwood and the promises published and given personally by political candidates have no bearing whatever upon the issue. The Duff decision may be used as a guide for military representatives, but the judge is likely to hear the evidence in the matter in any event.

Such a case came to light at Palmerston on Tuesday, when an appellant appeared with one of the famous Hezzelwood telegrams, virtually pledging him safety from military service. Judge John A. Barron was presiding, and he questioned the man. The result was to show that the so-called farmer had not been on a farm for months, but had been engaged in the highly-diverting pastime of juggling baggage for the C. P. R. at Kala—which is productive of nothing, except trouble for commercial men. Judge Barron promptly refused the appeal, and the baggage-farmer goes to service, despite the promise that may or may not have caught his vote.

This tampering with the work of the courts is as bold an election trick as is known in the history of Canada. It placed the county judges in an awkward position, to say the least, and it will be strange if an investigation is not demanded. The matter should be called to the attention of Hon. W. S. Fielding or Frank Carvell.

THE WHISPERED STORY.

THERE are stories going the rounds in London and other centres to this effect: "I saw a letter from England the other day and it said that food conditions there were in a terrible state. There is not only a scarcity of luxuries, but of necessities and hundreds of thousands of people are next door to starvation. They cannot get food for love or money. Moreover, there is a German air raid every night, and tremendous damage is done. The papers are not allowed to publish these facts."

Are they facts? That is the question. Or, are they inventions calculated to sow the seeds of worry and fear among Canadians, and to change faith into doubt?

The old story of the Red Cross sweater was whispered from person to person, and did incalculable harm, although it contained not one vestige of truth. It went uncontradicted until it was brought to the attention of the press and exposed for the lie it was. There is reason to suspect that this story about British conditions is similarly untrue, and spread for disloyal purposes, innocent mediums lending themselves unthinkingly to false enemy's cause.

Such a state of affairs in Britain could not be kept secret, and would not be left to a few unknown letter-writers to announce to an anxious world. There are thousands of letters coming to Canada from England and Scotland weekly, but how many readers of The Advertiser have actually had one from a trustworthy source describing the problem of existence as so serious? Many tell of the high cost of foodstuffs and the prohibitive price of luxuries, but that is not to the point.

There is a very strict censorship exercised over the mail from Britain, and if hunger were as near as these stories say and it was desired

Christmas as Usual

We "traitors and Germans" who voted today in a manner the nationalists thought the wrong way, Tomorrow will quietly start in once more. To watch for the hat coming round as before.

While the Unionist—bund and Flavell and "all such" will wait the flag and go on getting rich; While the parsons and priests, and the half of the ladies will, pro tem, be not stating we're going to hades.

For Christmas Day, see, will be here in a week. It behooves us to hustle and earnestly seek The dollar, so shrunken, the last year or two, That a buck will not buy what two bits used to do.

And begin shopping early our presents to gather. Which we'll give as usual. Will we? Well, rather! Though we've fought with one-half of our neighbors we still Insist on promulgating "Peace and good-will."

THE OLD 'UN.

December 17, 1917.

to keep the fact a secret, no letters would arrive here containing the story.

Discard all such tales unless you see the letter itself and have some knowledge of the writer, is the best advice that can be given. Be very careful not to spread tales that so-and-so saw a letter which came to a friend from England. This may be playing the Germans' game for them, besides causing unnecessary worry to those who have dear ones across the ocean.

GERMANY LEARNING.

MODERN wars are not won by ineffective, says the German chancellor in asserting that peace negotiations with Britain are out of the question at present. He has learned part of his lesson.

It was Wilhelm who styled the original British army of regulars, "French's contemptible little army." He has had to endure the agony of watching that army grow until it is today one of the most efficient fighting machines in the world. It was not and will not be beaten by invective: it was not beaten by Wilhelm's armed hordes. But, there is something else the chancellor must learn: modern wars are not won by brutality and atrocities. They are won by the most steadfast belligerent backed by men, money and a righteous cause. Far from helping Germany, her Hunnism and vandalism have decided her fate. They have brought against her the most powerful republic in the world, with almost unlimited resources in men and money, fired with the determination to take no rest until Prussianism is uprooted and destroyed. Had Germany avoided senseless brutality, the United States would have remained neutral, in all likelihood.

Germany is realizing that Asquith spoke for the British nation when he said the sword would never be sheathed until Belgium was freed and restored. There are other conditions, and these, too, must be fulfilled. No attractive offers by Germany of a temporary peace will meet with anything but blunt refusal. The effect of this realization in Germany ought to make for earlier peace on a solid basis. No longer can Berlin hulk the people with promises of peace by negotiations; she has officially denied the possibility. They know that it is either fight until decisively defeated or oust the kaiser and his crew. Possibly the latter will seem the easier and more satisfactory.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Frank H. Simonds as a writer on Canadian politics is a first-rate war critic.

If Kerensky only had Villa with him in Russia the two could surround the Bolsheviks and capture the country.

One of the most remarkable pieces of news in Wednesday's papers was that the Germans saved two American sailors after torpedoing their ship. Later reports may be expected to show the "Germans" really belonged to the less inhuman Turkish nation.

"Made in Germany" has been looked upon as a guarantee of cheapness, but when we find that norocaine, a drug of whose manufacture Germany had a monopoly, can be made in the United States and sold at about \$100 a pound instead of \$720, the German price, views are apt to change.

There is room for a good deal of explanation of the fact that the British naval units assigned to convoy the merchantmen which were attacked and sunk on Wednesday failed to appear on the scene in time. Doubtless it was an error, but, in wartime, errors are almost as reprehensible as deliberate neglect of duty. Britain has been pitted in dealing with responsible officers or officials who have failed, and she will continue the policy, which is not caused by a desire to punish, but by the determination to avoid similar occurrences in the future.

"To a Boy Soldier"

He is far from the land of his childhood,
And comrades about him are falling,
But his heart is true to the scene and signs—
As he hears the wounded ones calling.

He fights for the flag that over him flies;
This man who is still but a boy,
Yet his lips grimly set and the glare of the eyes
Tell that horror has smothered his joy.

For his country he fights—for his country he dies,
And happy is he in the giving;
For his life is now over, and his pain and his sighs,
In this sorrowful land of the living.

Ah—give him the grave of a soldier brave,
Close wrapped in his flag let him sleep,
Weep not at his fate, for the life that he gave,
God's angels in Heaven will keep.

PEACE FOR CHRISTMAS.

[London Times.]

A luncheon was given by the members of the Aldwych Club to Mr. Horatio Bottomley at the Connaught rooms yesterday.

Sir Henry Dalziel, M.P., who presided, said for various reasons he had not been quite so optimistic in the past as he had been during the last few days.

Mr. Bottomley, in replying to the toast of his health, spoke of the lessons he had learned from his recent visit to the western front, and the optimistic spirit of the men. On the western front we had the absolute mastery of the enemy. The men believed, as he believed, as every man must realize, that on the western front where the war began there it would end. If they believed him, the end was very near indeed. We should not trouble about Russia. Germany might be playing for a counter to bargain with. He wished he were free to say all that was told him and all that was said that in the opinion of everybody on the western front, from the highest command, and he emphasized the phrase, down to the humblest Tommy in the ranks, the belief was universal—he weighed his words when he said it—that we might be able to sit down to our dinner at Christmas with a peace on earth and a good will towards men once again. (Cheers.)

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

(By Lillian Crowley.)

Poor Mrs. Medgely sat in her disordered living room in an utterly hopeless attitude. "Oh, dear," she sighed, "I haven't the heart to tidy the house or even myself. To think of Christmas only three weeks away, and not one gift for the children and no hope of getting any. I am glad they are at school; I can't bear to say a good cry."

Just as she was getting out her handkerchief preparatory to enjoying this unusual luxury she heard the postman's step on the porch. Habit forced her to quip back the tears and go to the door. He handed her several letters, all of which she recognized as bills, with the exception of one, which bore the handwriting of her sister Judith.

"Anne, dear," she wrote, "at last I can visit you, and shall be with you in a few days. 'Oh, dear! Oh, dear!' To think of Judith visiting us at a time like this, when we can hardly stand with the high cost of living, to set the table, let alone having a holiday time!"

Some Lonesome. "Gee, but I feel lonesome," said the thin traveling man in the Pullman smoker. "You don't know what it is to feel lonesome," replied the fat traveling man. "At least we'll be clean," she said to herself, as she made broom and duster fly about.

Some months before this time Henry Medgely had lost his position as book-keeper on account of the failure of the firm for which he had been working. He had no idea of impending conditions and was almost staggered by the blow. The Medgelys had four growing children and every month had lived up to the salary. Mr. Medgely had just found out that his position was a precarious one when she made broom and duster fly about.

"Christmas! That was the hard part. Nothing for the children, and they had such jolly times before, with presents for everyone. Now she had more work than ever, and they were making presents, even if she had the money with which to buy material."

"At last I am here! Are you quite well, Anne?" "Oh, yes, dear," Mrs. Medgely's voice had a strange note in it. Judith looked up quickly. "You don't look well, Anne. What is the matter?"

Poor Anne let the floodgates of her tears open and told Judith her troubles. "It's only that we don't want you to have a stupid time, Judith," answered Judith. "I am wildly happy just to be here with you all. But I am glad you told me."

The children were delighted to have their aunt with them. They had often visited the pleasant old white house that had been their mother's home, and it was a happy party that surrounded the dinner table that night. Mrs. Medgely, too, almost forgot to be worried for the first time in months.

Next morning after Judith had kissed the four children as they left for school she turned to her sister and said: "Anne, dear, we must take an inventory of stock and see what we can make for the kids for Christmas."

"There is nothing," said Anne. "We'll find something," determinedly answered Judith. "You can make things out of comparatively nothing," laughed Anne. "but you can't make them out of absolutely nothing."

"Yes, we can't," I'll send for my yarns and knit a cap and mittens for each child. They are using bright colors and combinations of colors. In that way we can use your left-over yarns, too. We'll have plenty without buying any more, and I knit rapidly. I've done lots of this work for the Red Cross."

She made looms with empty spoons and pins, from which each child helped to make a round string which they worked on at odd moments. They were to be sewed to the mittens. No more hunting for the "other mitten." The children were entertained with the idea of being useful and of helping Aunt Judith.

The sisters looked up discarded dolls and sewed up legs and arms, painted the faces and restored the hair. Entire outfits of clothes that could be taken off and put on were made from bits of cloth found in the scrap-bag, and they crocheted lace enough for the trimming. These were for the two little girls, Martha and Peggy, aged 7 and 9.

How to make 11-year-old Ralph happy with left-overs was the problem. Then Judith remembered that years ago she had been the recipient of a stamp-book which she had not used. She wrote her father for it, and then invested in some mixed stamps for Ralph to make a beginning with. A few new puzzles and toys from the recent store were a goodly array of bright things for Tommy, who was the youngest child.

"Now for the boys," said Judith. "Let's not try to have the usual Christmas dinner, but think up something different."

"I did so want to ask Mr. and Mrs. Lambert," sighed Anne. "They came from England several years ago and are so alone at Christmas time. I had hoped to have them, but, of course, I cannot do it this year."

"That gives me the very idea, Anne. We'll invite them and surprise them with a regular English dinner—roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and gravy, and have roly-poly pudding for dessert."

The days flew by with the sisters as busy as bees. Anne never happier in all her life. She had not time for repining, and found that by simply making the best of everything she had no real troubles at all. Henry, too, caught the spirit of hope, and remarked to his wife:

"It won't be long until we have made up for lost time, and I like my new position better than the old one, because it has more of a future to it."

bag of candy on top, while the other gifts were grouped about the tree. After the successful dinner was eaten they spent the evening in singing carols. John had a good tenor voice and Judith accompanied him on the piano. Then he sang military songs he had learned in the trenches. The guests took their departure, vowing it the happiest Christmas of all. Mrs. Medgely turned to her sister. "Only think, Judith, I was afraid you would have a dull time. The children have missed nothing, and you have been an angel of mercy!"

"Happiness has nothing to do with the possession of things," smiled Judith. "It is all a state of mind. And John and I will have something to tell you tomorrow, when he leaves for the front."

Bits of Byplay by Luke McLuke

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Merry! The check I saw her pay; She didn't seem to care a—hang That it was Meatless Day.

Some Lonesome. "Gee, but I feel lonesome," said the thin traveling man in the Pullman smoker. "You don't know what it is to feel lonesome," replied the fat traveling man. "At least we'll be clean," she said to herself, as she made broom and duster fly about.

Any Other Nominations? Rev. Will B. Good of Johnstown, Pa., has been nominated for chaplain of the club.

Smack. Sweet Mabel was fishing in a boat with darling Jack; Jack said Mabel with a grin: "Let's take a fishing smack."

Ouch! "They tell me that old Skinfint is a miser," said Smith. "Yes," replied Jones. "Most of his characteristics are in keeping."

Learn One Important Fact Each Day. The present week of seven days was adopted 3,693 years ago.

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a week when they are engaged, and how he raises Cain if she happens to step on his 5-cent shine after they are married!—Lee.

Neighbors. He called today to get off me My brot to clean snow; And brought back the lawn mower he Had borrowed months ago.

The Wise Fool. "History repeats itself," quoted the Sage. "Maybe," commented the Fool. "But gossip gets itself repeated more than history does."

Strange. "It's mighty strange," said old man Feet. "Who were a puzzled frown; A clock cannot run up a street. But I've seen one run down."

Oh, Joy! There is a lumberjack in the camp of the Crookston Lumber Company at Nebish, Minn., who might help in felling the close of the war. His name is L. C. Sines.

Gosh! As far as we know, the great Canadian Northwest is pretty tame right now. But what we started to say was that L. C. Sines runs a printing office in Expanse, Sask.

In the Auditorium. On concerts I am no more keen— Whenever I am put. Someone is chewing wintergreen. Or hammering with his foot.—E. S.

IV. The V in V-necked waste stands pat. Though chests are cold and blue; And I have an idea that "View." The V must stand for "View."—Luke McLuke.

And when the V's just deep enough To make the slight squeak, And there are those of us (who write this stuff) Who think the V's for "Vision."

And those there be who do maintain, When a deep V they lamp, To them the matter's very plain; The V must stand for Vamp. —Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

Names Is Names. Ivy Vines lives at Anderson, S.C. Our Daily Special. A Man Is Never Too Old to Unlearn.

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"How interesting," exclaimed Judith. "Perhaps he can advise me about my Red Cross work."

It hasn't anything on a fat woman who is boarding a P. A. Y. E. street car. What has become of the old-fashioned tad who used to wear his hat in the house all the time?

Another difference between men and women is that when a man meets another man he hasn't any use for he doesn't kiss him.

A man judges another man's financial rating by looking at Dun and Bradstreet. A woman judges another woman's financial rating by looking at her furs.

Wait a Minute! By J. H. F.

A bunch of Capt. Hezzelwood's exemptions are being sent to war. And the trick got an awful lot of votes in Western Ontario.

About all we can give anybody this Christmas is a lot of advice.

The election has solved the race problem of Canada just as much as Bill Bryan has saved Britain.

The stockings of the children will be well filled at Christmas, we are told. Joy for the kiddies at any rate.

Kaiser Bill could not have heard the news from Canada yet, or he would have quit. That German invasion must have got frost-bitten.

The municipal elections look like squibs alongside the big show. At the same time, good civic government is much more personal than federal government.

As a predictor, the conductor of this column is a dog-gone good song bird.

Never met so many "I-told-you-so guys" since we were hustled complainingly into this tight old world as during the past few days.

MUTT AND JEFF—YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO SOUTH FOR RAILROADS LIKE THAT.



WANDERERS WIN FROM TORONTOS AT MONTREAL

Take Opener by 10 to 8 After Rather Ragged Game.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—About 700 persons witnessed the initial professional hockey game of the season at the arena in this city tonight, when the Wanderers won from Toronto by a score of 10 to 8. The play was somewhat ragged at times, and the visiting team was weak in its attacking. Toronto had the better of the argument most of the game, but neither Hebert who was the goalkeeper in the earlier part of the game, nor Brooks, in the second session stopped the Wanderers' shots as they might have done. Wanderers used Lindsay throughout, and he proved more serviceable to the home team than either Hebert or Brooks. Toronto was practically as last year's team. The visiting forwards, Skinner, Denney and Noble, were fast and good shots, and Randall and Cameron made an excellent defense. For the Wanderers, Lindsay, McDonald from the Quebecs showed to advantage. Geran, a new man on the local team, did not make a favorable impression.

Lineup:

Wanderers: Goal—Toronto. Lindsay—post. Hobert. Ritchie—defense. Randall. Stephens—defense. Hebert. Bell—center. Skinner. Hyland—center. Denney. McDonald—wing. Meeking. Geran—sub. Coughlin. Ross—sub. O'Grady—sub. Brooks.

Inter-City Bowling League Official Players' Averages

Games.	Average.	High.	Low.	Strikes.	Spares.	Average.	High.	Low.	Strikes.	Spares.	Average.
G. Karrys	15	185	5	246	591	C. Herron	9	172	2	237	538
P. Mascara	9	184	1	229	583	M. Steeves	15	170	0	193	531
E. Stephens	13	183	3	223	592	T. Crawford	13	170	1	223	523
H. Cooper	18	179	2	227	584	M. Smith	18	165	1	213	520
Elliot	18	178	2	211	505	T. Hunter	12	165	0	199	510
W. Charbon	18	177	2	222	577	R. Black	9	165	0	199	510
W. Catalano	12	173	2	224	549	C. Taylor	9	161	0	194	501
P. Delaney	18	172	2	222	583	R. Cook	6	161	0	192	500
						V. Herbert	9	163	0	193	493
						T. Taney	9	161	0	194	491
						C. Macari	12	153	0	189	480
						R. Love	18	161	0	199	480
						V. Lang	15	160	1	205	473
						M. Mascara	15	158	0	182	471
						E. Hearst	15	157	1	209	470
						R. Lawson	3	155	0	183	469
						W. Montgomery	6	154	0	183	469

The Official Averages of The City League Bowlers

Penna	21	5,455	166	Summers	18	5,303	161
Ferris	21	5,453	166	Ames	18	5,287	161
Abraham	9	4,476	165	Balantine	18	5,292	161
Maroon	9	4,471	165	Rockford	18	5,291	161
Nightingale	9	4,487	159	Clarke	15	5,108	165
Brown	21	3,396	162	Elgin	12	5,090	165
Bison	21	3,217	155	Galagher	18	5,217	165
Lehman	21	3,275	156	Barry	18	5,248	165
Hushman	21	3,275	156	McComick	18	5,247	165
Hawkins	15	2,265	154	Ward	12	5,655	165
Bugg	18	2,756	152	Boyd	15	5,465	165
Stone	15	2,951	150	Stockton	12	5,463	165
C. Jefferies	15	2,249	150	MacFie	12	5,636	165
Smith	15	2,249	150	Purth	12	5,623	165
Norman	12	1,791	149	McGinnis	12	5,623	165
Donaldson	21	5,148	148	B. Jefferies	21	2,654	148
Berritt	21	5,148	148	Phelan	18	2,654	148
Yohn	21	3,124	148	Munroe	9	2,219	148
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Crawford	21	3,065	146				

VICTORY RACE

MOVING IS LEGAL

Official Canadian League Individual Bowling Averages

Name.	Games.	Pins.	Avg.	Strikes.	Spares.	Average.	High.	Low.	Strikes.	Spares.	Average.
Pena	21	3,455	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Ferris	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Abraham	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Minister	9	1,461	162	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Nightingale	9	1,457	162	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Wilson	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Gilson	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Lehman	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Cushman	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
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Sherrill	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
John	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
Joyce	21	3,453	165	188	146	138	1,898	146	188	146	138
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VETERAN RACER BUDWEISER IS 17 YEARS OLD

Despite Years, Old-Timer Is Still Strong at New Orleans.

One of the most remarkable racers at the New Orleans meeting is 17-year-old Budweiser, a son of Buckmaster. In spite of the fact that he is seventeen years old, he has been racing with great consistency, and only the other day led home a good field of sliders in a race at a mile and twenty yards.

The well-preserved specimen of the thoroughbred first began to attract attention in the summer, when there was a controversy as to whether he really was Budweiser of another horse called Ginger Snap. At the Laurel fall meeting, Budweiser began to show the form that culminated in his recent victory. Race, indeed, for he has been racing since he was three years old, and won on the next time out. In all probability Budweiser, who was bred by Barney Schreiber, is the oldest race horse in training.

COCHRAN LEADING ORA MORNINGSTAR AT END OF FIRST DAY'S PLAY

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—Walter Cochran of Chicago was leading Ora Morningstar of this city, 600 to 503 tonight at the end of the first day's play in their 1,800 point 18.2 ballline match. Cochran took the first block this afternoon, 200 to 18. He played thirteen innings in this block. Cochran had a high run of 167, while Morningstar ran 125.

In the evening match Morningstar was doing all it could under the circumstances to keep the score of racing alive, and that race meets would in all probability be continued in the vicinity of Paris.

TELLS OF FRENCH RACING

Trainer Says Government Is Keeping Sport Alive During Wartime.

Ira C. Ryerson of Goshen, N.Y., who has been in France for the past two years, where he conducted a racing stable, arrived at an American port recently, accompanied by his wife. He said that when the war broke out he disposed of his stable, and was invited to return to France in 1915, and since that time had raced his horses there on a more limited basis than before the commencement of hostilities. Mr. Ryerson said that the French Government was doing all it could under the circumstances to keep the sport of racing alive, and that race meets would in all probability be continued in the vicinity of Paris.

CANADIENS DEFEAT OTTAWAS IN FIRST N. H. A. SCHEDULE

Ottawa Drops Opener by Score of 7 to 4.

ICE WAS VERY SOFT

Canadiens Were Helped by Watery Underfoot—Locals Lacked Speed.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—If the opening game of the local season of the N.H.A., the Canadiens defeated the Ottawas by a score of 7 to 4. The ice was sticky and it thus helped the heavier Canadiens. Eddie Gerard and his Ottawa seldom cutting loose with the speed the patrons expected. The Canadiens had a lead of three to nothing at the end of the first session, and the only time the Ottawas were dangerous was in the second, when they scored two and drew within a couple of goals of the champions. They had a chance to pull it out in the third period, but failed to do so, as the Canadiens' defence was too strong, and the visitors played an extra man back.

The Ottawas went out without Shore. Darragh, Nighbor and Merrill of last year's team. Nighbor is at Toronto in the Royal Flying Corps, while Merrill is out of the game. There was some trouble over the contracts of Darragh and Shore, and the players refused to go on until the directors had been brought into a conference. Shore and Darragh both got into the game in the second period, but it was then too late to repair the damage. "Rusty" Crawford joined the Ottawas today and gave a good account of himself, though he had been out of the game for some time. He was in every department. Harvey Paulford and Charlie McKinley refereed and had but few penalties to hand out. Line-up: Canadiens—Vezina, Hall, Corbeau, LaRonde, Madon, Pritch, sub. Couture, Berliquet and Laviolette. Ottawas—Benellot, Crawford, Gerard, Boucher, Denney, Lowrey, sub. Bruce, Darragh.

SPORT NOTES

Both Junior and senior local groups in the O. H. A. drew up their schedules on Tuesday.

Drawing up the senior group was some merry job. After six hours' deliberation the group adopted a double schedule, opening the season on December 28 and closing February 23.

The clubs' colors are: London, blue, white and khaki; Sarnia, blue and white; Kitchener, green and white; Hamilton, white and red; Preston, red and white.

Selling pitchers is getting to be a regular winter sport among magnates.

Grover Alexander, during his seven years with the Phillies, won 190 games and lost 88, holding the opposing teams to the low average of 2.5 runs per game. This makes Grover worth the price.

The soldier O. H. A. team is counting heavily on the draft to bring some star players. A couple of speedy men from Kitchener and a live forward from Preston are looked for.

The London Military Hockey Club held its first workout on Tuesday night in Westminster Hall. About 25 men were out and were put through their tricks by Q. M. S. Storey, manager of the team.

According to reports received at New York from horsesmen just returned from France, the French Government is making big efforts to keep racing on its feet during the war. Race meets will be held weekly in the vicinity of Paris.

After the first round of the senior Q. H. A. series has been completed there will be two weeks to settle the

BOSTON SOX LEAD LEAGUE IN CLUB FIELDING AVERAGES

Red Hoses Made Total of .972 for Field Work During Season.

CHICAGO WAS SECOND

President Johnson Announces Official Averages of American League Fielders.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Chicago Americans, the team which won the world's championship, was second in club fielding in the American League, Boston, with a total of .972, being 5 points to the good in this department of the game. This is shown in the official fielding averages announced by B. B. Johnson, president of the league. Among the "regulars" Chick Gandil, Chicago, led the fielders, with a fielding percentage of .972, being 5 points to the good in this department of the game. This is shown in the official fielding averages announced by B. B. Johnson, president of the league. Among the "regulars" Chick Gandil, Chicago, led the fielders, with a fielding percentage of .972, being 5 points to the good in this department of the game. This is shown in the official fielding averages announced by B. B. Johnson, president of the league. 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MEN FROM RUSSIAN LINEWITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN
FRANCE, Dec. 19.—Before signing thearmistice, with Russia, Germany, ac-
cording to the assertions of numbers
of prisoners, withdrew all soldiers be-
tween the ages of 20 and 35 from the
divisions of the Russian front. These
were replaced by older men and re-cruits of the 1918 class, thus nominally
retaining the same formations on the
eastern front as in the past.
The divisions now occupying the
western front lines are composed of
the best fighting material at the dis-
posal of the Germans.GALT WANTS FUEL
STORED PRIVATELY
TO BE CHECKED UPCivic Controller Is Asked For
by City Council.GALT, Dec. 19.—With local coal
dealers admitting that it is extremely
difficult to procure anything like an
adequate supply the situation takes on
a serious aspect, and the council has
asked the Dominion fuel controller for
permission to appoint a local fuel con-
troller to ascertain what supplies of
coal are in the hands of private con-
sumers and to regulate future distribu-
tion.
The council has increased its con-
tribution to the Dominion relief fund from
\$500 to \$2,500. The first donation was
made in the form of clothing, but the
balance of the grant, \$2,000, will be in
cash.Attention locally is now turned to-
wards the municipal elections. Dr. W.
S. Dakin today announced himself as a
mayoralty candidate, making two
years ago a resident of the city. He
having announced himself last week.
Ald. J. A. McIlwaine may be another
contestant.GIVEN TWO YEARS IN
PRISON FOR FAILING
TO GET INTO KHAKIJames Curtin of West Oxford
Now Willing to Enlist.WOODSTOCK, Dec. 18.—The first
charge of desertion under the military
service act in this district was heard
in police court today, when James Cur-
tin of West Oxford was charged with
being liable for military service under
the act, he did not report.
He was sent to the Reformatory for
two years by Magistrate Ball, although
he explained that he was willing to en-
list now if given the opportunity. He
stated that he had been in the west
superintending a shipment of cattle, and
only returned to Toronto a few days
ago. He admitted, however, that he
knew the requirements of the military
service act, and went on to say that
he did not want to fight if he could
help it.GONE TO FRANCE.
BRANTFORD, Dec. 19.—Word has
been received that Lieut. Wyn Col-
quhoun and Lieut. Reg. Gundy have
gone to France. Lieut. E. J. Currey,
recently wounded, has arrived at
Boulogne and is doing well.
Military headquarters has asked the
city to keep intact the temporary build-
ing for internecine purposes on Govern-
ment property until further notice. He
arrived at the front for the wintering of
troops here. It was originally announced
that two soldiers had been sent here for
training. The temporary building is no
longer in use, but will be retained for
the middle of January before the
troops will arrive.LOSS WILL BE \$2,000.
BRANTFORD, Dec. 19.—Fire origi-
nating from a gas stove did \$2,000
damage to the store of J. Westbrook
early today. The fire started in the
upper part of the building and spread
scarcely a minute.IS STILL MISSING.
CHATHAM, Dec. 19.—No further word
has as yet been received by the par-
ties of Pte. David Thomas of Kent
Bridge, who was reported wounded and
missing on November 20. Pte. Thomas
was reported as having been captured
by the Germans on the Canadian
Militia front near Moose Jaw, but was
subsequently transferred to the
Garry House in France. He was wounded
six months ago, but returned to the
trenches upon recovering.BOTH LIKELY ALIVE.
ALLAN, Dec. 19.—A letter was
received by Mrs. Schuyler, who is
widow of a soldier, from her son, Pte.
Schuyler, who is in the hospital at
Moore's Hospital, suffering from an
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OWEN SOUND, Dec. 19.—Corp.
William Fraser, who enlisted with the
20th Battalion, and who has been twice
wounded, was recently awarded the
military medal for distinguished ser-
vice. He won the decoration in the
engagement in which he was the sec-
ond time wounded. Prior to enlisting
he was with one of the local fire
brigades.
Pte. Jack Cooper Riddell of Wood-
ford is also reported to be dead, after
having been reported missing and
wounded. His mother, Mrs. George Rid-
dell, has received official notice.
The appeal tribunals which sat here
last Friday and Saturday disposed of
their cases as follows: The military
representatives withdrew 14 appeals en-
tered by them. 8 cases were dismissed,
3 were disallowed and 4 were allowed.HAPPY HARVESTERS GAVE
CHILDREN REAL TREATSaturday evening last the children
from the Chatham and Woodford
municipalities were treated to a
dinner at the Chatham Hotel. The
dinner was given by the Happy Har-
vesters' Club, which was organized
for the purpose of giving the children
a real treat. The dinner was given
at the Chatham Hotel, and was a
great success. The children were
treated to a delicious meal, and
were all very happy. The Happy
Harvesters' Club is a very good
club, and it is very glad to give
the children a real treat.OWEN SOUND HEALTHY.
OWEN SOUND, Dec. 19.—The report
of the local M. O. H. Dr. A. L. Rupp-
erford for the year. It also commends
the local garbage collection and sanitary
systems, but advises greater strin-
gency in the enforcement of the by-
law respecting milk dealers.MANY NEW FACES IN
STRATFORD COUNCIL
AFTER THE ELECTIONMany of This Year's Members
Likely to Retire.STRATFORD, Dec. 19.—Indications
are that there will be considerable
change in the personnel of next year's
council. A canvass of the members made
today shows that six of the more ex-
perienced members are desirous of re-
tiring, and will only allow their names
to stand in the possibility of averting an
election. Ald. Davis stated that he
would retire in the field, and Alder-
men Ballantyne, Greenwood, Wright,
Gray and Farquharson expressed an in-
clination to retire. The results of to-
day's election are not yet known, but
it is believed that the new council will
be a very different one from the present
one.Mrs. Janet Sparks, aged 77, for many
years a resident of Tavistock, is dead.
She was the widow of the late Mr. J. J.
Sparks, and had three sons and three
daughters. Mrs. Sparks was born in
Stratford, and had been a resident of
Tavistock for many years. She was a
very kind and generous person, and
was much loved by all who knew her.
She died at her home, and was buried
in the cemetery. Her funeral will be
held on Friday next.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THE ELECTION RESULT.
To the Editor of The Advertiser.
While we are disappointed with the
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Club Bags, genuine leather and imitation leather..... \$2.00 to \$25.00

Suitcases, genuine leather and imitation leather..... \$1.00 to \$20.00

Ladies' Hand Purses..... 50c to \$5.00

Ladies' Hand Bags..... 50c to \$7.50

Gentlemen's Purses and Billfolds..... 25c to \$4.00

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Toilet Sets, all styles..... \$3.00 to \$10.00

Manicure Sets..... \$1.75 to \$10.00

Military Brushes, in leather cases..... \$2.50 to \$5.00

Razor Straps..... 50c to \$2.50

Cigar Cases..... 75c to \$1.50

Tobacco Pouches..... 50c to \$2.50

Music Cases and Rolls..... 50c to \$5.00

Collar Bags..... 75c to \$2.50

Gillette Safety Razors and Blades (all prices).

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Let us help to make your Christmas shopping a pleasure. No trouble to select your
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and Vanity Cases, Auto Strap Razors, Fountain Pens, Umbrellas, Walking Sticks, Ebony
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lish and French China, Pomegranate, Pearl Handle Goods and Carvers.

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GIFTS FOR LADIES		GIFTS FOR GENTLEMEN	
Diamond Rings.....	\$5.00 to \$400.00	Watches.....	\$1.00 to \$100.00
Diamond Set Pendants.....	\$9.00 to \$500.00	Watch Chains, in Waldemar, single and double.....	\$2.00 to \$30.00
Diamond Set Bar Pins and Brooches.....		Cuff Links, silver, gold-plated, gold-filled and solid gold.....	50c to \$7.00
Wrist Watches.....	\$7.00 up	Cuff Links, diamond set.....	\$10.00 up
Bracelets.....	\$2.00 to \$100.00	Tiepins, from.....	50c to \$200.00
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BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

BENNESS-At Victoria Hospital, on Dec. 19, 1917, Annie Jane Benness, of 225 Grey street.
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GRIFFITHS-At Victoria Hospital, on Thursday, December 20, 1917, Steven Griffiths (burialist), beloved husband of Violetta Griffiths, in his 83rd year.
Funeral (private) from W. Harrison's undertaking parlors, 671 Dundas street, on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Service at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Please send flowers. Toronto papers please copy.
PETERS-At his late residence, 120 Tuckey road, London, West, on Wednesday, December 19, 1917, William Frederick Peters, in his 56th year.
Funeral on Saturday, December 22, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.
TUCKEY-At her late residence, lot 25, con. 6, London Township, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, Janet, beloved wife of the late Francis Tuckey, in her 75th year.
Funeral from the above address on Saturday, December 22, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Hyde Park Cemetery.

MEETINGS.

AN EMERGENT ASSEMBLY OF Richard Cour de Lion Preceptory will be held on Sunday, December 23, in the Masonic Hall, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of holding a Christmas service. All air knights, invited to attend. The service is short and interesting. J. H. Morgan, registrar, J. H. Morgan, presiding preceptor.
REGULAR MEETING PALESTINE Shrine, W. S. O. J. No. 3, this (Thursday) evening, December 20, election of officers. Annie Tullitt, W. H. P. J. H. Morgan, scribe.
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Thursday, December 20, at Askin Street Public School.
Wednesday, December 26, at Talbot Street Public School.
Thursday, December 27, at the East End Town Hall.
Friday, December 28, at Simcoe Street Public School.
Saturday, December 29, at the City Hall.
Addresses will be given by members of the council and others in explanation of by-laws submitted and the work of the year.
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The annual Christmas party given by the ladies of the Red Cross to the staff of Victoria Hospital was held on Wednesday evening in the Nurses' Home. Many nurses and their friends and 125 returned soldiers were present. An excellent program of music and readings was put on. Among those who took part were Mrs. Charles Ivey, who rendered a violin solo in a most pleasing manner; Joseph Roman, who delighted the audience with a reading; and Mrs. Smith of Woodstock, who rendered a solo in the splendid voice of a Nightingale. Following the program luncheon was served in the big dining-hall. Col. William Garsshore, chairman of the hospital trust, was chairman for the evening.

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Visiting Rector Tells of Many Calls on Minister Today.

Rev. G. Q. Warner, B.A., B.D., late of Trinity Church, Montreal, was inducted as rector of the Cronyn Memorial Church last evening, the anniversary of his ordination, at an impressive service conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Richardson and attended by a good representation of the congregation.

After the reading by the archdeacon of the license issued by the bishop of Huron authorizing Mr. Warner to preach in the diocese, together with the official certificate showing that the oath and declaration required had been taken and made, and the mandate of induction, the archdeacon proceeded with the churchwardens and newly-installed priest to the church door, where he declared: "By virtue of this mandate I do induct you into the real, actual and corporal possession of this church, with the rights, profits and appurtenances thereto belonging."

Given the Keys. At this point the rector's churchwarden, J. Robert, presented Mr. Warner with the keys of the church on behalf of the parish, and in obedience to the mandate of the bishop. After this the newly-inducted incumbent tolled the church bell to signify to the parishioners his taking possession as authorized.

Preaching a sermon appropriate to the occasion, Rev. C. C. Purton, formerly of St. James Church, Paris, and now of Christ Church, Detroit, declared the ministry of Jesus Christ to be the most sacred and honorable of all professions, and the course of his sermon he dwelt upon the exactions made in a democratic country and age upon the minister of Christ, and appealed for the support and sympathy of the congregation of the Cronyn Memorial Church for the new rector, Mr. Warner.

Makes No Reflection. "In stating that the ministry is the most sacred and honorable of all professions," he said, "I am not reflecting on any other calling. All men have their special work to do, but the minister of Jesus is a man called of God for special service."

Calling attention to the security and power of the priesthood before the Reformation, and even 50 years ago in the old world, and contrasting with the present conditions, Mr. Purton said: "Never has there been so criticized and tested as today. It has been criticized for failing to meet its opportunity in this war, and it is a good thing for the ministry and the church, this criticism. Yet it is significant that in no age has the ministry of Jesus been so honored as today. Every life sacrificed on the battlefield is pointed out as a manifestation in a lesser degree of the sacrifice of Christ. Men in the midst of the war are looking to Jesus, loving and honoring him, and in this very fact that ministry is put to a severe test."

Many Problems. Among the problems of the minister in a democratic country and age, Mr. Purton called attention to the fact that those of the church, of finances, of meeting superintendents, of adjusting himself to the different temperaments of different people in his congregation, of getting people to church to pray in church. "We have no difficulty in Detroit," he said, "about getting people to work for the Red Cross every day in the week, but it is not a secret I am telling you when I say we have difficulty in getting people into church for one-half hour of special intercessory prayer for the very men for whom they are working."

If the ministry is being judged and demands are being made upon it as never before, this is true of all public positions, of the member of Parliament as well as the dogman. The demands of the present constitute the highest tribute that could be paid to the minister of Jesus. In a democratic world, the minister is asked to meet the needs, responsibilities, demands of every soul that comes under his influence.

Urges Co-operation. With regard to the special occasion, the induction of the new rector, Mr. Purton gave this injunction: "Place your confidence in him, believe in him, and he will give you of his best in him. They are different ways of presenting the gospel, and it is not inappropriate for me to say so in this pulpit. Every man true to his calling unfolds the gospel as it is revealed, unfolded to him and interpreted to him in his own life and experience. Men who are true to their calling differ in their presentation because the life history of one man differs from the life history of another man."

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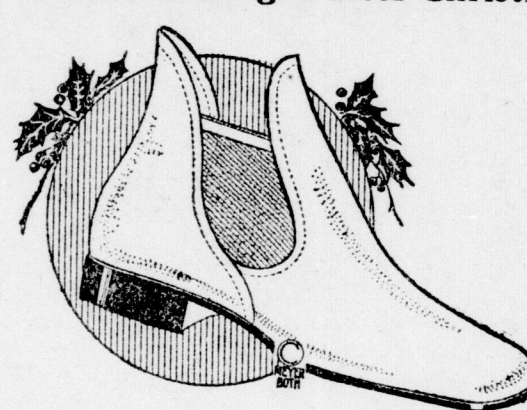
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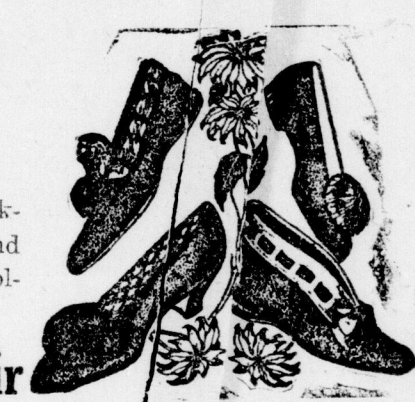
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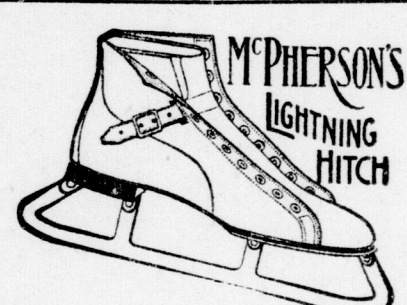
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Prov. Lieut. H. B. Hill, Canadian Field Artillery, 12th Brigade, is seconded.

Capt. (temporary major) T. J. Murphy, 14th Regiment, is seconded.

Lieut. (superintendent) C. H. Ivey, M.C., 7th Field Company, C.E.F., having qualified himself for the appointment, is confirmed in his rank.

The undermentioned officers are transferred from the active list, C.E.F., to the reserve of officers, C.E.F.:

Lieut.-Col. Adam Weir, brigade major, 2nd Infantry Brigade, 150th O.S. Battalion, C.E.F.

Capt. Francis Fenton (26th Regiment), No. 1 Special Service Company, C.E.F.

(major) Wilfrid Day (28th Regiment) transferred to Forestry Corps, C.E.F. (honorary captain).

Capt. William Melkham (25th O.S. Battalion, C.E.F.) transferred to 16th O.S. Battalion (2nd and 3rd, C.E.F.), 11th O.S. Battalion.

Prov. Lieut. Alexander Ralph Skelton (26th O.S. Battalion, C.E.F.) transferred to 15th O.S. Battalion (2nd and 3rd, C.E.F.).

Wm. Morley Campbell (29th O.S. Battalion, C.E.F.) transferred to 1st Infantry Draft Giving.

John Henry Clarence Wood (1st O.S. Battalion, C.E.F.) transferred to 15th O.S. Battalion.

BURIED AT WOODLAND.
Funeral of Susan Halliday was held on Wednesday from the family home, 1167 Richmond street. The services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Benson-Wilcox, formerly of the Memorial Church.

edist Church, assisted by the present pastor, Rev. B. H. Robinson. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Aikenhead, Wm. Morrison, D. Wilson, A. Sharpe, G. Forest and A. Aikenhead.

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